

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
14th MARCH 2023 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE
at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST Chairman
 COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON
 COUNCILLOR JOHN DOBSON
 COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
 COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk
One member of the public**

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr David Carr – Civic duties
Cllr Tim Duffy
Cllr Tim Jarrett
Cllr David Smith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 14th February 2023,
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. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Cllr Smith not present. The monthly report from the police has been received. No
information has been received from the police about the incident on Low Green last
month.

5. ACTION REVIEW

The tarmaced drive on a newly refurbished property on Manor Heath has been
reported to CYC Planning Department.

The damaged bollard at the car park has been reported to CYC, and the Clerk
will write to the owner of the car park to thank him for recent repairs and urge
further improvements.

Clerk

Arrangements have been made for Community Payback to refurbish the Parish Council owned public seats in the village, and will also carry out some work to the fence and community garden outside Howell Hall. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would purchase any supplies required for these works.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

b) Roads and Footpaths

Some patching work has been carried out on Manor Heath by CYC, but a lot of potholes still remain.

There is a lot of litter around the pond on the approach to the Park and Ride site, and also on the verge of the westbound side of the A64, for quite a distance beyond the sliproad.

Clerk

It is noted that the tree guards have never been removed from the trees on the approach road from London bridge garage.

The verge edges in the village need some attention and the Clerk will ask Community Payback if this is something they could deal with.

Clerk

c) Finance

No report.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

The new cherry trees have been planted on the Horseman Lane triangle. We are grateful to the Scouts for their help with this.

“Step Lightly” are hoping to be able to plant some wildflowers in the village in time for next year’s growing season.

At the allotments, the catch on the small gate is broken, and part of the roof on the communal shed has been blown off.

Clerk

7. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Councillor Carr not present owing to civic duties.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CYC Officers are currently reviewing the revised documents and have requested a meeting with Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor on 4th April.

9. YORKFIELD LANE and the PROPOSED CLOSURE OF BECKETTS RAILWAY CROSSING

A further meeting with representatives of Network Rail, City of York Council, Bishopthorpe Parish Council, Julian Sturdy's office, and other interested parties will take place in the Howell Hall on Monday, 20th March at 3.00 pm. The aim of the Meeting will be to discuss any suggestions which Network Rail may have which would achieve our stated aim of making the crossing accessible to wheelchair users and pushchairs, anyone with reduced mobility, and cyclists.

10. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We now have all our own equipment, as well as additional hi-visibility vests. Sadly, only three of the group of sixteen volunteers have responded to Cllr Mrs Taylor's email regarding resumption of deployments.

11. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNS

Cllr Carr has obtained two quotes for these signs, to be supplied and installed by CYC with a choice of two locations. The full estimated cost of installation for a standard VAS sign, with a 6 year warranty, would be £5,800. For a sign with a SID (Speed Indicator Device) it would be £6,400. Cllr Auton had previously obtained a number of quotes, the best of which was approx. £2,500.

Cllr Carr had indicated that he would have some Ward money available to put towards this but at this stage is not able to state exactly how much.

It appears that the Parish Council is not to be permitted to purchase a sign of its own choosing, but is required to pay for one from only two options given by CYC. After some discussion around getting best value for money, and the lack of any breakdown of the costs from CYC (purchase price and installation costs) the Chairman PROPOSED acceptance of the £6,400 quote. A vote was taken, with two members in FAVOUR, and four AGAINST.

The Clerk will respond to Cllr Carr.

Clerk

12. NOTICE BOARD and HERITAGE TRAIL INFORMATION BOARD

The Clerk has submitted to CYC the application for advertisement consent. However further information is required, and she and Cllr Kramm are working together to supply this.

Clerk/
Cllr
Kramm

13. CORONATION EVENT

A village picnic will take place at the Recreation Centre on Sunday, 7th May, and the format will be very similar to the Jubilee event held last summer. A meeting of the Events group will take place on 29th March.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

15. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	47,831.41
Business Money Manager Account		22,065.00
	£	69,896.41

Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – grass cutting	£	402.80
St Giles Church, Coptoberfest, for Copmanthorpe Volunteers		300.00
Interest on Business Money Manager a/c		51.36
	£	754.16

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Christians Environmental – Yorkfield Lane survey	£	1,500.00
Branches Out – poplar tree at allotments		950.00
Business Stream – allotments		78.79
NextGen Clothing Limited- hi-viz vests for Community Speedwatch		72.00
Stuart Auton Plumbing – taps at allotments		50.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		22.62
P D Greenwell – salary		474.60
	£	3,148.01

Bank charges for month to 24 January 2023 - £19.95.

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Kramm. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Kramm PROPOSED that £25,000 be transferred from the Current Account to the Business Money Manager Account, to take advantage of recent rises in bank interest rates. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Garden competition.
New Councillor.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28th March 2023 at 8.15 pm. This will be preceded by a Ward Meeting at 7.30 pm.

Following the Parish Council elections, the Annual Meeting of the newly elected members will be held on Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed Date