

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
was held on TUESDAY, 12th MAY 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, COPMANTHORPE
at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **CLLR B BELL**
 CLLR D BOWEN
 CLLR D F PARKER
 CLLR S STERICKER
 CLLR MRS M STONES
 CLLR MRS C TOWNSEND
 CLLR G WAITE
 CLLR P WHITFIELD
 CLLR MRS A WINTER

Mrs P D Greenwell
Cllr P Healey

Clerk
City of York Council

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The re-election of CLLR D BOWEN as Chairman for the forthcoming year was PROPOSED by Cllr P Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs M Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Bowen accepted nomination and thanked all councillors for their support over the past year. He further stated that he will not stand for re-election next year.

A letter of resignation with immediate effect is received from Cllr Mrs A Winter. This was accepted with regret by the Parish Council and the Chairman thanked her for all her work, particularly in respect of the Recreation Centre and the Garden Competition. Mrs Winter will continue as Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Centre.

Before leaving the meeting Mrs Winter reported on a fire at the Recreation Centre earlier in the day which has resulted in the loss of the lean-to building and the Scout Hut, the loss of one floodlight, and damage to one of the tennis courts. The police and fire brigade had attended. The Parish Council very much regrets this incident, but reaffirms its support of the Recreation Centre.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs M Taylor
Cllr A Travena

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mrs Stones wishes to stand down as Vice-Chairman as she does not wish to be Chairman in the future.

The election of CLLR S STERICKER as Vice-Chairman was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stones. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The current members of the Planning Committee, Roads and Footpaths Committee and Finance Committee were re-elected en bloc, along with their respective Chairmen.

Cllr Waite will remain as Police Liaison representative.
Cllr Mrs Townsend will remain as Public Transport representative.
Cllr Whitfield will take over as Recreation Centre liaison representative.
Cllr Mrs Stones will take over as Residents Association representative, and will also sit on the Finance and Roads and Footpaths Committees.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. RURAL WEST YORK

Cllr Healey passed the feasibility report on the Temple Lane footpath to Cllr Stericker. The cost of a footpath between the two stretches of housing on Temple Lane would be £200,000. There is no money for this, and it is not even on the list of projects to be carried out if more money becomes available.

A final decision on the bus services in Copmanthorpe will be taken at The Executive Member Decision Session – City Strategy on 2 June at 4.00 pm. One Member will make the decision. Cllr Healey will ensure that the petitioners on Temple Lane/Temple Garth are aware of this meeting, and that they are entitled to speak there provided that they register to do so. The matter will then go to the Scrutiny Management Committee on 15 June, then back to the Executive Member (approx a week later) for a final decision.

Cllr
Healey

A fence at the Fox and Hounds is now in place, but it is not much of an improvement. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Stones would try to speak to the Landlord, but if this failed the Clerk would ask Cllr Healey to involve the Health and Safety Executive.

Cllr Mrs
Stones

It was noted that there was considerable coverage of events in Copmanthorpe in the latest edition of the Ward Newsletter.

- 6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 14 April 2009**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

7. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Cllr Parker PROPOSED that Yorkshire Audit be appointed as our Internal Auditors for the forthcoming year. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stones. ALL IN FAVOUR. The Clerk is to meet with them on 9 June.

Clerk

8. CLERK'S REPORT

A judge for the Garden Competition has been agreed.
A letter has been sent to Mike Slater at CYC Planning Department outlining our continuing concerns about encroachment. A reply is awaited.
The misleading Flaxman Croft sign at the top of Merchant Way is still in situ.
The "Keep Clear" notice on the footpath by the allotments is now in situ, and the valve on the water tank at the allotments has been replaced. All apart from two allotment rents have been received.
Two entries have so far been received for the Garden Competition.

The Clerk sought approval to attend the SLCC Regional Conference for Clerks in September at a cost of £49.00 ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Stericker wishes to attend the YLCA training course on Chairmanship at a cost of £105.00. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Clerk to book places for these two training events.

Clerk

9. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

There have been no reported incidents this month.

10. WARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllrs Bowen and Mrs Stones had attended the recent meeting at the new Manor School. The school, built at a cost of £17 million, is most impressive having wonderful facilities and equipment for the pupils. It has a capacity of 180 pupils, but this year there were 245 applicants.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

A request is received for sponsorship of a display board at the Art Exhibition, which is part of the Carnival. Cllr Mrs Townsend DECLARED AN INTEREST as she will be an exhibitor. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would sponsor one board, as it had done last year, and a further one if necessary.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

CYC inform us that Elvington Park Limited/Elvington Events Limited are to have their case stated in the High Court in Leeds on 26 May. If their Appeal fails the noise abatement notice will be in effect and any breach of the notice will be an offence.

A further letter is received from **Mr John Grogan, MP**, together with a letter from Croft Developments regarding disabled access to the shops in the centre of the village. Their comments are noted.

The **Equality and Human Rights Commission** reminds us of our obligations under the forthcoming Equality Bill which will come into force in 2011.

The **Land Registry** is currently offering Parish Councils the opportunity to register, for a fee of £30, any land which they own in the Parish. This Parish Council owns Low Green, Memorial Green and the Burial Ground. The Greens are registered as Village Greens, but the whereabouts of the Title Deeds to the original part of the Burial Ground are uncertain. The allotments are held on a 21 year lease from CYC and as such cannot be registered. (We are midway through the period of the lease).

