A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2014 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR D CARR Chairman

C OUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON

COUNCILLOR B BELL

COUNCILLOR MS A LITTLE COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

PC Laura Smith North Yorkshire Police

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor G Simpson Councillor A Smith Councillor Mrs C Townsend

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday 10 December 2013, having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

PC Laura Smith gave further details and updates on the incidents in her report previously circulated. Many reports of suspicious activity have been given by residents to the police, but many of these have been unfounded since they have actually related to undercover police officers and their vehicles. Most notably, between 9th and 13th December, 10 reports of suspicious vehicles were received, but all were police cars or vans. This increased awareness and vigilance on the part of residents is most helpful to the police in their efforts to find the perpetrators of the recent high number of burglaries in Copmanthorpe. Councillors expressed their appreciation of all the police are doing in this respect.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

The supply of timer switches left by the police last month had been placed in the library, and they had all been taken by residents within two days.

There is still no reply from Cllr Merrett, CYC, to the request for a meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Carr will pursue this.

Cllr Carr

Further information is received about the proposed plaque in memory of the Druggitt family in the burial ground. Members were content with the size and design of the plaque, and the Clerk will continue to correspond with the family.

Clerk

6. RURAL WEST WARD

No Councillor present, and no report.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have now received formal approval from CYC that Copmanthorpe is a Designated Area.

The results of the survey have been analysed and show that a majority of respondents **a**re prepared to accept an increase of up to 120 houses in the village over the lifetime of the Plan.

Cllr Carr has circulated the first draft of the Housing section to members of the group for their consideration.

The Housing Vitality Report has yet to be commissioned.

8. CYC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Nothing to report. The revised draft is still awaited.

9. ELECTRONIC PLANNING EQUIPMENT

A quote from Saville's Audio Visual for the equipment required for consideration of planning applications in the Howell Hall has been circulated by Cllr Mrs Taylor. The total cost is £3,644 and Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that we purchase this equipment. A donation from the Howell Hall is subject to further discussion. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

A laptop and appropriate software will also be needed. Cllr Mrs Taylor to seek advice from Saville's as to what is required to be compatible with the audio-visual equipment.

10. YOUTH CLUB AND HOWELL HALL

A Youth Leader has been appointed, and two volunteers are going to share the Assistant Leader post.

11. PRECEPT 2014-15

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 7 January 2014 had been circulated. The Finance Committee RECOMMENDS a Precept of £27,883 (unchanged from last year), and Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that we request this sum from CYC. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND PARK AND RIDE

Nothing to report.

13. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bell had circulated a large number of documents including specimen standard letters to be sent to plot holders whose plots are in need of attention.

14. BEQUEST

It was AGREED that the bequest from the late Lady of the Manor should be used for the Heritage Trail and Photographic Archive.

The provision of a new sign at the burial ground was discussed, and it was AGREED that this was needed, but that the cost of it should be met from our own funds. The Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

Any funding for the Community Orchard, another suggestion, should come from Section 106 monies.

A suggestion of a defibrilator for the village was not thought to be suitable.

The Clerk has found a supplier of silver trophies for the Photographic Archive Competition. The three thought to be suitable range in price from £229 to £899.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter regarding the proposed McCarthy and Stone development at the Fox and Hounds has been received from a lady in Scotland. The Clerk has responded, outlining our concerns as expressed to the City Council.

16. STREET FAIR AND CARNIVAL

Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that the Parish Council should purchase a gazebo, at a cost of £88, to replace the one which was damaged last year. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Whitfield

Permission to use Low Green for the Street Fair has been sought by the organisers,

and bookings are now being taken for both the Street Fair and the Carnival.

Clerk

17. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The Planning Report has been circulated. There had been no applications to discuss this evening.

b) Roads and Footpaths

No meeting has been held, the next to be in March. Date to be advised.

c) Finance

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January had been circulated, and a Precept of £27,883 AGREED (see item 11).

18. ACTION REVIEW

Meeting with Cllr Merrett, CYC, re Neighbourhood Plan.	Cllr Carr
Memorial plaque in burial ground. Clerk	Clerk
Electronic planning equipment MT	Cllr Mrs Taylor
Trophy for photographic competition	Clerk
Burial ground sign/notice board	Clerk
Stalls for May Day Fair and Carnival	Clerk
Purchase gazebo	Cllr Whitfield

A number of items were agreed as ongoing:

Designation of Yorkfield Lane as a BOAT – the Clerk had checked on the progress of this a few months ago, and it will not happen for several years. Local Charter due for review this year.

Risk Assessment Cllr Bell with Mr A Travena

Dog stencils for pavements.

Renaming of Moor Lane, opposite the allotments, to New Moor Lane. Clerk Replacement of memorial tree for Stuart Elliott. Clerk

Fibre optic cable across Low Green to the school.

Road surface on Top Lane. Cllr Carr

19. ACCOUNTS

Balances	at the	Bank
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Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	33,040.57 21,833.14
	£	54,873.71
Credits to the Account this Month		
CYC – grass cutting	£	331.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Yorkshire Water – allotments Branches Out – tree report for burial ground CPRE – membership subscription and donation Royal Mail – re Neighbourhood Plan P D Greenwell – salary HMRC – PAYE Petty Cash	£	111.84 60.00 50.00 .34 362.45 271.80 60.00
	£	916.43

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Ms Little. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Section 106 monies.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11 February 2014 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 take place on Wednesday, 29 January 2014 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

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