

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8
SEPTEMBER 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR D BOWEN** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR B BELL
 COUNCILLOR D F PARKER
 COUNCILLOR S STERICKER
 COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES
 COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND
 COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA
 COUNCILLOR G WAITE
 COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell **Clerk**
 Councillor P Healey **City of York Council**

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 14 July 2009** were PROPOSED by Cllr Travena as a true and correct record of that Meeting, subject to the addition of the following to Item 18. "These concerns were noted and Cllrs agreed to place a number of information articles regarding "lights" in the parish magazine between now and Christmas." SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR. The minutes were marked accordingly and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 11 AUGUST 2009 were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Taylor had finalised the Parish Council's response to the LDF consultation documents, and this has been sent to CYC.

The Clerk has written to the Conservation Officer regarding business signage in the Shopping Centre. A reply is awaited.

The Clerk has written to Mr Edward Bromet, Solicitor regarding Registration of Land. The letter has been acknowledged and a fuller reply is awaited.

A notice advertising the current vacancy on the Parish Council will appear in the October Newsletter.

The Clerk has today attended the Regional Conference of the SLCC which included some useful presentations, and on Thursday evening will attend training on the Power of Well-Being.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

Between 13 and 18 August there were a number of incidents in the Drome Road/Temple Lane area of the village, including thefts from a garage and a shed, as well as criminal damage on Low Green. A prolific offender has been arrested on Temple Lane.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Two surveys on transport planning are received from North Yorkshire County Council, and passed to Cllr Mrs Townsend.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

No applications received and no decisions to report.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Clarification re the ownership of the “Copmanthorpe” sign on Temple Lane is still awaited.

The bracket on the Moor Lane sign has been replaced, but the sign now faces the allotments. This will be rectified.

Resurfacing of St Giles Way at its junction with Main Street is complete, and patching on Station Road will be done this week.

Severe flooding was noted on Low Green and The Link during recent heavy rainfall.

Slurry sealing of footpaths has taken place on Flaxman Croft and a number of the cul-de-sacs leading from it.

The litter bin by the Hallcroft Lane bus stop has been reported as missing, and A ‘No Litter’ sign has been ordered for Moor Lane. .

The next village litter pick will take place on 14 November, following the same route as November last year.

c) Finance

No report.

8. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION

The Awards for All form has been amended to include the purchase of a scanner/printer as agreed last month. The Clerk to complete and post the form. Cllr Whitfield has registered with the City of York Council for electronic planning. Clerk

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

The draft document has been amended and will be circulated to Members. Cllr Whitfield is to investigate the cost of establishing a Members Only Section on the website to store live documents such as this. To be discussed next month. Cllr Whitfield

10. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

City Councillors decided on Option 1 for the No 21 bus, rather than Option 2 which was the preferred choice of the petitioners in the Temple Lane area. Nevertheless they are grateful for our letter in support of their choice. The bus will run 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday, four buses per day, but will take 1 hour and 10 minutes to get into York, via surrounding villages, and 45 minutes to return. The bus will run under these new arrangements for a trial period of 6 months, commencing at the end of October.

11. RURAL ARTS

Guests at the Awards Dinner will be Nigel White, Samantha McCarthy, Jill Solich, Heather Hewson, Cllr Mrs Townsend and the Clerk.

It was AGREED that Cllr Mrs Townsend should investigate the costs of producing a multi-purpose greetings card from a photograph of the Mural. Cllr Mrs Townsend

12. RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Cllr Healey informed the Meeting that the Ward Committee has £32,000 to spend, of which Copmanthorpe will receive approx. one third. Funding for the Christmas lights and for the replacement fence at the Recreation Centre at its boundary with the railway line has been requested, together with an additional street light near to the Royal Oak, and a litter bin on Low Green.

13. FLORAL DISPLAYS ON VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that we ask the Horticultural Society if it would like to plant a small flower bed in front of each of the village name signs. SECONDED by Cllr Travena. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

14. WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

Cllrs Mrs Townsend and Mrs Stones have visited Fulford Orchard, which is currently being redeveloped, and have discovered via their researches that Copmanthorpe used to be well known for its cherry orchards. Cllr Mrs Townsend will continue with this historical research as a basis for a possible wildflower meadow and/or orchard somewhere in the village.

Cllr Mrs
Townsend**15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

A quotation of £1,725 for white lights on the trees on Memorial Green, plus additional one-off costs for installation and the provision of a gantry, has been received. The cost for twinkling coloured lights would be £2,205. Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that Cllr Whitfield get another two quotes before any final decision is taken. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr
Whitfield**16. RECREATION CENTRE**

Cllr Whitfield was not able to attend the most recent Meeting, therefore no report. In view of our increasing involvement with the Recreation Centre Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that Cllr Mrs Stones should deputise for Cllr Whitfield if he is not able to attend these Meetings. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Mrs Stones reported on the progress of the PlayBuilder scheme.

We have received a Service Level Agreement from CYC for signature by the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council as grant recipient, and CYC as the grant provider. It makes no mention of the Recreation Centre, so Cllr Bowen is to seek an amendment to reflect this and for Mr Martin Pickard, as Hon Secretary of the Recreation Centre, to be a signatory to the Agreement.

17. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	2,020.89
Business Money Manager Account		26,763.61

	£	28,784.50
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Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Gerald Pollin	£	30.00
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Dean Landscapes Ltd	£	731.40
Fulprint – September PC News		95.00
YLCA – Clerk’s training		30.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		16.70
Yorkshire Water – allotments		15.14
P D Greenwell – expenses		48.15
P D Greenwell – salary		483.43

	£	1,419.82
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The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor.
SECONDED by Cllr Stericker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Website members only area.
PlayBuilder scheme
Christmas lights

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13 October 2009 at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Interim meeting of the Planning Committee – Wednesday, 23 September

In the Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm.

Roads and Footpaths Committee , 6 October 2009 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

Ward Committee, 7 October 2009 at Poppleton at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed Date