A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2009 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR D BOWEN Chairman

COUNCILLOR D F PARKER COUNCILLOR MRS M STONES COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

COUNCILLOR G WAITE COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

Councillor P Healey City of York Council

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor S Stericker Councillor Mrs M Taylor Councillor A Travena

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Due to pressure of work Cllr Waite tendered his resignation from the Parish Council, which was accepted with regret. Two applications have been received for the already existing vacancy, details of which have been circulated. As these are both strong candidates Cllr Mrs Stones PROPOSED that these both be accepted, subject to the usual formal process of advertising this second vacancy. SECONDED by Cllr Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2009, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Whitefield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

The new taps are now in place at the allotments and the Clerk and Chairman, helped by a number of allotment holders, have completed the job by replacing the soil in the trenches.

The Clerk and Cllr Stericker have inspected the allotments, accompanied by Messrs. Whiteman, Cockerham and Richmond, and letters of caution have been sent by the Clerk to a number of allotment holders whose plots were not felt to be up to standard. No reply has yet been received from any of these people.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

There has been some anti-social behaviour on Manor Heath, some lead taken from the roof of the shopping centre, and number plates taken from a vehicle parked on Main Street. Otherwise, all is quiet.

7. WARD COMMITTEE

Cllr Healey was asked to ensure that the planning application at 30 Top Lane be decided by the Planning Committee.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

North Yorkshire Police are looking for local volunteers to help with the compilation of Neighbourhood Profile Guides, a new crime prevention scheme. Cllr Waite PROPOSED that one of our two new Councillors may like to take this on. SECONDED by Cllr MrsTownsend. ALL IN FAVOUR. A reply is required by 15 December.

Clerk

9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approval has been received for 18 Reygate Grove. Applications at 12 School Lane, 57 Temple Lane, 15 Ropers Court and 11 Homefield Close have been discussed this evening and no objections made.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Stericker has again spoken to Ricky Watson about the street light outside the Royal Oak.

The sign at the Shopping Centre is back in situ.

The new bench planter from CYC is now in place on the grass opposite the old post office.

Sufficient volunteers have been found for the next litter pick which will take place next Saturday 14th November.

c) Finance

Ten applications for grant aid have been received. There will be a Committee meeting for a preliminary discussion of these on Tuesday, 24 November 2009.

Clerk

10. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION

The result of the application for Lottery Funding to purchase the equipment is still not known. Cllr Whitfield has not been informed of any applications in Copmanthorpe, although several paper applications have been received by the Clerk.

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11. RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllr Travena not present, therefore no report.

12. CORONATION CUP

It has been suggested that the Committee for this year's competition was too large. Cllr Mrs Taylor has indicated that she enjoyed taking the photographs this year, and would like to join the Committee. Cllr Mrs Townsend therefore PROPOSED that she, the Clerk, Cllr Mrs Taylor and last year's winner should comprise the Committee for next year. If necessary, one additional person could be co-opted. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

13. PLAY BUILDER SCHEME

Estimates have been sought from 6 possible suppliers, of which 3 have declined to quote, 1 has not responded, 1 has been received and 1 is anticipated. A member of the Bowls Club has complained about the proposed location of the new equipment due to concerns about noise, but it may be possible to alleviate this. The Service Level Agreement has been signed by the Chairman, the Clerk and Cllr Parker. Mr Martin Pickard will sign for the Recreation Centre in due course.

14. RURAL ARTS

Cllr Mrs Townsend and the Clerk had represented the Parish Council at the York Community Pride Awards, where we received a runner-up plaque. Three other Copmanthorpe residents were also nominated for awards – Beccy Peace, Paul Bird and Graham Bradbury.

Cllr Parker PROPOSED that we order 500 greetings cards featuring a photograph of the Mural from a supplier in Copmanthorpe, Eric Thompson t/a
York Graphic Arts, at a cost of £75 plus envelopes. Cllr Mrs Townsend will speak with Nigel White of the Scout Group to arrange the best method of distributing the cards to those village organisations which took part in the project. The Finance Committee is delegated to decide whether or not to recoup the cost of the cards. Clerk/
It is noted that the Parish Council originally set aside £500 for the project, which was not in fact needed as all the necessary funding was found elsewhere. Townsend

15. WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

Cllr Mrs Townsend now has information about Rawcliffe Meadows, and has found two useful websites. She has also been in touch with Rural Arts, who may be able to assist with any future project.

Cllr Mrs Townsend Sheet 4 Folio 827 ACTION

16. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The lights have been delivered. Cllr Whitfield has met with two electricians who will assist us at a cost of £25 or £30 per hour respectively. The Clerk has obtained permission from the Royal Oak to fit a hook to the gable end of the pub building which will carry a wire to the lights once they are in the trees on Memorial Green, for which a cherry picker will be needed. The cost to hire a vehicle mounted cherry picker is £26 per hour. Any help from Councillors would be much appreciated.

Cllr Whitfield

17. WEBSITE

Cllr Mrs Stones feels that a 'Members Only' section is unnecessary and expensive and therefore PROPOSED that no further action be taken on this. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

18. RECREATION CENTRE

No report.

19. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	12,885.52 26,768.28
	£	39,653.80
Credits to the Account this Month		
Re: Margaret Helen Ashworth HMRC- VAT refund Interest on Business Money Manager Account	£	375.00 306.69 4.67
	£	686.36
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
City of York Council – ½ year allotment rent Dean Landscapes Ltd Mazars LLP – audit fee Yorkshire Water – allotments Yorkshire Water – burial ground P D Greenwell – expenses P D Greenwell – salary	£	411.00 330.05 327.75 42.90 36.35 31.17 435.53
	£	1,614.75

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The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Greetings Cards Risk Assessment Wildflower Meadows Christmas Lights

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8 December 2009 at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Finance Committee – Tuesday, 24 November 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. Planning Committee (if necessary) – Wednesday, 23 December 2009 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.				

Signed Date