

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
was held on TUESDAY 14 MAY 2013 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at  
7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**           **COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD  
COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON  
COUNCILLOR D CARR  
COUNCILLOR D F PARKER  
COUNCILLOR A SMITH  
COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR MRS C TOWNSEND**

**Mrs P D Greenwell  
Councillor P Healey  
Mr Tom Hall  
Mandy  
Mr Chris Sharp  
Mr and Mrs Mathew Liston  
Mr Graham Auton**

**Clerk  
City of York Council  
City of York Council  
Copmanthorpe library  
Resident  
Residents  
Resident**

Before the business of the Meeting began, Mandy from the library spoke about the forthcoming changes there. A Question and Answer sheet, and information on opening times, have been prepared for residents. There are slight changes to opening times – on Thursdays and Saturdays the library will be open until 1.00 pm, and on Mondays now closed between 1.00 and 2.00 pm. Cllr Whitfield will amend the website accordingly. The library will in future be staffed by one paid librarian who will be assisted by volunteers.

Mr and Mrs Liston offered their help in any efforts to resist the new housing for Copmanthorpe outlined in the Draft Local Plan.

Mr Chris Sharp spoke in favour of the proposed 20 mph Zone, based on conversations he has had with customers in the Annexe Cafe.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Whitfield thanked Councillors Bowen and Mrs Taylor for their support as Vice-Chairmen during his own period of office, and PROPOSED that Councillor Carr be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year. SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Councillor Carr then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman, witnessed by the Clerk.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Whitfield PROPOSED that Councillor Mrs Taylor serve as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. SECONDED by Councillor Parker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEES AND THEIR CHAIRMEN, POLICE LIAISON, BUS SERVICE LIAISON, DRAINAGE BOARD LIAISON, CORONATION CUP, RECREATION CENTRE AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES**

All Members were happy to remain on the Committees upon which they currently serve.

Cllr Mrs Townsend PROPOSED that Cllr Parker be re-elected as Chairman of the Finance Committee. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Mrs Taylor was PROPOSED as Chairman of the Planning Committee. ALL IN FAVOUR.

It was AGREED that the current arrangement of a rolling Chairman of the Roads and Footpaths Committee should continue for the time being.

The outgoing Chairman, Cllr Whitfield, will serve on the Planning and Finance Committees.

Cllr Carr will step down from the Chairmanship of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, but will continue to attend meetings of the Residents' Association.

Cllr Whitfield will continue to maintain the website and put together the Parish Council News quarterly insert, with the help of Cllr Simpson and the Clerk.

A group will be formed to review the Risk Assessment.

Cllr Mrs Townsend will continue to act as Transport Liaison representative and as Chairman of the Coronation Cup Committee.

In his absence it was AGREED that Cllr Simpson should be asked to continue to attend meetings of the Ainsty Drainage Board, and to continue as Police Liaison representative.

Cllr Smith to continue as Chairman of the Youth Club and Howell Hall Management Committee. This group will take over the responsibilities of the Events Committee, which will no longer meet as a separate entity.

Membership of the Allotments Committee will remain the same.

Cllrs Whitfield and Carr will both attend the next meeting of the Recreation Centre Committee, and then decide who is to be our representative there.

**4. APOLOGIES**

Councillor McDonald  
Councillor Simpson

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2013**, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that Meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Smith. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**7. CLERK'S REPORT**

We have been invited by Came and Company to renew our insurance cover with Aviva. There is an option to review for a further 3 years, at a slightly reduced Premium of £534.31 (£562.64 for 1 year) and, after some discussion it was AGREED that we should take up this offer.

Clerk

The Clerk has been asked by the Chairman of Askham Bryan Parish Council to take over as their Clerk with immediate effect, and has agreed to take this job.

**8. 20 IS PLENTY**

Mr Tom Horner, a Transport Planner for CYC, gave a short presentation on proposals to introduce a 20 mph speed limit throughout the village. This would take the form of signage only – there would be no speed humps or any other physical deterrents. Councillors were broadly in support of the proposals, but with some reservations about the need for the scheme to be village wide. It was AGREED that this should be discussed more fully at the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk

**9. AUDIT 2012-13**

The Clerk has met with the Internal Auditor who has signed off the Annual Return completed by the Clerk. His report to the Council was read out, and everything is satisfactory. The Annual Return was signed by the Clerk and Chairman and will now be sent, with supporting documents, to our new External Auditors, Littlejohn LLP.

Clerk

**10. CITY OF YORK COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

The Draft Local Plan, a 15 Year Plan which covers the whole City, contains proposals for more than 600 new houses in Copmanthorpe, of which 30% will have to be "Affordable". In addition, the houses will be built at a much higher density than those currently in the village, and there will be very little off street parking. There is also a proposed site for a windfarm to the west of the proposed houses.

In total there would be 22,000 new houses, mostly on Green Belt land around the periphery of the City. There appears to be no provision for improvements to the infrastructure. Whole new towns will be built at Clifton Moor and close to Elvington, and there will be four new Travellers' Sites including one at Knapton.

