# A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON COUNCILLOR D BOWEN COUNCILLOR D CARR COUNCILLOR D F PARKER COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON COUNCILLOR A SMITH

COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

Cllr P Healey Mr S Cockerham Mr A Richmond Mr D Whiteman City of York Council

Chairman

Before the Meeting began Mr Whiteman expressed his concerns that, following the June inspection of the allotments, no action had been taken in respect of plots which are not being worked properly. The Chairman explained that the allotments are on the agenda for discussion later on in the Meeting.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr the Rev Geoff Mumford

# 2. CO-OPTION

Mr Rob Macdonald was welcomed to the Parish Council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He will sit on the Finance and Roads and Footpaths Committees.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held 12 JUNE 2012,** having been previously circulated, 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

The Risk Assessment is yet to be discussed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Mr Trevor Walton has agreed to water the new planter on Temple Lane, when necessary.

The footpath on Manor Heath has been resurfaced, although the grass verges have been left in a very poor state. Surface dressing has been applied to Station Road and the Clerk has

requested an inspection of the top of Merchant Way (at its junction with Top Lane) and the top of Flaxman Croft, nearest to the school, (at its junction with Merchant Way). Both of these areas are far more in need of work than Station Road. The pothole outside Manor Farm on Main Street has been filled, but the top layer is missing.

# 6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The village remains very quiet, but the police have given us a warning about sneak thieves. The Clerk has put a piece in the Newsletter reminding people to be sure to lock their doors and windows when they are not in the house. It was noted that there were four PCSOs at the Carnival.

### 7. TASK FORCE

Advertising material on our stall at the Carnival had resulted in three further volunteers coming forward. This will bring the team total to nine. David Whiteman is keeping a log of the work carried out by the Task Force. Thanks to CYC for continuing to take away the bags of rubbish collected.

# 8. HOWELL HALL

Invitations to a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July have been sent by the Clerk to the five known members of the Management Committee, and representatives from other village organisations. At this meeting it is hoped that a new Committee will be formed and an updated Constitution drawn up. Cllrs Mrs Auton, Bowen, Simpson, Smith and Whitfield, and the Clerk, will attend this meeting.

Cllrs & Clerk

### 9. RURAL WEST WARD

CYC are unable, either under Planning or Health and Safety, to request that the Fox and Hounds site be fenced off. The Clerk will therefore write, again, to Enterprise Inns asking for this, particularly since the play equipment on the site may still be an attraction for children.

Clerk

# 10. CODE OF CONDUCT

In view of the fact that the latest amendment to this had arrived only today, it was AGREED that discussion of this should be deferred until next Meeting.

# 11. VILLAGE GREEN

No meeting has been held.

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#### 12. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that a Sub-Committee be formed to deal with the allotments. SECONDED by Cllr Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllrs Mrs Auton, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Townsend and Cllr Macdonald agreed to serve on this Sub-Committee.

We need to ask CYC who is responsible for the dykes. They are not being cleared out and rubbish is accumulating.

Clerk

#### 13. CARNIVAL

A number of issues were brought to the attention of Councillors on the stall.

These included parking on verges, parking on pavements (notably parking on both sides of Barons Crescent on Carnival Day, thus preventing access for emergency vehicles), a request for a scooter park, and a complaint that the first number 13 bus of the morning was very often late.

One resident is very concerned about children playing near the railway line near Whistler Close. Cllr Simpson will speak to the police about this.

Cllr Simpson

The Clerk to write to Brian Bell to thank him for his help in transporting and erecting the gazebos.

Clerk

## 14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The next meeting will be held on 23 July. CYC are hosting a meeting on 3 August at the Guildhall with other parishes, to discuss a common approach. Cllrs Carr and Mrs Taylor will attend this.

We have not yet informed CYC of our intention to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllrs Carr/ Mrs Taylor

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# 15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Occasion Choir invites members of the Parish Council to a concert in St Giles Church on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Cllr James Alexander, Labour Leader of CYC, informs us of the Delivery and Innovation Fund.

Cllr Whitfield had circulated a report from the Ward Meeting at Askham Richard, where the Community Contract had been discussed.

A member of South Ainsty Archaeological Society has offered to lead a walk around

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the historic sites of Copmanthorpe one evening in September. The most popular dates appear to be the  $5^{th}$ ,  $10^{th}$ ,  $12^{th}$  and  $18^{th}$ .

#### 16. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# a) Planning

A revision to the application at the Fox and Hounds has been received, but is very little different from the original, and the number of houses is unchanged. We will continue to object.

Approvals are received for 5 Barnfield Way, 24 Drome Road, 1 Deacons Court, 2 Bowyers Close and 27 Sawyers Crescent.

A meeting about electronic planning consultation is to take place at the Guildhall on 3 August. Cllrs Whitfield, Mrs Taylor and the Clerk will attend.

Cllrs & Clerk

An inappropriate name sign has appeared on a house on Top Lane.

## b) Roads and Footpaths

No meeting has been held.

It has been noted that refuse (particularly recycling) has been left in some streets, particularly cul-de-sacs. The Clerk to write to CYC.

The hedge at Primrose Cottage on Main Street is overgrowing the footpath. The Clerk to write to the occupant.

Certain residents in Gardeners Close have been told that they cannot have a green bin. The Clerk to try to resolve this.

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#### c) Finance

No meeting has been held.

## 17. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.

#### 18. CORONATION CUP

A report has been circulated. Judging has taken place, and entrants have all been invited to the presentation at the Horticultural Show next Saturday.

# 19. RECREATION CENTRE

Cllr Mrs Taylor had attended the last meeting. Nothing of significance to report.

# 20. ACTION REVIEW

Nothing outstanding.

# 21. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	23,775.53 21,809.99
	£	45,585.52
Credits to the Account this Month		
Re: Mary Evelyn Martindale	£	75.00
	£	75.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Kevin Ledgeway – remedial works in burial ground	£	250.00
Caroline Anderson – PC News (March and June)		120.00
John Foxton – judging gardening competition		100.00
SLCC – Clerk's Regional Conference		78.00
Nigel White – expenses re Welcome signs		59.46
P D Greenwell – expenses		42.49
P D Greenwell – salary		383.70
PAYE – April-June 2012		264.58
Petty Cash		60.00
	£	1,358.23

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

# 22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Allotments Code of Conduct Howell Hall Task Force – equipment

# 23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 August 2012 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, 25 July 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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