A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2012 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD Chairman

COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON COUNCILLOR D BOWEN

COUNCILLOR R MACDONALD

COUNCILLOR THE REV G MUMFORD

COUNCILLOR D F PARKER COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON COUNCILLOR A SMITH

COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr D Carr

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held TUESDAY, 14th AUGUST 2012, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs M Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr the Rev G Mumford. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The play equipment at the Fox & Hounds is still in situ. The Clerk has written again to Enterprise Inns asking when it will be removed and if the building is to be demolished.

The Heras type fencing on the Top Lane/Low Green footpath has been examined by two Councillors who now take the view that it is in fact protecting the path from overgrowing vegetation. However there remains some old fencing propped up in the footpath. The Clerk will enquire about this.

Nothing has been heard about the unauthorised sign on the property 30 Top Lane.

The burnt out wheelie bin at the Howell Hall has been notified to Mrs Arnott and to CYC who have yet to provide a replacement. As CYC will not remove the old one Cllr Smith will take it away.

Cllr Smith

Two or three flag stones on one of the paths in the burial ground are in need of re-laying. The Clerk to contact Dave Steel to do this work.

Clerk

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

There have been a couple of incidences of arson on Back Lane, reports of Youths on Low Green and at the shops, parking issues on The Link and College Road, and the theft of an electricity meter.

6. TASK FORCE

The new equipment purchased by the Parish Council has been very well received. David Whiteman is continuing to keep a log of the work carried out by the group.

There would appear to be a reduction in the amount of road sweeping, gulley cleaning, weed spraying and similar services provided by CYC.

There is also litter blowing about in the roads after the refuse collection has taken Place. CYC have already been notified of this.

7. HOWELL HALL AND YOUTH CLUB

Cllr Smith has been elected Chairman of the new Management Committee. There are currently eight members, the others being Cllr Macdonald, Chris Arnott, Ruth Cain, Helen Edmondson, Graham Auton, Simon Lombard and Sarah Smith (Treasurer from October) but this will probably change fairly soon. The new Committee will meet again in the Methodist Church Hall on 1st October, and members of CYC's Integrated Youth Services will be amongst others invited to that meeting. There is much work to be done, but the aim is to re-launch the Club by the end of 2012 or early 2013. An email address and Twitter account have been set up, and the Charities Commission notified. There is approx. £1,200 in the bank account.

8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

According to the new timetable the number 13 bus will no longer go to Monks Cross, but will go to Haxby. A new timetable for the Coastliner service is due

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to be published in October, and only then will we be able to judge the true impact of these changes.

9. ALLOTMENTS

A further meeting has been held, and the Committee will meet again next Thursday, with the Clerk.

Ctte/ Clerk

One of the posts supporting the main gate is rotting and the gate has dropped. The Clerk to ask John Gospel to attend to this.

Clerk

Cllr Simpson has had a quote from the Ainsty 2008 Drainage Board for clearing the ditch behind the houses on Drome Road (which appears to be our responsibility) of approx £700-800. Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that we accept this, provided that the Drainage Board agree to then take on the maintenance of the ditch.

SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Simpson

Following enquiries made of CYC it is still unclear whether the Parish Council is responsible for the ditch which runs along the boundary between the allotments and the farmer's field. However this is not causing any problems at present it was agreed that no action should be taken for the time being.

10. RURAL WEST YORK

No Councillor present, and no report.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

Only four people were able to attend the meeting last night so, although the Mission Statement is complete, it has not been formally adopted. The SWOT Analysis is also complete. The group will meet again on 24 September. NPG

CYC have sent out a Call for Sites – sites potentially suitable for development.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

A report of a Meeting held with Askham Bryan College and the Chairman of Askham Bryan Parish Council is received. A second meeting will take place with the Deputy Principle and the new head of the Student Union at the College. Cllr Whitfield will urge them to get involved with Village Green and the Task Force.

Cllr Whitfield Cllr Macdonald has told the Chairman that he will struggle to attend meetings over the next few months. Councillors are happy for him to remain on the Council on this basis for the time being.

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The Planning Report has been circulated. The application at 9a Hallcroft Lane has been approved.

A follow up to the CYC session on e-planning attended by Cllrs Whitfield, Mrs Taylor and the Clerk has been received. It seems that there are further questions to be asked and e-planning is therefore to be further delayed.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The meeting postponed from last week will now take place on Tuesday, 18 September at 7.15 pm in the Howell Hall.

R&F

Cttee

Cllrs

Any matters for Cllr Carr to raise with Rachel Stewart on 17 September

should be given to him by 16 September.

c) Finance

The 2011-12 Audit is now complete, with no adverse comments. From this year, our External Auditors will be Littlejohn LLP. Due to a revised fee structure, should our Precept next year be less than £25,000 the Audit fee will be only £100 (£200 up to £50,000).

13. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

No report.

14. RECREATION CENTRE

The bank balance currently stands at £95,469. The Carnival made a profit of £10,100 – the second highest figure ever. Committed funds total £66,309 including £41,309 in the Development Fund.

Quotes are being sought to replace the equipment in the children's play area.

15. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk distributed copies of the Registration of Interests form for completion by Members.

16. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	19,697.18 21,813.80
	£	39,510.98
Credits to the Account this Month	£	00.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Mazars LLP – audit fee Cllr Mrs Jean Auton – expenses re Task Force Cllr P Whitfield – expenses P D Greenwell – expenses P D Greenwell – salary	£	342.00 21.54 10.48 46.49 352.91
	£	773.42

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

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Nothing additional.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9 October 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, School Lane.

To be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

An interim meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on Wednesday, 26 September 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

A meeting of the Roads and Footpaths Committee to be held on Tuesday, 18 September 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business th	e Meeting closed at 8.50 pm	
Signed	Date	