

COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

Chairman's Overview

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr Mike Irwin last year was filled by Councillor Alan Travena. All other Members are unchanged from last year, as are our Ward Councillors.

Planning consent has been granted for the new, larger Park and Ride facility at Askham Bar.

The Parish Council has been pleased to support our dedicated police team in their work to keep the level of anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the village to a reasonable level.

We are particularly pleased to have facilitated the production of the fine mural on the wall of the Annexe Cafe (under the auspices of Rural Arts), especially since it subsequently received a runner-up certificate in the York Community Pride Awards. Copmanthorpe was particularly well represented at these Awards this year.

We are fortunate in having an active and well-used Recreation Centre in Copmanthorpe and are grateful to all those individuals who give their time to help run the numerous societies, clubs and organisations which flourish both there and elsewhere in the village. The local school, playgroups and nursery continue to provide good care and sound early education for our children, and the Village Newsletter helps to keep the community spirit of the village alive.

Committee Reports

Planning

A total of 39 planning applications have been received over the past 12 months, a fall of 46% from last year's figure of 71. We believe this is a reflection of the current economic climate and uncertainty. There have been only 2 applications for new builds (of which 1 was withdrawn), and other applications include 3 for works to trees, 6 for conservatories, 24 for various domestic extensions, 2 for improvements at the school, 1 for change of use at the newsagents to provide for the Annexe cafe, and 1 for illuminated exterior signs at the Co-op. Work

has yet to begin on the proposed Eco-Park off Manor Heath, and the future of that project is uncertain.

The Parish Council continues to be concerned about the number of side extensions being built where the eaves of the extended house jut out over the adjacent property. However we are pleased to note that CYC planners are beginning to pay more attention to local opinion and are increasingly refusing applications for dwellings in rear gardens.

Roads and Footpaths

The Parish Council remains committed to ensuring the maintenance of our roads and footpaths in a proper condition and good state of repair. Litter and dog fouling continue to cause problems, and we have been actively involved in litter picks, in conjunction with CYC and the CPRE as well as ensuring the replacement of missing litter bins and the installation of additional dog bins.

Unfortunately it has proved impossible, despite the best efforts of all parties concerned, to bring about any significant improvements to the appearance and condition of the shopping centre car park. However we believe that residents are generally very happy with the improvements to the street lighting in Main Street and Moor Lane.

Finance

Since the last Report additional expenditure has included £3,100 for a car parking area at the Burial Ground, £480 for alterations to the gateway at the allotments for safety reasons, and £500 for upgrading the Parish Council's IT equipment.

The Precept for the year 2009-10 was set at £24,755 which equates to £14.79 for a Band D property. Included in this amount are grants to village organisations amounting to £6,755, and these include £1,500 to the Bowling Club towards repairs to the footpath around the Green, £1,600 to the Football Club towards a portakabin at Moor Lane for extra changing and training facilities, £500 to the South Ainsty Archaeological Society towards the costs of publication of a book on the history of Copmanthorpe and £1,500 to the Recreation Centre for essential security fencing. A figure of £2,000 has also been included as a contribution to the Main Street lighting scheme.

Accounts

The most recent set of audited accounts covers the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009. The Receipts and Payments Summary is shown below:

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| Balance brought forward April 2008 | £ | 33,675.71 |
| Add: Total Receipts | | 25,753.64 |
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| | | 59,429.35 |
| Less: Total Payments | | 29,382.87 |
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| | £ | 30,046.48 |
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These cumulative funds are represented by:

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| Treasurer's Account No. 82159880 | £ | 3,328.06 |
| Less unrepresented cheque 101418 | | 40.52 |
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| | £ | 3,287.54 |
| Business Money Manager Account No. 82159872 | | 26,758.94 |
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| | £ | 30,046.48 |
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Contact Details

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