An eight week consultation period will start on 5 June, after which the Plan will go back to the full Council, and changes coming from the consultation will be made. After a further period of consultation the Plan will then go to the Planning Inspector about 12 months from now. We can object now but, if that fails, we can object again before the Plan goes to the Inspector.

There has been very little effort made to inform people of what is proposed, and CYC have refused to supply the Parish Council with a hard copy of the Plan.

An extended meeting of our Planning Committee was held on 24 April, followed by a further meeting on 1 May to which members of the Wind Farm Action Group were invited, together with Ward Councillors Paul Healey and Chris Steward, and our local MP Julian Sturdy. It was agreed that the first task of the Parish Council is to inform residents of what is being proposed.

The Street Fair was a good forum for giving out leaflets and petition forms. Over 200 signatures were gathered and lots of offers of help given. Julian Sturdy stayed for 2 hours to answer residents' questions and has set up a petition on his own website.

Cllr Whitfield and the Clerk had attended the Ward Meeting in Poppleton where there was a very large contingent from Knapton expressing their concerns about the proposed Travellers' Site.

A Public Meeting, hosted jointly by the Parish Council and the Wind Farm Action Group, will be held on Thursday 23 May at 7.00 pm in the Methodist Church. This will be attended by Julian Sturdy and our Ward Councillors, and a representative from CYC will be invited, to take questions. The Ward Councillors will also be hosting a public meeting early in June.

#### **11. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr Simpson not present, however the monthly report has been circulated.

#### **12. RURAL WEST WARD**

Nothing further to report.

#### **13. TREES IN THE BURIAL GROUND**

Defer to next meeting.

#### **14. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL**

Approx 40 young people have attended sessions over the past 4 weeks. More volunteers are needed to help run these, and Tim Duffy and Nigel Brown have offered their services. Bookings for the Hall are increasing

#### **15. TRANSPORT**

Julian Sturdy MP had hosted a meeting in Haxby to discuss changes to the 12 and 13 bus service routes, and had spoken to a number of residents at the Street Fair.

Work at the Askham Bar Park and Ride site has begun. There is still no intention to provide a footbridge from the College to Tesco.

**16. ALLOTMENTS**

All plots are now let. An inspection had taken place on 30 April, but no problems found. The ditches are now both clear.

**17. CORONATION CUP**

At the Street Fair, there had been a lot of interest shown in the photographs from previous years, and 16 entry forms for this year's competition were handed out.

**18. STREET FAIR**

Many people did not know about the Local Plan, so lots of information was given out. Thanks to Brian Bell for his help in setting up and taking down our stall. The Youth Club stall raised £286.

**19. COMMUNITY AUDIT**

To date, 200 responses to the Survey have been received. For the Audit to progress 400 are needed. Some houses have yet to receive the survey form.

**20. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It is clear that the Draft Local Plan has overtaken our own Neighbourhood Plan. However it is worth carrying on so that we can promote alternative sites, and be seen not to be only objectors. The results of the Community Survey are awaited.

**21. VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS**

It is noted that there are many old photographs of the village in the library, but some more up to date ones are needed. It was AGREED that a notice be placed in the Newsletter asking for pictures, for example of village events, to create a proper village archive. Cllrs Carr, Whitfield and Mrs Taylor will set up a small Working Group to begin this.

**22. CORRESPONDENCE**

An email in support of the 20 mph Zone is received from a resident of Merchant Way.

**23. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN****a) Planning**

The Planning Report has been circulated.

There has been no response to our concerns about 15 Horseman Lane. Applications have been approved at 2 Fairfax Croft, 7 Hallcroft Lane, 9 Beadle Garth and 19 Malbys Grove.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

Nothing to report.

**c) Finance**

No report.

**24. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Nothing to report.

**25. RECREATION CENTRE**

No report.

**26. ACTION REVIEW**

Nothing outstanding.

**27. ACCOUNTS**

**Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	22,151.87
Business Money Manager Account		21,825.23
	£	43,977.10
Credits to the Account this Month		
Allotment Receipts 34-47	£	291.75
Allotment Receipts 48-58		239.00
Allotment Receipts 59-77		354.25
HMRC – VAT Refund		391.47
	£	1,276.47

Accounts to be Paid this Month

St Giles Church – grant	£	5,000.00
Panda Playgroup – grant		1,356.00
Copmanthorpe WI		1,000.00
Copmanthorpe Good Companions		500.00
Copmanthorpe Bowls Club		750.00
Village Green		750.00
The Occasion Choir		400.00
Copmanthorpe Cricket Club		377.00
Warhammer Club		350.00
Copmanthorpe Art Group		350.00
Yorkshire Countrywomen		350.00
Copmanthorpe Horticultural Show		250.00
Broker Network Limited – insurance		534.31
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		300.00
Ainsty Internal Drainage Board		4.84
P D Greenwell – expenses		52.48
P D Greenwell – salary		362.45
	£	12,687.08

No transfer is necessary this month.

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**28. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Risk Assessment  
20 is Plenty  
Village photographic archive  
Burial Ground Trees  
Carnival  
Roads and Footpaths Committee

**29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, to be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm. There will be an interim Meeting of the Planning Committee on Wednesday 30 May 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed ..... Date .....

