

Roads and Footpaths Each member will look after their own allotted area.

Finance and Risk Assessment Councillors Whitfield, West, Steward and Gowland agreed to serve.

Allotments and Green Spaces Councillors West, Whitfield, Smith, Birthill and Kneen agreed to serve.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

- 5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2023,** having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Birthill. ALL IN FAVOUR.

6. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report had been circulated. Some anti-social behaviour and a small number of thefts have been reported. No complaints had been received by the police from the Recreation Centre about anti-social behaviour in that area.

7. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Steward had researched Public Space Protection Orders, but the process of applying for one of these is very lengthy with no guarantee that it would be granted. Enforcement is also very difficult. It was AGREED that this would not be pursued. The Clerk will, however, invite the police to send a representative to the December Parish Council Meeting.

Clerk

The necessary work to trees in the burial ground will be carried out this week.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly report had been circulated.

An amendment to the proposals for the Copmanthorpe Motors site has been submitted, but over 160 objections have already been received, with no-one in support.

b) Roads and Footpaths

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of large vehicles coming through the village since the weight limit was placed on the bridge in Bishopthorpe. The Executive Member for Transport at CYC is aware of residents' concerns about this. It was AGREED that we should investigate the purchase of equipment to monitor pollution levels.

Cllrs
West/
Kramm

Proposals received by the Clerk today to introduce "No Waiting at any Time" restrictions at the junction of Top Lane and Horseman Lane (20m in each direction) and also at the junction of Top Lane and Merchant Way (20m in each direction). Members are supportive of the proposal at Merchant Way, but can see no reason for any restrictions at Horseman Lane. Cllr Steward is in agreement with this view, and he and the Clerk will respond accordingly. The Clerk will also request that CYC look again at the situation on The Link, and also the junction of College Road with Hallcroft Lane.

Clerk/
Cllr
Steward

Cllr Steward will also ask that the yellow lines on Church Street be re-instated.

c) Finance and Risk Assessment

Cllr Kramm has circulated a draft budget to date. Grant applications are being received, and will be discussed at a meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday, 5th December.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

Cllr Kneen agreed to Chair this Committee.

9. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The new properties to be built at the top of Moor Lane will all be freehold, and owners will pay an annual management fee of £150-200. The roads will not be adopted by CYC.

Financial support for the pupils' bus to Tadcaster Grammar School is likely to be withdrawn, but this will only apply to new pupils.

Last year, Copmanthorpe was one of the Wards where, as part of a trial, weed spraying had been reduced from three to two sprays. It was noted that there had been a significant increase in weeds growing in the gulleys and it was AGREED that we should revert to three sprays annually.

CYC's Local Transport Plan is going out to consultation over the next twelve weeks.

An exhibition in St Edward the Confessor Church on Tadcaster Road will show which areas of that road are going to be resurfaced once the ongoing work to the drainage system is complete.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Whitfield and Mrs Taylor, and Mr Derek Bowen, had last week met with officers at CYC Planning Department. It is accepted that the Neighbourhood Plan will be subservient to the Local Plan, which will probably be approval first. Further changes to the Strategic Environmental Assessment have been requested, and this could mean a delay of a further twelve months.

10. YORKFIELD LANE and TADCASTER ROAD SITE

The public meeting held by Miller Homes had been well attended by residents.

11. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF BECKETTS CROSSING

Cllr Smith had attended the Public Inquiry and presented the views of the Parish Council. A decision is due in December.

12. EVENTS

The Remembrance Day Service had taken place on Memorial Green and Cllr Auton had laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Christmas Grotto will be open on 2nd December in the Methodist Church Hall. Tickets have been supplied to the school and Panda Playgroup, and the event has been advertised in the School Newsletter, the Parish Council News and on posters around the village. Members' help is needed with marshalling the procession from Howell Hall to the Methodist Church, and with clearing up on the morning of Sunday 3rd, from 9.00 a.m.

Cllrs

Little Acorns will be open, and the Wetherby Silver Band will be playing on the Green. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR for 2023-24

Town Parish Audit, who carried out our Internal Audit last year, are no longer in business. The Clerk PROPOSED that Elker Lodge Bookkeeping be appointed to carry out this work for 2023-24. AGREED.

Clerk

14. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	29,115.13
Business Money Manager Account		47,398.64
	£	76,513.77

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Harriet Wilson	£	125.00
	£	125.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Gazeboshop – new gazebo	£	2,812.93
Brighter Gardens and Landscapes		2,333.00
Sports Turf Services – for Recreation Centre		534.00
City of York Council – ½ year allotments rent		523.50
Aetherweb Limited – website hosting		360.00
IncDot Design and Print – re Christmas Grotto		152.94
SLCC – Clerk’s subscription		148.00
CPI Corporate Solutions Limited		80.28
Peter Whitfield – Grotto expenses		54.73
Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day wreath		20.00
P D Greenwell – salary (including back pay from April)		776.84
	£	7,796.22

Bank charges for month to 24 September 2023 - £15.00.

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

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Pollution monitoring
D-Day commemoration 2024

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday, 5th December 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 12th December 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. This will be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed Date