

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 10TH
JANUARY 2012 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	
	COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
	Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
	Mr Adam Smith	
	Cllr Chris Steward	City of York Council

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor the Rev G Mumford

2. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr Adam Smith was welcomed to the Meeting, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and agreed to serve on the Finance, and Roads and Footpaths Committees.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 14th DECEMBER 2011**, having been previously circulated, it was pointed out that under item 16, the proposed memorial seat is to be in front of the Indian take-away, to the left of the cycle racks, and not in front of the Londis store. With this amendment, the minutes were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Simpson. **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Taylor. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

5. CLERK'S REPORT

A letter has been sent to Stuart Arnott regarding the future of the Youth Club and Howell Hall, but no reply has yet been received. The Clerk to pursue. Clerk

A request has been received from an allotment holder wishing to keep chickens on his Plot. Councillors are happy to allow this, up to a maximum of 6 birds. The Clerk to respond. Clerk

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The police report has been circulated. Under-age drinking had been a problem in December, but otherwise there are few causes for concern.

7. TASK FORCE

The Task Force continues to meet and will be meeting tomorrow morning. The snicket between Horseman Close and Horseman Lane needs weeding, and there is again silt and weeds in the road around the bus stop on Main Street.

8. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

The Community Payback team have started 8 days of painting and decorating in the Hall. Sheila Carr is still keen to become involved, and it is hoped that the Club can be re-launched at Easter.

9. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

No decision has yet been reached on which Clock to purchase . An electrician is going to survey the Medical Centre to see what is involved in fitting the Clock. The Practice has also requested a legal document covering details of maintenance Cllr etc. Cllr Bowen to draft. Bowen

An application for funding for the Welcome Signs has been sent to Yorventure.

Information on roll numbers is being sought from the playgroups and nurseries so that an order can be placed for the Commemorative Coins.

No further information yet on the Planters. However the Scouts and the toddlers at Quackers are going to plant seeds to provide the plants.

The next meeting will be on 31 January at 8.00 pm in the Methodist Hall.

10. VILLAGE GREEN

Plans for the Exhibition on 25th February in the Methodist Hall are well advanced. Approx 18 exhibitors will be present, and there will also be a bicycle security stamping facility and registration scheme provided by the police, as well as a cycle workshop and driving simulator.

The WI is providing refreshments, free for exhibitors, and to purchase by visitors. Publicity will be provided by the Press, Radio York and Minster FM, and on the news page of the Parish Council website.

11. RURAL WEST YORK

Cllr Steward was asked to find out what the next steps will be in the development of the CYC Core Strategy. He does not believe that CYC has any plans for restructuring in light of the Localism Act. Cllr Steward

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Ward update is received, and the next Ward meeting will be in Copmanthorpe on 2nd February at 7.00 pm. Graham Auton is to give a presentation on the Green Energy Group (Village Green).

A quote of £80 for the removal of the dead branch of a tree in the burial ground, and £80 for necessary work to a tree in the Low Green/Top Lane footpath is received from Branches Out. Councillors accepted this quote and the work will be done.

Julian Sturdy, MP, advises us that the meeting with Parish Councils arranged for 23 February has had to be postponed and will now take place on 29 March at Stockton-on-the-Forest Village Hall, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Mr Sturdy has also sent posters giving the dates of his forthcoming surgeries, which will be put on the notice board.

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Only one application, at 8 Barbers Drive, has been received this month. Approvals have been received for 13 Rutland Close and 18 Horseman Lane.

The problem with fumes from the Village Tea Shop is ongoing. Cllr Bowen has drafted a letter to be sent to the Chief Planning Officer. Clerk

Banks plc have issued a statement saying that they are going to wait for the City Council to adopt the Core Strategy before deciding whether to make a further application for wind turbines or a monitoring mast. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that we write to the Planning Officer pointing out that the Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee and would like to be informed as soon as possible of any likely further application, including any informal discussions or any approach by Banks whatsoever. Clerk

b) Roads and Footpaths

The next meeting will be on 18th January at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall.

Cllr Bowen will book a room. Cllr Bowen
The notice board is in place outside the School.

c) Finance

The minutes of the last Meeting have been circulated. A total of £7,344 in grants was RECOMMENDED. A Precept of £26,160 for 2012-13, the same as this year, is PROPOSED by Cllr Parker. SECONDED by Cllr Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

14. TRANSPORT

The promised comprehensive timetable of buses serving Copmanthorpe has now been received from Paul Brand at CYC, and copies will be displayed at the bus stops in the village.

15. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SCHEME

Cllrs Simpson and Mrs Taylor will prepare a report for the next Meeting, but they are of the opinion that it is best not to proceed with this, as it could lead to confusion. The current arrangements which CYC and the emergency services have are thought to be more than adequate for the needs of Copmanthorpe and its residents.

16. LOCALISM AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKSHOP

Cllr Carr will attend this event on Wednesday 29th February in the Priory Street Centre. Cllr Carr

17. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting had been held in December, but the January meeting will take place next Thursday. Additions to the CCTV system are to be installed this week. Cllr Whitfield

18. ACTION REVIEW

Advice on item 9.8/9 of the Financial Regulations is to be sought from YLCA Clerk
A letter to be sent to the Carnival Committee (when its membership is known) Clerk
on the subject of Copmanthorpe Heroes.

19. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	25,663.93
Business Money Manager Account		21,802.38
	£	47,466.31

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Charles Elshaw	£	125.00
Re: Hubert King		30.00
	£	155.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Branches Out – re Christmas tree lights	£	60.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		22.98
P D Greenwell – salary		440.34
	£	523.32

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

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Queen's Diamond Jubilee
Youth Club and Howell Hall
Village Green
Coronation Cup

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. There will also be an interim Meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday, 25 January at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.
The Roads and Footpaths Committee will meet on Wednesday 18 January at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 7 March at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed Date