A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2010 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD Chairman

COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON COUNCILLOR B BELL COUNCILLOR D BOWEN COUNCILLOR D CARR COUNCILLOR D F PARKER COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON

COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

Councillor P Healey City of York Council

Two members of the public

Before the business of the meeting began a discussion took place about the closure, by Network Rail, of the crossing at Earfit Lane. They have been asked why, and under what authority, they have done this, and a response is awaited. It may be that it is a matter for CYC to decide what to do, rather than the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs C Townsend

2. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman PROPOSED that Mrs Frances Thompson and the Rev Geoff Mumford be co-opted to serve on the Parish Council. ALL IN FAVOUR. The two new Councillors both agreed to serve on the Roads and Footpaths, and Finance Committees in place of those who have resigned.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 9 November 2010, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true and correct record of that Meeting with one amendment – item 13b. The double yellow lines are to go as far as the white cottage on Church Street, and not as far as the War Memorial. Also, Cllr Bell to ask that the restriction on Sunday parking be lifted.

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ACTION

5. CLERK'S REPORT

A request for grant aid has been received from Panda Playgroup. It was agreed that this could be considered despite the fact that the 30 November deadline has passed.

A phone call has been received from the Support Officer for York in Bloom, Mark Falconer. The Clerk has given him information about the Gardening Competition and the Horticultural Show, and they will speak again when he has information from other parishes.

The Clerk has attended a SLCC training day which was addressed by Nick Randle, President of the SLCC on the subject of Localism, and how this will impact on Parish Councils and the role of the Clerk.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

No figures have been received from the police this month.

7. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk has written to the library confirming our support of the new opening times.

Cllr Bell has written asking for a site meeting with Network Rail to discuss the proposed footbridge, but no reply has yet been received.

Cllr Bell

The Enforcement Officer at CYC has written to the dental surgery telling them to remove the sign at the corner of St Giles Way, but this has not yet been done. Cllr Carr is still trying to get a reply from CYC Highways about the flooding problems in Paddock Close.

Cllrs Bowen and Carr had attended the second meeting to discuss the CYC Pilot, but nothing further has been heard since the meeting.

The uneven flagstones in the burial ground have been re-laid by David Steel.

Cllr Carr will email Rachel Stewart to check on progress re replacement trees on the new road.

Cllr Carr

8. GRITTING AND SALT BINS

Cllr Bowen believes that CYC should grit the Waiting Area on Merchant Way, since it was they who designated that area for the school. There is also a strong argument for gritting Low Green, since it is the location of the school.

There appears to be some confusion about salt bins. It is suggested that we put a note in the Newsletter earlier in the year to the effect that salt in the bins is for public use.

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The whole subject to be considered by the Roads and Footpaths Committee. R&F Cttee

9. CLOSURE OF EARFIT CROSSING

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10. HERITAGE TRAIL/DISCOVERY BOARD

Cllr Whitfield has had some correspondence on the subject of the Just 30 exercise programme being promoted by CYC. It is suggested that a Heritage Trail could be incorporated into a 30 minute walk starting from the library.

11. NOTICE BOARD ON FLAXMAN CROFT

It is noted that the Notice Board on Flaxman Croft is lying on the ground. The Clerk to obtain quotes from local suppliers, as well as national companies, for a replacement. The Roads and Footpaths Committee will then consider possible locations for additional boards. Clerk / R&F Cttee

12. BUSES

Bus cancellations during the recent bad weather were announced on the radio. There is also a phone number on the timetables at bus stops for information.

13. RURAL WEST YORK

Cllr Healey had asked for a list of services which CYC provide to Copmanthorpe, but was told that the Director of Finance has asked that this information not be released.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Whitfield had attended the Rural West Ward Team Planning meeting in Poppleton on 6 December at which projects for Ward funding were discussed. Improvements to street lighting in the Pike Hills area of the village and Hallcroft Lane were supported. The next "Your Ward" newsletter will include a large article on what parish councils do, in advance of the Parish Council elections in May 2011.

15. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Approvals have been received for 59 Temple Lane, 2 Drome Road, 14 Millers Croft and 6 Manor Farm Close. An application at 3 School Lane has been refused.

b) Roads and Footpaths

CYC have been informed that we wish to progress the proposals for the area around the Co-p, and at the corner of Main Street/St Giles Way, but not the corner of The Link/Manor Heath. It is noted that once the work is done, restrictions can be relaxed but cannot be tightened.

A response to our request to Railtrack for a site meeting in respect of the proposed footbridge, and for a sight of the plans and elevations, has yet to be received.

A complaint has been received about the condition of the footpath alongside 41 Sawyers Crescent, which is being destroyed by trees. This is a longstanding problem.

The additional Christmas lights, in trees on Horseman Lane, are now lit.

c) Finance

Grant applications have been received and considered at a meeting of the Committee last week, the minutes of which have been circulated. Cllr Parker PROPOSED that the recommendations of the Committee made at that meeting be accepted by the full Parish Council. SECONDED by Cllr Bowen. ALL IN FAVOUR. It is noted that Panda Playgroup have made a late request for an application form, and this can be considered at the meeting to set the Precept, on 5 January 2011.

16. EVENTS GROUP AND YOUTH LIAISON

No meeting had been held.

17. RECREATION CENTRE

No Councillor had been available to attend the last meeting.

18. WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Cllr Mrs Townsend has had more information from Julie Hood regarding possible grants. The project should be divided into phases so work could begin whilst funding is found for the next phase. Cllr Mrs Townsend has further information on different types of meadow and will return to the farmer with this information.

19. ACCOUNTS

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Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	15,169.06 21,786.96
	£	36,956.02
Credits to the Account this Month		
Re: Kathleen Barbara Clarke Re: Beryl Ives	£	30.00 75.00
	£	105.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Xmas lights Branches Out Tree Surgeons – Xmas lights David Steel – flagstones in burial ground Yorkshire Water – allotments SLCC – subscriptions P D Greenwell – expenses P D Greenwell – salary		1,316.00 300.00 130.00 112.85 95.00 11.99 489.09
	£	2,454.93

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Salt bins Notice boards Christmas lights Sheet 6 Folio 902

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11 January 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

An interim meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, 29 December 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

A meeting of the Finance Committee to set the Precept for 2011-12 will be held on Wednesday, 5 January 2011 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm.

Signed Date

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