

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on  
TUESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 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 REV G MUMFORD  
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER  
COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON  
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND**

**Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk to the Parish Council  
Cllr P Healey City of York Council  
3 members of the public**

Before the business of the Meeting began Mrs Sue Dennis voiced the concerns of residents of Flaxman Croft on apparent proposed changes to the No 13 bus service. There is considerable confusion about this stemming from an article in The Press which stated that, from October, the bus will no longer go around Flaxman Croft, thus leaving the considerable number of elderly residents in that part of the village with no public transport. Mr Andrew Bradley, CYC, has said that the bus service will remain as it is from Monday to Friday. The Sunday service has been reduced to just four buses per day. Mr Paul Brand, CYC, had been expected to attend the Meeting this evening, but has been away on holiday and was not able to come at short notice.

Cllr Mrs Townsend is to collate all the questions which have been asked of her on this matter and will try to get a definitive answer from CYC on the future of the number 13 bus.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor D Carr  
Councillor Mrs F Thompson

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 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 Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

#### **4. CLERK'S REPORT**

The notice asking for the views of residents on a possible change of name from Parish Council to Village Council will appear in the next Newsletter. Changes to the Bank Mandate are almost complete. The Annual Return for 2010-2011 has been signed off by Mazars, our External Auditors, with no comments.

#### **5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

A report from the police has been circulated. The village is very quiet at the moment. There is still a police presence on Friday and Saturday evenings and the police have spoken to pupils at Tadcaster School, and also to the students of Askham Bryan College about litter. The area crime figures do show a rise, but this is due to a number of occurrences on the industrial estate in Poppleton. Cllr Townsend has received a circular letter from the police urging people to take care of their property.

#### **6. TASK FORCE**

This now consists of approx 12/14 people and, from October, the group is to meet in the car park at 9.30 am on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The overgrowth on the footpath from Low Green to Reigate Grove has been cleared, and the overgrowth on the railway bridge footpath will be tackled on 21<sup>st</sup> September. It is hoped that the Community Payback Scheme workers may be able to deal with the path between Low Green and Merchant Way.

#### **7. ENERGY CONSERVATION**

A meeting of the group so far known as Ecocop (this may change) was held on 22 August, and attended by Jacqui Warren, CYC, and Denise Hall from the Green Energy Trust. However the proposals put forward by these two people would take far too long to implement. The main objective of the group is to reduce the carbon footprint of Copmanthorpe, Askham Bryan and Askham Richard with the intention of extending to the remainder of Rural West York in due course. (The Chairman of Askham Richard PC had also attended the meeting). An application has been made to the Ward Committee for help with costs. The next meeting will be on 19 September, when it is hoped that a formal committee will be elected.

**8. RURAL WEST YORK**

£4,500 is available from the Target Hardening Budget to improve street lighting in the Pike Hills area of the village.

Fulford Parish Council has hosted an informal meeting to discuss City of York Council's core development strategy and the recent green belt development changes, to gather the views of Parish Councils with regard to the contents of the core strategy in order to consider if a unified response to the consultation might be appropriate and/or useful. The Clerk is to request sight of the minutes of this Meeting and to ascertain the date of the next meeting. Clerk

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

CYC is holding training sessions for volunteer snow wardens on Cllrs Bowen 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. Cllrs Whitfield and Bowen will attend & Whitfield Laura Porter, CYC, informs us of arrangements for salt bins over the winter. The Clerk to request an additional bin, to be placed on Pike Hills Mount and for the bin proposed for the far side of Memorial Green to be sited nearer to the shopping centre. Clerk

Cost estimates for the Heritage Interpretation Board have been received.

For hardwood - £3,500. For softwood - £1,500.

We are informed that funding of between £1,000 and £15,000 is available from the Community Action Against Crime Innovation Fund.

