

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8
FEBRUARY 2011 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 THE REV G MUMFORD	
	COUNCILLOR D PARKER	
	COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON	
	COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR	
	COUNCILLOR MRS F THOMPSON	
	COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
	Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
	Councillor P Healey	City of York Council
	Councillor John Marshall	Askham Bryan Parish Council
	Councillor Ray Burn	Askham Bryan Parish Council
	Mrs Shirley Smith	Askham Bryan Parish Clerk
	Mr John Mawson, Director of Premises	Askham Bryan College
	Mrs Marilyn Shersby, Student Support Manager	Askham Bryan College
	Mr Craig Deacon, Students Union President	Askham Bryan College
	Mr Phil Dyke, Renewables Director	Banks Renewables Ltd
	Ms Jan Gill, Development Relations Co-ordinator	Banks Renewables Ltd
	Mr Roy Pawsey	Resident
	Mr Adam Smith	Resident
	Mr Keith Tierman	Resident
	Mr Graham Auton	Resident

Proposed wind farm

Before the business of the meeting began, Mr Phil Dyke of Banks Renewables Ltd gave a presentation on his Company's proposals to build a windfarm on land to the west of Copmanthorpe. In trying to identify suitable sites for renewable energy options across the UK, Banks found that land owned partly by Askham Bryan College and partly by a private individual to the west of Copmanthorpe would, for a number of reasons, be very suitable. The PROJECT is now in a consultation period, and still some months away from submitting a planning application.

A bird survey, taking 12 months, is being conducted, and so far no endangered species have been found. Detailed access reports, electric grid surveys and a noise survey will be prepared, and there will be consultation with Parish Councils, English Nature and interested local groups.

A planning application has been submitted for an anemometer, an 8 metre high mast, to measure the wind speeds in the area, and a scoping report has been submitted which seeks to discover what issues the Company should be considering. Background noise levels will be monitored for a period of 3-4 weeks, using a 10 metre high mast.

Leaflets will be distributed, before 18 February, advertising a public exhibition to be held between 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm on 2 March in the Howell Hall, which will enable residents to see the proposals in detail and give their opinions, which will then be included in a report. Information may also be gathered by means of a telephone survey.

If approved, there would be a maximum of five 3 megawatt wind turbines, each a maximum of 145 metres in height, which could generate sufficient electricity for 8,300 homes. They would be sited at least 500 metres from the houses on Manor Heath, in a line running from north to south, spaced 500-600 metres apart. Each turbine would be up to 100 metres wide. There is no likelihood that the number of turbines will be increased in the future.

The City of York Council is supportive of renewable energy, however they are obviously very keen to preserve the City's heritage, and there is concern that the turbines will be twice the height of York Minster. Askham Bryan College is similarly committed to green energy, and see this project as an educational asset as well as a source of income.

It is likely that a full planning application will be submitted in October, which will probably take about six months to process. If approved, finance will need to be put in place and the turbines procured (at a cost of £2.1/2 million each), and the project would be complete in about three years time.

Parking in The Link

Mr Roy Pawsey expressed his growing concerns about vehicles parked all day in The Link, and his frustration at the inability or unwillingness of the police, notably over the past 6 months, to deal with this problem. Vehicles are parked there from 6.30 am often until 6.30 pm. Sometimes there are as many as eight vehicles there, and now they are also parking half on the pavement leaving only just enough room for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass. The community police say they cannot prosecute.

The Link is one of only two ways in and out of the Pike Hills estate. It is a busy road and there have been several "near misses".

Cllr Healey promised to ask CYC Traffic Enforcement to visit The Link and take action against vehicles parked illegally on the pavement.

Street Parties

Mr Adam Smith has been considering holding a Street Party to mark the forthcoming Royal Wedding, but has received conflicting information on the village's Alcohol Exclusion Zone. He has now been advised by Lesley Cooke, Senior Licensing Officer at CYC, that an AEZ does not prohibit people consuming alcohol in a public place, but does give the Police powers to remove alcohol from someone if they believe it is necessary. Mr Smith is as yet undecided as to whether any such party will take place.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2011,** having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr. Mrs Townsend. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

CYC inform us that they will once again this year be giving away free compost. Details of dates are on a poster which is in the notice board.

CYC informs us of the services offered by its **Drainage, Blacksmiths, Pest Control and Ancient Monument Departments.**

CYC is once again running Development Control Seminars, this year on 5th and 12th March. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to inform the Clerk.

Cllrs

Mr Neil Fox is very concerned about the state of repair of his neighbouring property, no. 1 Drome Road, where the front windows have blown out and the window frame is hanging precariously. Cllr Healey promised to ask CYC to investigate.

Cllr
Healey

CYC Electoral Services send information about the timetable for the forthcoming Parish Council elections. Councillors are asked to give some thought as to whether or not they intend standing for election in May.

Cllrs

CYC send their document **York New City Beautiful: Toward an Economic Vision.** The Clerk to read and pass to the Chairman. There is to be a Public Meeting on Monday, 21 February at the Theatre Royal between 5.00 and 7.30 pm and Cllr Mrs Taylor and the Clerk will attend.

Cllr Mrs
Taylor and
the Clerk

5. RURAL WEST YORK

Cllr Healey promised to follow up our request for information on devolution of services from CYC, and the whole Localism agenda.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE LIAISON

There has been one theft, one attempted theft of lead (from the roof of St Giles), and six incidences of anti-social behaviour.

The police are very keen to promote Neighbourhood Watch in the village.

7. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk has informed Cllr Healey that it is the wish of the Parish Council that the budget surplus be spent on the street lighting, rather than the new kitchen in the Methodist Church Hall.

8. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2011

This will take place on Tuesday, 15 March in the Howell Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm. Leaflets advertising the event will be distributed in the Shopping Centre Car Park on the previous two Saturdays, 5th and 12th. Permission has been given by the owners of the car park, and a quote received for printing the leaflets.

Each Committee Chairman will give a presentation, as well as the Chairman of the Events Group and, possibly, the Youth Group. The police, Julie Hood and Rachel Stewart of CYC and Martin Pickard from the Recreation Centre will also be present, and Cllr Whitfield will invite a representative from Askham Bryan College.

9. CORONATION CUP

The first meeting will take place on 24 February at 5 Malbys Grove, commencing at 7.30 pm. Cllr Mrs Townsend will prepare an agenda.

10. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There are no queries or complaints at the present time.

As no objections have been received, the number 21 bus is to be re-routed as previously described. It is likely that there will be cuts to the evening service in the future.

11. TASK FORCE

The Clerk to seek advice from YLCA about insurance for people working in the Clerk

community as members of a Task Force, clearing litter, doing odd jobs etc.

A request for volunteers will be made at the Parish Meeting.

12. FLOWER BASKETS

Following information and advice received from Cllr John Galvin, the Clerk has submitted an online application for grant aid from the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation. Verbal quotes have been received by the Clerk from Browns Nursery at Wigginton, and by Cllr Mrs Auton from Vertigrow and Orchard Clerk/ Nurseries at Hopgrove. Written quotes are required for submission with the second Clerk/ Mrs Auton stage of the grant application process. Askham Bryan College can also supply baskets at a very reasonable price, and it is possible that they could also water and maintain them. This would also help in forging links between the Parish Council and the College.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

We are informed that the next Ward Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8 February at Poppleton Community Centre.

Information is received about future training for Snow Wardens.

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Townsend are to attend a conference on Superfast Broadband

in Ripon on 19 February.

Letters of thanks for grant aid have been received from the WI and the Horticultural Show.

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

A Refusal has been received in respect of 61 Barons Crescent.

Cllr Mrs Taylor has complained to CYC Enforcement Department about the strong cooking smells which are coming from the Village Tea Rooms into St Giles Church yard. Proper extraction facilities, which were a condition of the Planning Approval, do not appear to be in place.

Approvals have been received for 10 Hallcroft Lane, 68 Top Lane, 14 Homefield Close, 5 Ploughmans Close and 2 Hallcroft Lane.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Minutes of a Meeting held on 18 January have been previously circulated.

Quotes for ready made notice boards are awaited.

No further progress has been made re the proposed bridge over the railway line.

A discussion had taken place on the possibility of extending the Christmas lights to Low Green in 2011/12.

There has been a redistribution of monitoring areas in the village, to take into account new committee members.

A list of pot holes requiring repair has been passed to CYC Highways Department. Cllr Whitfield has agreed in principle with the Recreation Centre to share equipment for snow clearance. Cllr Bell PROPOSES to set up a sub-group to prepare a report for the full Parish Council on the full range of options for snow clearance. Cllrs Bell, Carr and Mrs Thompson to form this group, with contributions from Cllr Whitfield, as the Rec representative, when required.

c) Finance

No report, and no meeting has been held.

15. EVENTS GROUP

The Group met in the Library on Friday with representatives of the York Ramblers, South Ainsty Archaeological Society and CYC to discuss the proposals for the Just 30 Walks. The hope is to devise a series of walks of various lengths around Copmanthorpe. Some will be for families, some based around the history of the village (linking in with our Interpretation Board and Heritage Trail), some specifically wheelchair accessible, using the library as a starting point. It is hoped that laminated pages will be available in time to be promoted on our stall at the May Day fair and, in due course, at the Carnival.

16. RECREATION CENTRE

The trees behind Malbys Grove have been cut back.

The two free cycle racks requested from CYC are awaited. A further five will be paid for out of spare Playbuilder money.

The climbing wall towers are to be boxed in to prevent their use as urinals.

Discussions with the school about a site for the fourth tennis court are ongoing.

Quotations are awaited for a new fence at the bowling green.

The Carnival Committee for this year will comprise of more than 15 people, and this year's event will follow the format of the past four years. More volunteers are needed to assist on Carnival Day.

The possibility of adapting some of the Centre's equipment to assist in snow clearance and/or salt spreading was agreed in principle, but it is doubtful that their tractor will be small enough to use on the footpaths. The Roads and Footpaths Committee will discuss further.

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The current bank balance is £77,184, accordingly it has been decided not to increase the subscriptions of the user clubs to take account of the VAT increase.

A quote of nearly £1,000 has been received for insuring the play equipment, so the Rec has decided to 'self-insure'.

17. WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Cllr Mrs Townsend now has lots of information about grants. The Clerk to write to the three previously identified local farmers who may have suitable land.

Clerk

The Meadow could, eventually, link in with the Walks.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	11,469.53
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Business Money Manager Account	£	21,790.98
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	£	33,260.51
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Credits to the Account this Month

City of York Council – re grass cutting	£	463.40
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Interest on Business Money Manager account	£	4.02
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	£	467.42
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Stuart Auton Plumbing – repairs to allotments taps	£	30.00
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CPRE – subscription	£	29.00
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P D Greenwell – salary	£	441.14
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Petty Cash	£	30.00
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	£	530.14
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The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED By Cllr Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Flower baskets.
Coronation Cup
Wildflower Meadow
Windfarm

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8 March 2011 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.
To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.
An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Wednesday, 23 February at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15 March at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed Date