

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

PRESENT:	COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD	Chairman
	COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON	
	COUNCILLOR D BOWEN	
	COUNCILLOR D CARR	
	COUNCILLOR THE REV G MUMFORD	
	COUNCILLOR D F PARKER	
	COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON	
	COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND	
	Mrs P D Greenwell	Clerk
	Councillor C Steward	City of York Council
	Mr Robert Newton	Resident
	Mr Stephen Hind	Network Rail

Before the business of the Meeting began Mr Robert Newton outlined his concerns about the junction of Moor Lane, Station Road and Main Street, and also the narrowness of the footpath on Moor Lane approaching this junction. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would ask CYC Highways to inspect the area and suggest improvements.

Mr Stephen Hind, representing Network Rail, then gave a short presentation on the forthcoming works at Colton Junction and Colton North Junction. Track renewal work, representing an investment of £5 million, will take place during the last two weeks of the year. Those residents who will be directly affected have been notified and a 24 hour helpline will be available over the Christmas period. Information prepared by the contractor, Babcock, was circulated. The project is a like for like renewal, not an enhancement. Work will mostly be carried out at night and will be sufficiently far away from housing for noise not to be a problem. The strong lights needed will, however, be visible. Work will take place from both sides of the track, with the site compound being located on the Moor Lane side. Everything will be removed from this site once the work is complete. Most of the ballast and spoil will be transported by rail. Mr Hind was asked to reinforce the repeated requests made by the Parish Council for Network Rail to communicate with the Parish Council in advance of any future works commencing.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Rob Macdonald
Councillor Adam Smith
Councillor Mrs Megan Taylor
Councillor Paul Healey

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 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 Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR, subject to the addition of 'next meeting Details'.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

A skip had been supplied to the allotments as agreed on 17 November and removed the following Monday.

The gate at the allotments has now been repaired.

A request has been received for Christmas lights on the grassed area on St Giles Way. Residents would need to be consulted before any decision is taken on additional lights for next year.

Repairs to the Shopping Centre car park have been carried out, but there would seem to be a problem with certain vehicles being parked there all day, leading to a shortage of parking space. This is a particular problem for elderly residents who cannot walk to the shops.

Following discussions at the recent Finance Committee meeting, the Chairman PROPOSED that the Parish Council should pay the normal hourly rent of £10 for its use of the Howell Hall. He and Cllr Parker will decide how best to pay this money.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

No-one has been arrested for the recent tyre slashing incidents, nor for the recent spate of damage to walls.

Youths are once again congregating in the centre of the village.

CYC Engineers have visited the school and suggested a change to the width of the road outside Co-op to make single lane access to Low Green, as well as the use of double yellow lines. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that Cllr Simpson request a proper plan of what is suggested. SECONDED by Cllr Carr.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr
Simpson

6. TASK FORCE

A report on the continuing work of the Task Force had been circulated. Information on the work of the Task Force has been given to Smarter York,

for inclusion in the Ward Newsletter.

7. HOWELL HALL

As outlined at the Finance Committee meeting, there is much work still to be done, particularly, in relation to Health and Safety, the purchase of new fire extinguishers and improvements to fire exits.

8. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

9. ALLOTMENTS

A meeting had been held with representatives of the Allotments Committee and the Internal Drainage Board. The dyke at the rear of the houses on Drome Road will be cleared out without the need for heavy machinery or encroachment on the allotments, as much of what needs to be done is on the houses side of the ditch. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should write to each householder backing on to the ditch to tell them what is to be done, inform them that the ditch is the responsibility of the Ainsty Drainage Board, and ask that they not put rubbish into the ditch.

Clerk

10. DISPENSATIONS

Following information he had received at a recent meeting of the Standards Board, Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that “Declarations of Interest and Dispensations” should replace “Declarations of Interest” on Parish Council agenda.

Clerk

11. RURAL WEST YORK

It is likely that the City of York Council budget will increase by 2% next year.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

No meeting has been held. The organisers of the Community Audit have requested that two Members of the Parish Council join the Focus Group which is to compile the questions which will form the basis of the survey. One member will focus on the Neighbourhood Plan, and one for all the

other issues which are the subject of the Audit. It was AGREED that Cllr Carr and Cllr Mrs Taylor should represent the Council, with Cllr Whitfield deputising as necessary.

Cllrs Carr
& Mrs Taylor

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Information is received from YLCA on consultations on Extending Permitted Development Rights, and Technical Reforms of Planning Appeals. Councillors may wish to respond individually to these.

A request for double yellow lines at the junction of Wilstrop Farm Road and Main Street has been received. However, the Parish Council still holds the view that this would only serve to move the problem elsewhere. The Clerk to respond.

Clerk

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

A report has been circulated.
No decisions have been received.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Due to the need to hold a Finance Committee meeting on 7 January, the next meeting of the Roads and Footpaths Committee will now take place on Wednesday 16 January at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

Cllr Carr has had no feedback from Rachel Stewart, following their walk around the village on 17 October.

The cycle path from the village to London Bridge garage is not gritted and cyclists are therefore using the road. The Clerk to contact Cllr David Levine to ask for this to be rectified.

Clerk

The area around the Co-op is dangerous due to slippery wet leaves, and is made more untidy by the large Biffa bin, which has recently been joined by a Salvation Army recycling bin.

c) Finance

The minutes of the Meeting held 4 December had been previously circulated. Cllr Bowen PROPOSED that the grants recommended by the Committee be approved. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Auton. Cllr the

Rev Mumford declared an Interest in the application by St Giles Church.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Art Group, suggesting that they consider other, less expensive, venues in the village for their meetings.

Clerk

15. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Cllr Carr had given a short presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan to the Meeting held on 4 December.

16. RECREATION CENTRE

A report has been previously circulated.

17. ACTION REVIEW

The new notice board is now in situ at the school gates.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	28,401.39
Business Money Manager Account		21,817.90
	£	50,219.29

Credits to the Account this Month

Electrotest – Christmas lights	£	192.00
Martins of York Ltd – skip at allotments		180.00
SLCC – Clerk's membership		100.00
Caroline Anderson – December PC News		60.00
Yorkshire Water – allotments		30.48
P D Greenwell – expenses		16.49
P D Greenwell – salary December		352.91
John Gospel – gate at allotments		320.00
	£	1,251.88

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Simpson.

SECONDED by Mrs Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Community Audit – Focus Group.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8 January 2013 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

An interim meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Wednesday 2 January 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church, if required.

A meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday 7 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

A meeting of the Roads and Footpaths Committee will take place on Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed Date