The South Ainsty Archaeological Society has suggested a walk around the historical sites of Copmanthorpe on 2 October. This date, however, is not Cllr suitable for the majority of Councillors, so a different date will be Whitfield requested.

**10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**a) Planning**

The application by Middlthorpe News (Londis) has been withdrawn.

The application at Sunnyridge, 14 Manor Heath, has been approved following a third amendment.

No news from the Enforcement Officer re fumes coming from the Cafe. Cllr Mrs Cllr Mrs Taylor to pursue this. Taylor

**ACTION**

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

Cllr Bell has been informed that the proposed footbridge over the railway line is not now going to be built. The Clerk to inform the resident who first raised this matter. Clerk

Cllrs Bell, Carr and Mrs Thompson have yet to meet to discuss proposals Cllrs for snow clearance equipment. Bell/Carr

New notice boards are yet to be erected. Cllr Simpson will speak to the Cllr school caretaker regarding precise location. Simpson

Cllr Mrs Auton has discussed the dead trees at the junction of Horseman Lane and Horseman Drive with Rachel Stewart, CYC. We need to Cllr ascertain if there are any other dead or damaged trees which need Mrs Auton attention.

The Community Payback Scheme will provide people to varnish the public benches in the village, to tidy the garden in front of the Howell Hall and to cut back the vegetation on Yorkfield Lane between Low Green and Merchant Way.

The Clerk to organise the provision of a skip at the allotments as agreed earlier in the year. Clerk

It is noted that there are areas of pooling water on Manor Heath and Hallcroft Lane after rainfall. This is thought to be due to damage caused the considerable number of heavy vehicles and articulated lorries using these roads, and it is possible that inadequate signage could be part of R&F Cttee the problem.

**c) Finance**

A Meeting is needed to review the Financial Regulations.

**11. EVENTS AND YOUTH GROUP**

No Committee meeting has been held, however Cllr Mrs Auton has written to CYC asking for their help in respect of the Youth Club. They have suggested that we use the URBIE bus to find out what the young people want/need. The Events Group need first of all to meet with Stuart and Chris Arnott of the Youth Club to discuss a possible way forward for the Group. Sight of the Trust Deed will be necessary.

A public meeting last night to discuss possible plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee had been attended by approx. 30 people. A number of ideas had emerged, and those present had agreed to meet again in a month's time (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October)

**12. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

No report. A notice has appeared in the Local Link in which CYC encourages its tenants to use grant monies available for solar panels.

The Clerk to ask the Housing Officer if anyone in Copmanthorpe is taking up this offer. Clerk

### 13. RECREATION CENTRE

The Carnival had achieved an income of £28,000, and a profit of £16,000. Gate receipts on the day were £7,000, and £4,000 had been received in advance programme sales.

### 14. DRAINAGE BOARD

Cllr Simpson gave a brief resume of the first meeting of the Drainage Board which he had attended as the representative of the Parish Council.

### 15. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank	
Community Account	£ 18,333.35
Business Money Manager Account	<u>£ 21,798.58</u>
	£ 40,131.93
Credits to the Account this Month	
1 x allotment rent	£ 20.25
Re: Helen Ashworth	<u>£ 75.00</u>
	£ 95.25
Accounts to be Paid this Month	
Sorts Turf Services – for Recreation Centre	£ 510.48
Mazars – audit fee	£ 342.00
Yorkshire Water – allotments	£ 41.35
Yorkshire Water – burial ground	£ 16.79
P D Greenwell – expenses	£ 34.47
HMRC – PAYE	£ 23.60
P D Greenwell – salary	<u>£ 440.34</u>
	£ 1,409.03

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Simpson.  
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR

### 16. ACTION REVIEW

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor had attended the Ward Team Planning Meeting. Nothing to report.  
Cllrs Simpson, Rev Mumford and Mrs Taylor have yet to meet to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Memorial Bench for Paul Band

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm, to be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

Interim meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Roads and Footpaths Committee – date and venue to be advised.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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