A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2019 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST Chairman

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON
COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR
COUNCILLOR TIM DUFFY
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
COUNCILLOR MELISSA MAGSON
COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk

Six members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8th October 2019, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Duffy as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE REPORT

The monthly Report has been circulated. The presence of drugs in the village is worrying, and it was AGREED that we should discuss next month what the Parish Council might be able to do to help address this issue.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

It was AGREED that the Parish Council should once again fund the provision of a skip at the allotments in order to facilitate the removal of non-compostable debris from the site.

CYC have notified us of a tree in the burial ground which is obscuring the street light. The Clerk will arrange for the necessary work to remedy this.

6. COPMANTHORPE LIBRARY

Representatives from CYC who manage the library service, and staff from the village library, explained that on 1st April CYC entered into a 15 year contract with Explore under which no library in York will close. However in Copmanthorpe there is a need to find an alternative location ahead of the expiration of the lease on the current premises. In doing this they will seek to make the best possible use for the whole community of any available space by sharing with other organisations/facilities. It is acknowledged that finding a suitable venue will not be easy, but the Recreation Centre may be the best option. The Parish Council will offer whatever help it can to facilitate this move, and thanked the officers and library staff for coming to explain the situation.

7. SINK OR SWIM

Sink or Swim, which is seeking to re-open the swimming pool at the School, is now established as a Registered Charity, and local fundraising is ongoing. The School is pressing for progress as the building continues to deteriorate. £200,000 will be needed to bring the building back into use, but charitable status will give better access to grant funding. Mr Ian Cartwright. CYC, has offered to run a community survey to find out what residents of all ages want from the pool. The Trustees are in touch with the Recreation Centre and hope to work with them to improve facilities for residents. The Trustees have requested that a member of the Parish Council join their group, and Cllr Kramm AGREED to represent the Parish Council as a Trustee.

Cllr Kramm

8. ACTION REVIEW

Nothing which is not raised elsewhere.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Some area reports are still outstanding. Cllr Auton asked that these be sent to him in time for him to collate into a report for next Meeting.

Cllrs

Some vegetation has been dumped in the Low Green/Reygate Grove footpath. Clerk

The worn tactile surfaces on Station Road and Church Street have been reported to CYC.

It is noted that the bus stop of Temple Lane is deteriorating badly.

Clerk

A resident of Station Road, who uses a mobility scooter, has asked CYC to make changes to the slope at the end of the footpath by Station Cottages, which is steep, and also slippery in cold weather. Cllr Carr will follow this up.

Cllr Carr

c) Finance

An up to date budget has been circulated.

10. PLANNING APEAL

The Planning Appeal into CYC's refusal to allow the construction of approx. 500 houses on land on Moor Lane, Woodthorpe, adjacent to Askham Bog, has opened today, and will last for three weeks.

11. PURCHASE OF LAND AT FARMERS WAY

The purchase is progressing and completion is anticipated quite soon.

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT and PARK & RIDE

CYC are going to fund the evening service up until Christmas.

"First" is currently up for sale.

The Clean Air Zone will come into force in January.

13. ALLOTMENTS

The new steps are now in place, and the banister will be fitted very soon. A section of fence adjacent to where the stile used to be has been removed. The ditch on the field side of the site has been cleared from both sides, and all the ditches are now flowing freely. It was AGREED that no further action is needed.

Clerk

14. RECYCLING

Working well, but more help is needed.

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15. BURIAL GROUND - GOOD GYM

Cllrs Kramm, West and Mrs Taylor will meet to progress this.

Cllrs

16. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are now awaiting a Green Infrastructure Map from CYC. Work on the Strategic Environmental Assessment is still ongoing.

17. LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY

The Public Inquiry into CYC's Draft Local Plan, to be held at York Racecourse, will begin in December, and Cllr Carr will speak as our Ward Councillor. He will be seeking a reduction in housing numbers in light of the reduction in housing need shown by the most recent figures. Hopefully this will result in a reduction in densities on the agreed sites in Copmanthorpe.

Cllr Carr

18. RECREATION CENTRE

No meeting has been held.

19. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The source of the water leak in Station Road/Main Street has still not been found. Water has been leaking since July.

Work is ongoing to try to ascertain the reason for the failure of the surfacing on Hallcroft Lane.

20. CHRISTMAS EVENT

Thanks to Cllr Magson for designing the flyer, which will be distributed to all homes in the village next week, and to everyone who has worked so hard to organise this event.

Cllrs

Clerk

21. DEFIBRILATOR

The contract for the purchase of the redundant phone box was signed and returned to BT a month ago. The Clerk will chase this up.

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22. HERITAGE TRAIL

Further supplies of the leaflet are needed as those in the post office and library have all been taken. Thanks to Cllr Magson for providing the artwork which is now ready to go in the Information Board.

23. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Kramm has circulated Evidence of Use forms and asks members to complete these and also forward them to as many people as possible, in order to support the network of local Public Rights of Way. Completed forms to be returned to Cllrs Cllr Kramm before next Meeting.

24. TREE PLANTING

Defer to next Meeting.

25. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Still no volunteers.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further.

27. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Community Account	£	46,545.36
Business Money Manager Account		21,946.25
	£	68,491.61

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Joanne Crosier, Trevor Douglas and David Whitehead £ 160.00

	£	160.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Brighter Gardens	£	630.00
Aetherweb Limited – website hosting		509.26
Tennants UK – signage		263.28
P D Greenwell – expenses		52.00
P D Greenwell – salary		388.82
	£	1,843.36

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Auton. SECONDED by Cllr Carr. ALL IN FAVOUR.

28. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Burial ground.

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 10th December at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. This will 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, 26th November at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

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