



## **7. WILDFLOWER PLANTING at HORSEMAN DRIVE**

For the benefit of members not present at the last Meeting, Cllr Kneen outlined his proposal for this area of land.

Cllr West PROPOSED that all five areas of land at Horseman Drive, totalling 923 square metres be converted to wildflower meadow next spring at a cost of £2,769. There will be no maintenance costs next year. Details will be finalised nearer the time, but it will be necessary to ensure sight lines for drivers turning into Horseman Lane, and CYC must be told not to cut this area. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## **8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

### **a) Planning**

The monthly report had been circulated.

A meeting with representatives of Miller Homes and JR Passoc, the companies working on development of the Tadcaster Road site, had been attended by Cllrs Mrs Taylor, Auton and Smith and the Clerk. The main concern of the Parish Council is the single access to the site, but a number of other points were raised for consideration by Millers and JR Passoc. Notes will be circulated separately.

### **b) Roads and Footpaths**

No report.

The Village Newsletter has been used to ask residents to cut back any trees on their properties which are interfering with street lights.

The large concrete blocks on Westfield Lane have been moved to allow access for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

### **c) Finance**

The External Auditor's report and Notice of Conclusion of Audit are received and have been published on the Parish Council website and on the notice board.

A Committee Meeting will be held early in November, and notice of the availability of grant aid for village organisations will go in the November Newsletter.

### **d) Allotments and Green Spaces**

No meeting has been held.

Cllr West will try to find some volunteers to tidy up unkempt plots.

## **9. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Ward funding has been significantly cut back and will only be approx. £4,000 this year, to cover both highways expenditure and grants.

**10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor are meeting with CYC Officers tomorrow evening to discuss the latest amendments.

**11. YORKFIELD LANE and the TADCASTER ROAD DEVELOPMENT SITE**

A large tree on the Lane has been removed and a fence, which appears to encroach upon the Lane, has been erected. The Clerk will forward the topographical survey to Russell Varley at CYC, and also to Cllr Steward.

Clerk

Notes on the development site will be circulated separately.

Clerk

Cllrs Kramm and Smith had attended the virtual pre-Inquiry Meeting where they had learnt that the Public Inquiry is scheduled to last for three weeks commencing on 10<sup>th</sup> October. It is not practicable for any Parish Councillor to attend for this entire period, so our representations will be made in writing. Mr Julian Sturdy, MP, may attend and speak. It was noted that there had been no consultation with Bishopthorpe Parish Council.

**12. EVENTS**

The Christmas Grotto will be held on the ground floor of the Methodist Church. Other Christmas activities may be taking place in the upstairs rooms on the same day.

A wreath will be laid on Remembrance Sunday and the normal Temporary Road Closure Order will be sought.

Clerk

A piper has been booked to play at next summer's D-Day Commemoration.

**13. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

It was AGREED that entrants to the competition would be limited to submitting a maximum of three images. The closing date for this year's competition is 31st January 2024.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

Following on from the plea in the Newsletter, a small number of volunteers Has come forward to help with maintenance of the burial ground. It was AGREED that Mr Keith Tyreman should be asked to contact these people. Cllr West will supervise any tidying up activity in the burial ground.

**15. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	17,210.54
Business Money Manager Account		47,398.64
	£	64,609.18

**Credits to the Account this Month**

Interest on Business Money Master a/c	£	194.03
Allotments		50.00
Re: Frederick David Forth		30.00
	£	274.03

**Accounts to be Paid this Month**

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	2,120.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit Fee		252.00
Business Stream – re allotments		139.64
Peter Whitfield – printer cartridges		81.99
P D Greenwell – salary		474.40
	£	3,068.03

Bank charges for month to 24 July 2023 - £15.00

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

**16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Tree planting.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 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, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

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

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