

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER 2015 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE at  
7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**            **COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR**            **Chairman**  
                         **COUNCILLOR BRIAN BELL**  
                         **COUNCILLOR REBECCA BLUES**  
                         **COUNCILLOR MATHEW LISTON**  
                         **COUNCILLOR MARGARET MILLER**  
                         **COUNCILLOR JULIE SAXTON**  
                         **COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST**

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell**

**Clerk**

Before the Meeting began Mr Tyreman, a resident of Sawyers Crescent, expressed his concerns about other residents parking their vehicles on the grass verges there. The Clerk will write to them to request that this practice ceases. It was also noted that visitors to Smithson Court are parking on the narrow road to the rear of the property, parallel to the A64, and also on Millers Croft and at the top of Merchant Way. Parking on Low Green opposite the school is a problem, but this is a matter for the police.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor David Carr  
Councillor Peter Whitfield

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015** having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr West as a true record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The monthly report has been circulated. It was noted that there had been burglaries at the Royal Oak and at the hairdressers, where some cash and two charity boxes had been taken.

## **5. CLERK'S REPORT**

The WI had declined to host the touring theatre company, but it was suggested that they might reconsider if the Parish Council would underwrite the cost. The Clerk to pursue.

Clerk

## **6. ACTION REVIEW**

BOAT on Yorkfield Lane – ongoing.  
Wayleave on Low Green – it is hoped that this will be resolved before Christmas.  
The hedges which had been causing problems appear to have been cut back, but the one at the corner of School Lane/Manor Heath is now overgrown across the footpath.

## **7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A Landscape Character Assessment is being produced, which will go to the Consultant who is preparing the Strategic Environmental Assessment, and then to Historic England in the hope that they will withdraw their request for an SEA.

## **8. FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS THE RAILWAY LINE**

A meeting at the Recreation Centre with Network Rail has been arranged, to be attended by Cllrs Megan Taylor, Peter Whitfield and Robert West to try to persuade them to site the new footbridge there.

## **9. RECREATION CENTRE**

Cllr Whitfield's report has been circulated.

## **10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

The revised housing figures are still under discussion. A decision on sites will be taken in the new year.

## **11. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

No report.

## **12. WARD FUNDING**

The sum of £2,458 being spent on Gardeners Close, including £1,000 for maintenance of the rose beds, appears excessive. It was AGREED that Cllr Carr be asked to get an Officer from CYC to explain the Ward Funding. Cllr Carr

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

No report.

## **14. PUBLIC TRANSPORT and PARK AND RIDE**

Nothing to report.

## **15. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Cllr Liston has contacted Tim Duffy.

## **16. ALLOTMENTS**

Letters have been sent to plot holders whose plots are not being properly looked after. The skip was in place at the end of November and was well used.

## **17. CORRESPONDENCE**

It has been suggested that the Christmas tree lights be extended to the grassed area in St Giles Way next year. It was AGREED that in January the Parish Council would seek the views of the residents in the houses overlooking the grass.

A letter from Network Rail in response to ours about the proposed location of the new footbridge is received.

Dates are being finalised for the laying of the hedge at the burial ground.

Sprouts are going to take over the maintenance of the herb bed in Horseman Close, and David Whiteman will help with this.

## **18. EXHIBITION OF OLD VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS**

Cllr Megan Taylor has met with the Archaeological Society, Mike Rogers and

Marion Weeks. Catrina Appleby is going to apply for lottery funding to digitise the photographs, and volunteers will be needed to help with the scanning. There will be a separate website for the Copmanthorpe photographs and archives, and there is an oral history of the village recorded in the late 1970s which will also go on this new website.

In order to try to trace the missing albums posters will be placed around the village, there will be a notice in the Newsletter and Mr David Sanderson, nephew of Ernest Sanderson, is to put out an appeal on Radio York and Minster FM.

The photographic competition will be re-launched in the spring.

## **19. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

### **a) Planning**

The report has been circulated.

An application to remove some trees at a property on Sutor Close has been refused because there was no arboricultural report and the trees are considered to have a high amenity value.

### **b) Finance**

The minutes from the meeting where grant applications were considered have been circulated. There is a further application, from the Friends of Copmanthorpe Primary School, for funding to refurbish outside space.

Cllr Robert West PROPOSED that a grant of £1,500 be awarded. SECONDED by Cllr Margaret Miller. ALL IN FAVOUR. This brings the total of grants RECOMMENDED to £11,582 and Cllr Robert West PROPOSED that these grants be made. SECONDED by Cllr Brian Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

### **c) Roads and Footpaths**

No meeting had been held.

## **20. ACCOUNTS**

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	17,168.03
Business Money Manager Account		21,863.62
	£	39,031.65

## Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Valerie May Parker	£	75.00
Re: Colin Trayton Ratcliffe-Springall		75.00
Re: Nigel and Anne Whittington		50.00
	£	200.00

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

Stephenson Halliday – re Neighbourhood Plan	£	2,673.00
Kate Bellwood Associates – re Neighbourhood Plan		1,000.00
Martins of York - skip at allotments		132.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		23.96
P D Greenwell – expenses		18.00
P D Greenwell – salary		362.45
	£	4,209.41

In addition to the above payments, a second replacement cheque (£250) is required for the Community Cinema which does not have its own bank account. The cheque to be made payable to the Methodist Church. Payment of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Robert West. SECONDED by Cllr Brian Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**21. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Photographs and Exhibition  
Ward funding

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 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 Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December if necessary. The Finance Committee will meet a 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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