

6. TASK FORCE

The Task Force is now meeting every week, and there are a further two volunteers. An article about the work of the Task Force will appear in the next Newsletter, so this may bring forth further volunteers.

The Low Green/Merchant Way snicket has been cleaned up, and last week the Scouts borrowed the Task Force's equipment to clear up the area around the Scout Hut. There is similar work being carried out at the school by the pupils.

It was agreed that the Task Force should paint the bollards at Wilstrop Farm Road/ Back Lane as they are becoming difficult to see in the dark. The benches around the village will be varnished in the spring. It is suggested that a large bag of litter be put on the stall at the Street Fair as an indication of how much rubbish is dropped in Copmanthorpe.

In Helmsley there are notices on the road surface about dog fouling. We may be able to borrow their stencil.

7. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

Nothing to report. However the Hall is being used, and is certainly brighter following the redecoration by Community Payback.

8. JUBILEE

The grant application to Yorventure to fund the cost of the Welcome signs has unfortunately been refused.

The Jubilee group had last met on 28 February and work on the four projects is progressing. The wording and finish for the commemorative coins has been finalised and these will now be ordered ASAP. The Clock will now be slightly smaller than originally planned. Cllr Bowen has drafted an Agreement covering ongoing maintenance etc. and he and Cllr Mrs Auton will meet with the Practice Manager next week to finalise this. The cost of erection will be approx. £400 and no scaffolding will be needed.

The workshop for the Welcome signs will be held in the Scout Hut next Saturday, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Mr David Whiteman and Mrs Wendy Rayne-Davis inform us that the planters will be in situ and planted up by mid-May. The Brownies will be planting the one on Manor Heath, and that one will be unveiled on 31 May.

After some discussion it was AGREED that we should await the results of the funding application for the Heritage Board, even if this means that it can't be ready for the end of May.

9. VILLAGE GREEN

The exhibition had been attended by 190 people and had been well received by both visitors and exhibitors. The police stamped 28 bicycles, and 40 people expressed a wish to become involved with the Group.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Following a suggestion by Cllr Bowen Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that, from June, two different allotment holders and two Councillors would inspect the allotments quarterly. A record would be kept of what is found and, if an allotment is not properly tended over a period of 12 months, action will be taken. SECONDED by Cllr Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk

11. STREET FAIR

This will take place on Monday, 7 May between 12.00 noon and 4.00 pm. Cllr Whitfield will be available to set up at 11.00 am, and will need help. Cllr Simpson will collect the gazebos from the Howell Hall and return them there after the event. A rota for manning the stall will be drawn up by the Clerk in due course. Clerk

12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The issue of speeding in the village had been raised and it had been noted that there is no Vehicle Activated Speed Sign on the Tadcaster Road approach to the village. The Clerk to submit a request for one of these to CYC, together with a request to upgrade all VAS in the village to the type that shows the vehicle's actual speed together with the posted limit. Clerk

13. FIRST CALL 50

This is a single point of contact at CYC to put people in touch with advice and information which may be useful to people over 50 years of age. Leaflets have been given out at meetings of the Residents' Association, and Cllr Whitfield will put the Cllr information on the Parish Council website. Whitfield

14. RURAL WEST YORK

No Councillor present.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Following a request by the Clerk for clarification on certain points in our Financial Regulations, YLCA have answered our queries and put forward a simpler form of

Regulations. It was, however, agreed that we should retain the original, fuller form.

Free cycle racks are available from CYC. It was AGREED that we should request two for either the Howell Hall or the WI.

The next Ward Team Meeting will be on 23 March at 18 Back Swinegate, Cllr Mrs Taylor
10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Cllr Mrs Taylor will attend.

The Rural West Ward Update has been circulated.

Letters of thanks for grant aid from the Parish Council have been received from Panda Playgroup (£1,356) and the Recreation Centre (£1,000)

YLCA inform us of an information/training day on the Localism Act being run jointly by YLCA and the CPRE on 24 March, 9.30 am – 1.15 pm in South Milford. Cllr Mrs Auton will attend (with Mr Graham Auton from Village Green). Auton

16. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

No report

b) Roads and Footpaths

No meeting had been held

c) Finance

No report

17. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Secretary has resigned. Mr Brian Ledger had reported that he had fallen over the bollards at Wilstrop Farm Road/Back Lane (see Task Force item above), and it was reported that the fence of a property on Orchard Garth is hanging over the Top Lane/Low Green footpath. Clerk

18. TRANSPORT

The Park and Ride buses are currently ending their route into town at the Railway Station due to road works in Tower Street.

19. CORONATION CUP

The minutes of the last 2 meetings, and a report from Cllr Mrs Townsend, had already been circulated.

20. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting has been held. No report.

21. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Simpson will obtain quotes for high visibility vests with the words 'Parish Cllr Council Task Force' on them. Simpson

It was AGREED that the Roads and Footpaths Committee would meet on 26 March at 4.00 pm in the Methodist Hall to elect a temporary Chairman to cover the absence for family reasons of Cllr Bell.

22. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	23,698.42
Business Money Manager Account		21,806.18

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Credits to the Account this Month

City of York Council – grass cutting	£	463.40
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

YLCA – subscription	£	734.00
Information Commissioner's Office – Data Protection Act		35.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		48.36
P D Greenwell – salary		440.34
Petty Cash		30.00
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE		4.40

	£	1,292.10
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The Clerk advised that no invoice had been received for grass cutting from Deans Landscaping throughout the whole year and, despite a request for an invoice in time for payment at this meeting none had been received. In order that this can be paid before 31 March approval was sought to pay this, which will be in the region of £5,000, outside of the Meeting. APPROVED.

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

23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Localism – a presentation by Cllrs Carr and Mrs Auton

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 17 April at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There will be an interim meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday 28 March in the Methodist Church at 7.15 pm.

The May meeting, on the 8th, will be the AGM and Cllrs are asked to consider whether They wish to change their committee membership for the forthcoming year.

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

Signed Date