The Title of Registered Land is guaranteed by the Government. Cllr Bowen Clerk/Cllrs PROPOSED that we investigate the position in respect of all these Bowen/Parker areas with a view to registering them. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

Former Cllr Mrs Winter has submitted a claim for £35.88 for the cost of four ink cartridges for her computer. Whilst it has not been the practice of the Parish Council to pay expenses of this kind, legislation exists which allows this. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that we pay £18.00. SECONDED by Cllr Waite.
7 IN FAVOUR. 2 AGAINST. CARRIED. It was AGREED that this decision is Without Prejudice and sets no form of precedent.

Clerk

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

No report

b) Roads and Footpaths

The site survey and base plan for the shopping centre car park are now completed. The present arrangement with parking on both sides of the car park is not compliant with current standards, and Bob Williams is checking on the implications of this non-compliance. Cllr Stericker to try to arrange a meeting with him next week to discuss the concept plan.

Cllr
Stericker

The light at the Burial Ground is now working, and CYC are looking into an additional light outside the Royal Oak. The old posts have been removed and faults corrected. The light at the end of Dykes Lane had not previously been connected.

An updated Application Form, Agreement to Let, and Question and Answer sheet re the allotments is now on the website. Cllr Bell has circulated a proposal for a rental calculation formula, which is very similar to the current formula. An inspection of the allotments will be arranged soon.

Clerk/Cllr
Stericker

The post office have agreed to re-site the post box on Top Lane. Cllr Stericker to meet with them on site to discuss a better location for this.

Cllr
Stericker

Following the recent litter pick, Cllrs Stericker and Bowen attended a de-briefing on 8 May. Ninety large bags (560 kg) of litter were collected. Cllr Stericker will organise a litter pick in the snickets of Copmanthorpe on 23 May, and will purchase gloves for this to be reimbursed by the Parish Council.

Cllr
Stericker

Roads requiring repair, eg. Horseman Close, have been surveyed. Weeds are growing through the footpath in Weavers Close, and there is moss on Reygate Grove.

Cllr Stericker has completed a Speeding Concern Report for the new Road, following a complaint from the resident at 11 Tadcaster Road, and Russell Stone will ensure that this road is swept.

The Clerk to organise cleaning of the War Memorial.

Clerk

A number of issues were raised by residents at the Street Fair.

CYC have confirmed that they have made amendments to copies of the Golden Jubilee Walks which they still hold. Walks 2 and 4 can be completed on Public Rights of Way. Walk 5 is not possible.

c) Finance

No report.

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There have been no further comments or complaints about the changes to the bus service. Cllr Townsend will inform the residents of Temple Lane/Temple Garth that they are entitled to speak at the Executive Member Decision Session Cllr Mrs meeting on 2 June. Townsend

There has been no feedback yet from the recent Park and Ride workshop.

13. STREET FAIR

Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that a second gazebo and display board be purchased for use by the Garden Competition committee. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk/Cllr Whitfield

14. GARDEN COMPETITION

A meeting had been held on 6 May. The manager of the plant centre at Castle Howard has agreed to judge our competition this year for a fee of £50 per night, including expenses. Twenty four entry forms were given out at the Street Fair, where the children's activity had been hampered by the strong wind.

Following a suggestion from a resident at the Street Fair, Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that we give small trophies to the children this year instead of small presents. These can be obtained for £1.50 each. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Bell

Cllr Mrs Taylor will take photographs of the gardens during judging, with a view to having an exhibition of entries at the Horticultural Show. Cllr Mrs Taylor

15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Whitfield has spoken with the Parish Clerk at Towton. Their Christmas lights are organised by a committee, and suitably talented local people erect the display. The costs, including insurance and electricity, are £1,500 -2,000 per year. It was agreed that Cllr Whitfield investigate further and ask via the Newsletter for volunteers to form a committee. Cllr Whitfield to draft a suitable notice. Cllr Whitfield

16. RECREATION CENTRE

No further report.

17. ACCOUNTS

Cllr Parker and the Clerk have been unable to meet to prepare the usual monthly report. This will be circulated with the minutes in due course.

Clerk

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	13,920.97
Business Money Manager Account		26,758.94
	£	40,679.91

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Robert Gerald Slack	£	125.00
Allotments Receipts 40-45 and 47-54		304.00
Allotments Receipts 55-64		220.00
HMRC – VAT refund		435.61
Allotments Receipts 65-75		239.00
Re: Harry Mackenzie Wallace		125.00
Interest on Business Money Manager a/c		6.69
	£	1,455.30

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Football Club – grant	£	1,600.00
Copmanthorpe Bowls Club – grant		1,500.00
Friends of Copmanthorpe Primary School – grant and Sec. 106		700.00
The Occasion Choir – grant		500.00
South Ainsty Archaeological Society – grant		500.00
Copmanthorpe Good Companions – grant		500.00
Yorkshire Countrywomen – grant		250.00
Copmanthorpe Churches Holiday Club - grant		250.00
Copmanthorpe Cricket Club – grant		200.00
YLCA – subscription		604.00
Copmanthorpe Village Magazine		234.38
Fulprint – June PC News		95.00

Caroline Anderson – June PC News	60.00	
Mike Round Plumbing – tap at allotments	24.00	
York Open Planning Forum – subscription	20.00	
Yorkshire Water – burial ground	16.70	
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P D Greenwell – display board	94.86
P D Greenwell – salary	435.53
Petty Cash	30.00

£ 7,614.47

Cllr Parker PROPOSED that these Accounts be accepted. ALL IN FAVOUR.

18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Business signage
Carnival

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 9 June at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. An interim meeting of the Planning Committee will Take place on Wednesday, 27 May 2009 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed Date