A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2014 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR Chairman

COUNCILLOR M LISTON
COUNCILLOR MS A LITTLE
COUNCILLOR MRS M MILLER
COUNCILLOR MS J SAXTON
COUNCILLOR R WEST

COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

Mr Ian Thompson

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr B Bell Cllr D Carr Cllr G Simpson

Cllr I Gillies City of York Council
Cllr C Steward City of York Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on 14 October and 11 November 2014, having been previously circulated, were held to be true and correct records of those meetings. PROPOSED by Cllr Ms Little. SECONDED by Cllr R West. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. ACTION REVIEW

No further report on the flooding problem in Sawyers Crescent. The installation of speed reduction signs will not be feasible.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE MARGARET CHAPMAN-ANDREWS TROPHY

There were three categories, but only two entries, both of which were in the same category. Cllr Ms Little PROPOSED that a prize of £100 in vouchers be awarded, just for this first year of the competition, to the winner, along with the trophy. SECONDED by Cllr Liston. ALL IN FAVOUR. The presentation has been deferred until the January meeting of the Parish Council.

6. CASUAL VACANCY

Mr Ian Thompson has expressed an interest in offering himself for co-option, and said a few words about what he feels he could bring to the role.

7. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report has been circulated. There has been some vandalism, particularly in relation to Mischief Night, and a small amount of evidence of drug use in the Recreation Centre. If resources allow it is hoped the police will increase their patrols in this area.

8. CLER'S REPORT

The York Open Planning Forum, of which the Parish Council has in the past been a member, has now disbanded.

9. PARISH COUNCIL STURCTURE

Cllr Liston will take on the role of Howell Hall/Youth Club liaison.

Cllr Mrs Saxton will continue with Transport liaison, and will join the Planning and Allotments Committees.

Cllr Mrs Miller will join the Garden Competition organising committee and assist with putting together the quarterly Parish Council News.

The position of Recreation Centre Representative is unfilled, and will be discussed next month.

The Clerk will advise of any training for new Councillors as and when it becomes available.

Clerk

10. PARKING IN STATION ROAD and MERCHANT WAY

The difficulties on Merchant Way are ongoing, although workers on the McCarthy and Stone site have been asked to leave "passing places" for vehicular traffic.

CYC Highways have been in contact regarding the parking problem on Station Road but, since the bus company believes there is no problem, they will not be taking any action. The Clerk has written to the WI, asking that they urge users of the Hall to park responsibly and considerately.

It is noted that a bollard in the shopping centre car park has been knocked over. It has been removed by CYC, but there is a lot of broken tarmac around the hole.

11. COLD CALLING ZONE

No report.

12. RURAL WEST YORK

No Councillor present, and no report.

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13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The final version of the Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plan was hand delivered to City of York Council on 20 November. They have informed us that they have a responsibility to ensure that the Plan is legal, and that the six week consultation period will begin once they have satisfied themselves that the Plan is indeed legally compliant. There is no reason to believe that it will not be, and Cllr Mrs Taylor will ask Cllr Carr to request Julian Sturdy to intervene to prevent any further delay. Cllr Mrs It may become necessary to involve the media to help speed up progress.

14. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Nothing to report.

15. VILLAGE GREEN and the TASK FORCE

There are now only three members of Village Green, whose work recently has centred on developing the land at the front of the Howell Hall into a community garden. The group has £400 in the bank, and the group "Sprouts" is an offshoot of Village Green. It was AGREED that Cllr Whitfield put a request for volunteers for Village Green in the January Newsletter and, if none are forthcoming, the group Cllr should be wound up. Whitfield

The work of the Task Force is quite different, and it should remain as a separate entity.

The Clerk to check on the question of insurance for volunteers.

Clerk

16. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL

The Parish Council no longer requires internet access for meetings of the Planning Committee in the Howell Hall, and it was AGREED that we should not pay for this next year.

17. PUBLIC TRANSPORT and PARK AND RIDE

A new illuminated sign has been installed on the bus stop on Hallcroft Lane.

18. ALLOTMENTS

Letters have been sent to five allotment holders requesting improvements to the condition of their plots.

The skip had been delivered to the site last weekend, and appears to have been well used as in previous years.

19. FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMMORATION

The request for memorabilia will appear in the January newsletter. The Methodist Church had held an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia to mark the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, and the Parish Council's exhibition will be in 2018 to mark its end.

Cllr Whitfield

20. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council has been copied into correspondence between the Good Companions and the owners of the shopping centre regarding the question of access for the elderly to the shops themselves. The condition of the car park was again mentioned.

21. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The Planning Report has been circulated.

Approvals have been received for 9 Faber Close, 4 Barbers Drive, 8 Hallcroft Lane and 37 Drome Road.

b) Finance

A meeting to discuss the Risk Assessment had been held.

The deadline for receipt of grant applications has been extended to the end of December.

The Clerk expressed her concerns that cheques had not been signed at the last meeting.

A meeting to discuss grant applications and set the Precept for 2015-16 will be held on 8 January 2015 at 7.00 pm.

22. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	19,978.44 21,848.38
	£	44,826.82
Credits to the Account this Month		
Re: Harry Martindale Interest on Business Money Manager a/c	£	125.00 3.81
	£	128.81

Accounts to be Paid this Month

H&H Land and Property – balance from previous invoice	£	1,200.00
Brighter Gardens		195.00
Electrotest – Christmas lights		192.00
York Graphic Arts – re Neighbourhood Plan		168.00
Aetherweb – website hosting		120.00
SLCC – Clerk's membership subscription		103.00
Caroline Anderson – PC News		60.00
Yorkshire Water – allotments		35.60
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		26.30
P D Greenwell – expenses re Chapman-Andrews trophy		27.50
P D Greenwell – salary		362.45
	£	2,489.85

The adoption of these Accounts was AGREED.

23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Recreation Centre representative Photographic competition Cold Calling Zone

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

Signed	Date
DIGITOR	Date

ACTIONS

Flooding in Sawyers Crescent – Cllr Carr Updated spreadsheet of council roles – Cllr Whitfield The future of Village Green – Cllr Whitfield Section 106 monies - Clerk Yorkfield Lane BOAT Wayleave on Low Green - Clerk