

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023 AT 7.30 PM IN THE HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE,  
COPMANTHORPE.**

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

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell                           Clerk  
Two members of the public**

Before the Meeting began a resident of Sawyers Crescent expressed his concerns about the proposal to site a 15 metre high telecommunications mast on land at the junction of Tadcaster Road and Top Lane. The Parish Council has had representations about this from a number of residents living in the vicinity of the proposed mast, and has made objections, and suggested alternative sites, to City of York Council Planning Department.

The resident also has concerns about significant cracks which have opened up in the footpath by his property. He was advised to report these to City of York Council. He also asked about progress to establish a Friends of the Burial Ground group. The Parish Council is hoping to promote this via the Village Newsletter.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor David Carr – on sabbatical  
Councillor Chris Steward – City of York Council

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023, having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr West. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**4. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Mr Mike Birthill had submitted his CV, and members are pleased to co-opt him onto the Parish Council. Mr Birthill signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was counter-signed by the Clerk.

One other resident has also intimated that they would be interested in becoming a Councillor, and they will be asked to submit their CV. Cllr Auton

## 5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly Report has been circulated. There has been one reported burglary and a few more minor incidents.

## 6. ACTION REVIEW

The illuminated name sign at the convenience store is still in place. However the new owner of the business has stated that he will be removing it, and also removing the cameras and signage relating to parking outside the shop.

The grass verges in the village have now been cut by CYC.

Suitable locations for the dog-fouling signs have been located, and Cllr Auton will attach these in due course. Cllr Auton

The dead tree at the allotments has been removed.

A quote to re-paint the railings around the War Memorial is awaited. Clerk

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated  
The Parish Council's application for two notice boards is at last going through the system. Strong representations about the extension to the Old School Medical Centre (for reasons relating to parking and therefore highway safety) and to the proposed telecommunications mast at Top Lane/Tadcaster Road, have been submitted.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

No report and no meeting has been held.  
It is noted that the footpath from Colton Lane to the A64 is very overgrown.

### c) Finance and Risk Management

Cllr Kramm is to meet with the previous Committee Chairman for a handover. Cllr Kramm

**d) Allotments and Green Spaces**

Community Payback is now in a position to carry out the previously discussed and agreed work to the area around Howell Hall, and also the refurbishment of some of the village benches. The Scout Group has established a rota for watering the garden area at the front of the Hall.

**8. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Councillor Steward was not present.

**9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor need to meet with Mr Martin Pickard and Mr Derek Bowen to discuss the latest amendments, and then to meet again with City of York Council officers.

Cllrs  
Mrs Taylor/  
Whitfield

**10. YORKFIELD LANE**

A management plan is needed for the entire length of the Lane. The stall at the Carnival had been used to promote the proposed Friends of Yorkfield Lane group, and some interest had been shown.

**11. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF RAILWAY CROSSING**

Cllrs Auton and Smith will attend the meeting of the full City of York Council on 20<sup>th</sup> July, when this matter will be discussed. Cllr Kramm will draft a presentation.

Cllrs  
Auton/  
Smith/  
Kramm

**12. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

It is still proving very difficult to get sufficient volunteers together at any one time, and quite a few volunteers seem to have fallen away.

**13. COPMANTHORPE CARNIVAL**

The new banners had looked effective, although the stall had not had many visitors.

The new gazebo is somewhat flimsy, and Cllr Smith will investigate the options for a sturdier one in due course.

Cllr  
Smith

Cllr Smith had had a lengthy discussion with Julian Sturdy, MP on the proposed closure of the railway crossing, and the Parish Council's vision for Yorkfield Lane.

#### 14. YORK ENVIRONMENT WEEK

This will take place from 21<sup>st</sup> September and is organised by the York Environment Forum. Cllr Kramm will ask the Scouts if they are interested in being involved with this, and will also speak to Oliver Kneen who had attended the February Parish Council meeting seeking support for a Social Enterprise Company – Step Lightly – which will try to help restore natural habitats and encourage biodiversity.

Cllr  
Kramm

#### 15. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders had been reviewed by Members, and it was RESOLVED that no changes were required.

Clerk

#### 16. CORRESPONDENCE

The local stonemason, Kevin Ledgeway, and the Clerk have inspected the headstones in the burial ground, and found no major problems, One requires some slight re-fixing and Mr Ledgeway will attend to this at no cost to the Parish Council.

The lady who had sought permission to place a bench in the burial ground in memory of her late mother has now changed her mind and this will not be going ahead.

#### 17. ACCOUNTS

##### Balances at the Bank

Business Current Account	£	21,585.43
Business Money Manager Account		47,204.61
	£	68,790.04
Credits to the Account this Month		
Allotment rent	£	27.00
	£	27.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	1,909.00
Graham Auton – banners for Carnival stall		225.32
Megan Taylor – Garden comp and Carnival expenses		102.16
P D Greenwell – gift vouchers for Garden comp		250.00
P D Greenwell – salary		474.40
HMRC – PAYE		226.40
	£	3,187.28

Bank charges for month to 24 May 2023 - £37.33

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

**18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Events - D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration  
Christmas event

Equality and Diversity policy

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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