A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY 2015 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR MRS M TAYLOR Chairman

COUNCILLOR B BELL
COUNCILLOR D CARR
COUNCILLOR M LISTON
COUNCILLOR MS A LITTLE
COUNCILLOR MRS M MILLER

COUNCILLOR R WEST COUNCILLOR P WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

Cllr C Steward City of York Council

Before the business of the Meeting began the Chairman presented the Chapman-Andrews trophy to Mr Darren Walsh, the winner of the inaugural photographic competition. Congratulations were also offered to the runner-up, Mr Peter Wilson.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Ms J Saxton Cllr G Simpson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 9 December 2014, having been previously circulated, were held to be a true and correct record of that meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Ms Little. SECONDED by Cllr R West. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report for December has been received. Cllr Liston reported on a conversation he had had with a Chief Inspector about Community Speedwatch. This will be a pilot scheme, for which the areas have yet to be chosen, however they are not likely to be in Copmanthorpe.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24th March at 7.00 pm in the Howell Hall.

6. ACTION REVIEW

Flooding in Sawyers Crescent

Cllr Carr reported that the blocked sewer has been cleared and a broken pipe repaired. This should resolve the flooding problem. To ensure this, Yorkshire Water wants to survey all the pipes in the area.

PC spreadsheet update

Cllr

Cllr Whitfield apologised that this is still outstanding.

Whitfield

Future of Village Green

The request for volunteers has not been put in the Newsletter. If none are forthcoming the group will wind-up, and any monies revert to the Parish Council.

Section 106 monies

Only one outstanding, which the Clerk is chasing up with CYC.

Clerk

Yorkfield Lane BOAT

Ongoing.

Wayleave on Low Green

Our solicitor is seeking an assurance from Cityfibre Metro Networks Limited that they will meet any costs involved, so that the Wayleave Agreement can be finalised and signed. It is hoped this will happen very soon.

Clerk

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT - Consultation

It was AGREED that the Clerk would respond, expressing our concerns about the proposal to introduce referenda in parished areas in an attempt to curb large increases in Precepts nationally.

Clerk

8. COLD CALLING

No report.

9. RURAL WEST YORK

The next Team Meeting will be in Askham Richard on 26 January 2015. There will be an extra Green Bin collection in the next two weeks.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The final draft of the Plan was delivered by hand to CYC on 20 November. A letter in response dated 23 December asked a number of, in the view of the group, spurious questions with regard to the legal compliance of the Plan, and a letter of rebuttal was sent on 8 January, to which we await a reply. Had it not been for this delay, we would have been at least half way through the six week consultation by now. It was AGREED

that we need help from Cllr Chris Steward and Julian Sturdy, MP to push this forward since there is a clear lack of support and/or co-operation from CYC. It was further AGREED to seek an editorial, with photographs, in the Press.

Our Consultant, Mr Tom Woof, has had to step down as he finds himself conflicted. A partner in his firm has close ties with a small college in Cumbria, which is part of Askham Bryan College.

We will probably need to engage another professional, possibly a planning lawyer, to represent us at the Inquiry, which it is expected will take place in the summer.

11. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

No developments.

12. VILLAGE GREEN AND TASK FORCE

The Task Force has sorted out the Christmas lights which were hanging from one of the trees on Horsemen Lane. Next week they plan to work on tidying the embankment at the top of Manor Heath.

13. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL

No meeting of the Management Committee had been held. Adam Smith has stepped down from the Committee and his place has been taken by Graham Auton. Following a discussion on what the Parish Council pays for the use of Broadband in the Howell Hall, Cllr Ms Little PROPOSED that we continue to pay £10, but that the Howell Hall management be asked to look for a cheaper provider. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

14. RECREATION CENTRE

Cllr Whitfield had circulated a Report, but no meeting had been held. He is content to remain as the Parish Council representative on the Recreation Centre Management Committee.

15. PUBLIC TRANSPORT and PARK AND RIDE

Cllr Ms Saxton is chasing up the timetable missing from the bus stop on Top Lane. Cllr Ms Saxton

16. ALLOTMENTS

We are informed that there are rats on the allotment site. CYC will make a charge of £76 to set traps, and take whatever follow up action is needed to get rid of them.

The Clerk to speak to Noel Wood, an allotment holder who does this work for CYC. Clerk

17. FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION

There has not been much response to the appeal in the Newsletter for memorabilia, So the notice will appear again next month.

Whitfield

18. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

19. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The Planning Report had been circulated. Approval has been granted for 3 Loriners Drive. The application at 57 Temple Lane has gone to Appeal.

b) Finance

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8^{th} January 2015 had been previously circulated. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that the Recommendations of the Committee in respect of all the grant applications be RATIFIED. SECONDED by Cllr Ms Little. ALL IN FAVOUR. It was further AGREED that the Friends of the School be asked to submit a request for £2,000, to stand in place of their earlier application for £1,000.

Clerk

An outstanding application from the Youth Club for £4,000 for the replacement of the porch to the Howell Hall was considered at length. Cllr Ms Little PROPOSED that a grant of £2,000 be awarded, to either repair the existing porch or go towards the cost of a replacement, and that the Committee be urged to apply to the Ward Committee for the remaining £2,000. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

With this additional grant to the Youth Club the total amount of grants awarded will be £10,403.

Meetings of the Finance Committee to be held quarterly henceforth.

20. PRECEPT 2015-16

Cllr West PROPOSED that the RECOMMENDATION of the Finance Committee that a Precept of £28,162 be set (an increase of 1% on this year) be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

21. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account Business Money Manager Account	£	17,173.59 21,848.38
	£	39,021.97
Credits to the Account this Month		
Community Development Fund – re Neighbourhood Plan	£	425.00
	£	425.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
H&H Land and Property – balance from previous invoice Martins of York – skip at allotments CPI Corporate Solutions Ltd – vests for Task Force Cllr P Whitfield – SurveyMonkey re N'hood Plan P D Greenwell – expenses re computer security P D Greenwell – salary HMRC – PAYE	£	1,801.80 174.00 54.00 24.00 22.80 362.45 271.80
	£	2,710.85

The adoption of the Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr West. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Nothing additional noted at the present time.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10^{th} February 2015 in the Howell Hall, Copmanthorpe, at 7.30 pm. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24th March 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Howell Hall.

Signed	Date

ACTIONS

Updated spreadsheet of council roles – Cllr Whitfield Section 106 monies - Clerk Yorkfield Lane BOAT - Clerk Wayleave on Low Green - Clerk Rats at allotments – Clerk Bus timetable – Cllr Ms Saxton FWW Newsletter notice – Cllr Whitfield