

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY 8 APRIL  
2014 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**                    **COUNCILLOR D T CARR**                    **Chairman**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS J AUTON**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR B BELL**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR M LISTON**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MS A LITTLE**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR G SIMPSON**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR**  
                                 **COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P D Greenwell**                    **Clerk**  
                                 **Councillor C Steward**                    **City of York Council**  
                                 **4 Members of the Public**

Before the Meeting began Mrs Sarah Gowers outlined her growing concerns about the anti-social behaviour occurring outside her property, 5 Low Green. Large numbers of young people are regularly using the area for skateboarding and riding scooters. They are a danger to themselves, and their behaviour is intimidating to Mrs Gowers and her family. They also frequently lie down in the road, and leave quantities of rubbish when they go home. Mrs Gowers has sought help from the Youth Club and the police, who have visited.

It is felt that the only solution is a proper skate park, either mobile or ideally permanent, perhaps at the school or the Recreation Centre. Although these avenues have been tried in the past, it was felt that a joint meeting with the police, school, Recreation Centre and the Parish Council might be useful, and Cllr Whitfield agreed to raise the matter at the next Recreation Centre meeting on 24 April. A local Bye-Law could provide the answer, but would take up to 18 months to establish.

Mr and Mrs J Milner, who live at the top of Moor Lane next to the railway line, are concerned that Network Rail may be about to install security fencing very close to the rear of their property. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Stephen Hind of Network Rail to ascertain what is going on, since neither the residents nor the Parish Council have been informed of any proposed works.

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 11 March 2014, 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. CLERK'S REPORT

New legislation will for the first time allow Parish Councils to pay for goods and services electronically. However, in view of the small number of transactions we have it was AGREED to continue to pay by cheque for the time being.

The Government is consulting on changes to audit arrangements for Councils with an annual budget of less than £25,000. Copmanthorpe has slightly exceeded this for the past several years, therefore no response.

The new notice board for the burial ground has been delivered. The Clerk to arrange for installation.

Clerk

An up to date valuation for the Coronation Cup should be obtained before the insurance premium becomes due in June. The electronic planning equipment in the Howell Hall also needs to be added to our policy.

Clerk

#### 5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

No report has been received. There have been some arrests in respect of the burglaries in the village, but no-one has been brought to Court. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should write to the PCC, and give some thought to the installation of CCTV.

Cllr Simpson had attended the recent Crime Summit organised by City of York Council.

#### 6. STRUCTURE AND POLICIES

Following the resignation of Cllr Parker, Cllr Simpson PROPOSED that Cllr Ms Little take over the role of Chairman of the Finance Committee. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that a Long Service Certificate be presented to Cllr Parker. SECONDED by Cllr Simpson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr  
Whitfield

It was AGREED that the Youth and Events Committee was no longer necessary.

Cllrs Mrs Taylor and Ms Little, with the Clerk, will organise the Coronation Cup this year, and the first meeting will take place on 17 April.

There are two applicants for the current three vacancies. It was AGREED that the Clerk should talk to these two, with a view to them being formally appointed at the AGM next month, when any further changes to the Committee structure can be made. Clerk

**7. ACTION REVIEW**

Resurfacing of Top Lane is still awaited.

Nothing to report yet on the Cold Calling Zone. This will take quite a long time to set up as we need to liaise with the police and Trading Standards Office. It will not be possible to designate the whole village at once, so we will need to decide which streets should take priority.

Cllr  
Simpson

**8. RURAL WEST YORK**

Nothing to report.

**9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Mrs Taylor attended the Planning Camp last month. Tomorrow representatives of the Group are meeting with the Planning Consultant who advised the authors of the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan. The Group is aiming to have the finished document ready by July.

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**10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

The next round of consultation in May will take six weeks. Many new sites have been submitted, and there have been lots of local challenges to the contents of the document.

**11. YOUTH CLUB AND HOWELL HALL**

The Youth Club AGM has taken place, and the Treasurer has resigned. There has been some very challenging and disrespectful behaviour from the young people and it has been made clear to them that this will not be tolerated. New flooring is still being sought, following the installation of which there will be no more skateboarding in the Hall.

**12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND PARK AND RIDE**

Nothing to report.

**13. ALLOTMENTS**

All plots are now taken and there is no waiting list. The next inspection will take place in early May.

Cllr Mrs  
Auton

**14. FIRST WORLD WAR EXHIBITION**

Cllr Mrs Taylor will write a piece for the June Newsletter, asking for exhibits. We may also be able to include audio or video clips.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

**15. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE**

Cllr Mrs Taylor will seek advice from Saville's Audio-Visual as to the best way scan and thus preserve the old photographs which are in albums normally kept in the library.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

The entry form for the competition is on the website and will be in the next Newsletter. We need to find a judge, possible through Bishopthorpe Camera Club, and it was AGREED that a fee of £75 plus travelling expenses, be offered (on a par with the Coronation Cup).

**16. STREET FAIR and CARNIVAL**

Preparations are ongoing, and this year the Fair will have a vintage theme. Stalls have been booked for both events.

**17. DOG FOULING**

The stencils have been delivered, and the Clerk will pass these to Cllr Mrs Auton for the Task Force to use wherever dog fouling is a particular problem.

Cllr Mrs  
Auton

**18. BEQUEST**

Cllrs Whitfield, Carr and Mrs Taylor to meet to try to progress the Heritage Trail.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

The monthly report has already been circulated. We are seeking support from the Conservation Officer in respect of the barns to the rear of Holly House which are threatened with demolition. There have been forty objections to the proposed housing development.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

No meeting has been held.

**c) Finance**

No report.

**21. RISK ASSESMENT**

Cllr Bell is progressing this with Mr Alan Travena.

Cllr Bell

**22. ACCOUNTS**

## Balances at the Bank

|                                |   |           |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Community Account              | £ | 26,517.71 |
| Business Money Manager Account |   | 21,836.95 |
|                                | £ | 48,354.66 |

## Credits to the Account this Month

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|--|---|--------|
| Reimbursement from Savile's Audio Visual | £ | 726.00 |
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## Accounts to be Paid this Month

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|---|---|----------|
| Laser Cutting Services – dog stencil                          | £ | 124.74   |
| Currys PC World – laptop for electronic planning consultation |   | 556.96   |
| Neighbourhood Plan gift in lieu of fee                        |   | 46.95    |
| Saville's Audio-Visual – electronic planning consultation     |   | 331.20   |
| YLCA – subscription   |   | 697.00   |
| CYC – ½ year allotment rent                                   |   | 497.50   |
| CYC – burial ground rates                                     |   | 136.59   |
| Cllr P Whitfield – URLs re Neighbourhood Plan                 |   | 71.80    |
| P D Greenwell – expenses                                      |   | 96.33    |
| Ainsty Internal Drainage Board                                |   | 5.04     |
| P D Greenwell - salary  |   | 362.45   |
| HMRC – PAYE re P D Greenwell                                  |   | 271.80   |
| Petty Cash  |   | 30.00    |
|   | £ | 3,228.36 |

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

**23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Skateboarding
- First World War Commemoration
- Coronation Cup
- Photographic archive and competition

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13 May 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 be held on Tuesday, 29 April 2014 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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