

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY  
12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE  
at 7.30 pm**

<b>PRESENT;</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR D BOWEN</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>COUNCILLOR B BELL</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR D CARR</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR D F PARKER</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR S STERICKER</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR A TRAVENA</b>	
	<b>COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD</b>	
	<b>Mrs P D Greenwell</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Councillor P Healey</b>	<b>City of York Council</b>
	<b>Mrs N Burrows</b>	<b>Panda Playgroup</b>
	<b>Ms Melanie McCarthy</b>	<b>Panda Playgroup</b>

The two representatives from Panda Playgroup had come to enquire of progress re their grant application. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had yet to finalise its decision, and that she would write to them in due course.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mrs M Stones  
Councillor Mrs M Taylor

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. YOUTH COUNCILS**

There will be a presentation on Youth Councils, by Mr Joe Armer, at next month's meeting.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2009, having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Stericker and SECONDED by Cllr Travena, as a true and correct record of that Meeting. NB The Risk Management group is to meet on 19 January, not 19 February as stated at item 12.**

**5. CLERK'S REPORT**

A claim form has been requested from the insurer's of the driver who demolished the Copmanthorpe name sign on Temple Lane

A request has been made to YLCA to discuss the funding of equipment for electronic planning consultation at its February meeting.

The Clerk to investigate further whether or not the Parish Council needs to register under the Data Protection Act. Clerk

The Parish Council's "Quality" status has expired. The Clerk is seeking information as to exactly what needs to be done for re-accreditation, but the Parish Council needs to decide whether or not it wishes to do this. Cllrs Bowen, Stericker and Parker and the Clerk to discuss when further information is to hand. Cllrs Bowen/  
Stericker/  
Parker and  
the Clerk

**6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr Simpson has made contact with PCSO Nigel Colley. December had been a quiet month with no crime reported in Copmanthorpe, and only a few instances of rowdy behaviour. Crime figures overall are down by 25%.

**7. RURAL WEST WARD**

Cllr Healey reported that a request had been received for an additional salt/grit bin on Low Green to serve the area outside the school.

Following the three weeks of snow and ice, a number of potholes have been noted. CYC say they will survey the major roads for potholes in due course, but they have been asked specifically to attend to the one on the corner of Main Street/School Lane, opposite the shops. Cllr Healey was asked to request that in future the pedestrian route from Merchant Way to Low Green be gritted as a matter of course, as a lot of people use this route to the centre of the village. Healey Cllr

Cllr Whitfield is to put a link on the website to take visitors to the timetable for the number 21 bus service along Temple Lane, following a comment to the Clerk that this has not been publicised in the Newsletter. Cllr Whitfield

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## 9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

Approvals have been received for 12 School Lane, 57 Temple Lane, 11 Homefield Close, 39 Bowyers Close, 1 St Nicholas Road, 26 Drome Road, 7 Drome Road and Viking Cottage, Moor Lane (retrospective). An application for works to trees at 15 Ropers Court has been refused.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Stericker is to meet on site with Ricky Watson, CYC and the contractor to discuss the additional light outside the Royal Oak and the spur to Memorial Green for the lights in the trees. Cllr Stericker

CYC have accepted responsibility for the damage to the bridge on Temple Lane. The Clerk to obtain three quotes for the work to reinstate the name sign. Clerk

The hole in Westfield Lane has been inspected by CYC Highways Department, but they say it is on private land and therefore not their responsibility, nor is it the Parish Council's. The owner of the house is to be asked to check where her boundary lies.

CYC are having to prioritise gritting, repairs of potholes etc. across the city, but have said that they will respond if possible to calls where roads are iced etc, and will survey all roads ASAP after the thaw. However it must be borne in mind that there are massive problems and they are constrained by their budgets.

There are two oak trees, protected by a Tree Preservation Order, on the Top Lane/Low Green footpath which are becoming dangerous and need to be felled. The footpath is private land, not CYC, and the resident of the property behind which the trees are sited has been asked to check where his boundary lies, with a view to asking for a relaxation of the TPO if the trees are shown to belong to the property.

The next meeting will be held on 2 February 2010 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

### c) Finance

Due to additional work, printing on the inside of the Mural Cards, it is necessary to charge 30 pence each for these, rather than 25 pence as agreed at the last meeting of the Finance Committee. ALL IN FAVOUUR.

The Treasurer of the Village Newsletter has suggested that we change our printers,

for the Parish Council News insert, to William Sessions who print the Newsletter. Their quote for £90 is received, we currently pay £95 per issue. Cllr Travena PROPOSED that we accept this quote and change accordingly. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

#### **10. PRECEPT 2010/2011**

Following some queries raised by Cllr Whitfield, the recommendations of the Finance Committee, made at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009, in respect of applications for grant aid were RATIFIED by the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that the recommendation of the Finance Committee, made at its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009, to set a Precept of £24,220 for the Year 2010/2011, be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Travena. ALL IN FAVOUR. This equates to £14.47 per Band D property.

#### **11. WEBSITE**

Photographs of Cllrs Carr and Simpson need to be added to the site.  
To be arranged with Cllr Mrs Taylor.  
The number of visits to the site remains fairly constant.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

#### **12. PLAYBUILDER SCHEME**

The Playbuilder scheme is currently with CYC Planning Department, and a decision is awaited. The Police and Network Rail have made objections to the siting of equipment near to the boundary with the railway line, so it is to be relocated to a site closer to the Bowling Green.

#### **13. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Responses to the lights have been very positive. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that, as the lights are to remain in the trees, we could re-light them again, perhaps in February, and then use them on other occasions eg. Easter and possibly other village events.

The Clerk to write to the Royal Oak and St Giles Church to thank them for their co-operation, and to ask Cllr Healey if there has been any progress on our application to the Ward for £2,000 towards the cost of the lights.

Clerk

**14. RECREATION CENTRE**

No report.

**15. ACCOUNTS**

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	6,966.79
Business Money Manager Account		26,768.28
	£	33,735.07

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Wayne Robert Wilkinson	£	75.00
Re: John William Winterbone		250.00
	£	325.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Electrotest – installation of Christmas lights	£	796.05
York Graphic Arts – mural cards		145.00
Npower – burial ground		102.55
P D Greenwell – salary		441.14
	£	1,484.74

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

**16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Wildflower meadow.  
Garden competition  
Annual Parish Meeting  
Askham Bryan College  
Data Protection Act  
Quality Council status

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday,9 February 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Interim meeting of the Planning Committee on 27 January at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Roads and Footpaths Committee -2 February 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

Risk Management Group – 19 January at 7.30 pm at the home of Cllr Travena.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed ..... Date .....