

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
17th AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30 PM in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE,
COPMANTHORPE.**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON Chairman
COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTHILL
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH
COUNCILLORMRS MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell
Cllr Chris Steward
Mr Oliver Kneen**

**Clerk
City of York Council
Step Lightly**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Lars Kramm
Councillor Robert West

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 11th JULY 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. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Councillor Carr has confirmed his resignation from the Parish Council. His contribution over many years is gratefully acknowledged.

Ward Councillor Chris Steward confirmed that he is happy to be co-opted onto the Parish Council, and will sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next Parish Council meeting. AGREED.

Two vacancies remain.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly police report details some anti-social behaviour and incidences of theft, as well as an assault on a member of staff in the Co-op. It is noted that further incidences of vehicle theft have occurred in the village since the

date of the report Residents are urged to be vigilant with regard to their property.

6. WILDFLOWER PLANTING at HORSEMAN DRIVE

Mr Oliver Kneen outlined how he hopes to create an area for wildlife and nature to flourish in this part of the village. Natural meadow spaces encourage insects and pollinators and help to make the area both drought and flood resistant. Half of the grassed area in Vavasour Court has been treated in this way this year – the other half being mown as previously to provide for children to play and general recreation.

Under Mr Kneen's proposal the edges would be mowed and, in the centre, the turf would be removed and the ground turned over. The total available area is 923 square metres, in five separate parcels of land, and the total cost to treat all five areas would be £2,769. There would be no charge for maintenance during summer 2024.

The Parish Council will discuss this proposal at the September meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

A strong objection will be made to the proposal for four houses on the site of Copmanthorpe Motors and Cop MOTs.

Agreement has been reached for the Recreation Centre to provide 4 car parking spaces for staff at the Old School Medical Practice.

Permission for the replacement Parish Council notice board and Heritage Information board has been granted.

b) Roads and Footpaths

The anti-dog fouling signs have been erected.

c) Finance

Defer to next Meeting.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

A team from Community Payback have done some work in front of the Howell Hall, but the posts and fencing are still to be replaced.

Maintenance work to the benches around the village is also still outstanding.

8. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Discussions have been held with the Co-op about early morning deliveries to the shop. These should be made using the back entrance.

The Ward Budget will be only £4,000 this year, as opposed to £18,000 last year, so there will still be some money available for community projects.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor, and Mr Martin Pickard, are to meet with Officers at CYC on 7th September.

10. YORKFIELD LANE

The formation of a "Friends" group has been promoted in the PC insert in the September edition of the Village Newsletter. The School Governors, and village organisations such as the Scouts, will be contacted with a view to getting some input from residents.

A representative from Miller Homes wishes to talk to the Parish Council about their proposals for the Tadcaster Road site. Cllr Smith will offer some dates. Cllr Smith

A Public Inquiry is to be opened on 10th October at Park Plaza Hotel, Leeds, to determine Network Rail's application under the Transport and Works Act 1992 in relation to the necessary land acquisition and closure of the existing crossing. A pre-Inquiry meeting will be held virtually at 10.00 am on 5th September. Cllrs Smith and Kramm will discuss how best to proceed. Cllrs Smith/Kramm

11. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Community Speedwatch was deployed yesterday. A decision from the police regarding deployment on Tadcaster Road is still awaited.

12. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

It was RESOLVED that the previously circulated policy, amended from the model policy published by NALC, be adopted.

12. EVENTS

Christmas Grotto: This will be held on 2nd December. A meeting with representatives of the Methodist Church to discuss arrangements will be held next Wednesday.

D-Day Commemoration: The piper has been booked, and the Clerk has registered our event with the Pageantmaster.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

We are informed that our Defibrillator may need to be re-called.
Cllr Whitfield will deal with this matter.

Cllr
Whitfield

A resident of St Nicholas Road has written to express her concerns about various parking and traffic related issues, specifically close to the junction of The Link with Manor Heath, and College Road with Hallcroft Lane. Also, outside the Co-op, the Methodist Church, the WI Hall and the Old School Medical Practice. These matters have been raised with, and discussed by, the Parish Council many times over many years, but the PC has no powers to act. The Clerk will respond.

Clerk

15. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	18,599.57
Business Money Manager Account		47,204.61

£ 65,804.58

Credits to the Account this Month

HMRC – VAT refund	£	1,919.92
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Your Creative Sauce – artwork for banners	£	199.80
Branches Out – removal of dead tree at allotments		150.00
P D Greenwell – McAfee cover for 2 years		119.99
Laura Simpson – piper for D-Day event, deposit		50.00
Megan Taylor – computer security		29.95
P D Greenwell – expenses		88.20
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		36.44
P D Greenwell – salary		474.60
	£	1,148.98

Bank charges for month to 24 June 2023 - £18.50

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

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Proposal for Wildflower Planting at Horseman Lane.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 12th September 2023 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, 29th August, if necessary.

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

Signed Date