

A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY 2024 at 7.30 PM in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON Chairman
COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTILL
COUNCILLOR OLIVER KNEEN
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD
COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P Diane Greenwell
Cllr Chris Steward
Six members of the public

Clerk
City of York Council

Before the business of the Meeting began, residents of Temple Lane expressed their concerns about the increasing numbers of HGVs coming past their properties en route from Acaster Airfield. They feel that it is no longer safe to walk along Temple Lane, especially along the stretch where there is no footpath. Speeding vehicles of all sizes are adding to the danger. The Parish Council has written to the Traffic Commissioner, who cannot help, and subsequently to CYC Highways and Cllr Pete Kilbane, Executive Member for Economy and Transport. After a lengthy discussion it was AGREED that we would request a 20mph zone on Temple Lane, or new and bigger 30 mph signs, and ask Celkom for a voluntary agreement that their drivers should drive at 20 mph along Temple Lane. The Clerk has already sought permission to erect some "No footpath" signs along that particular stretch. The Parish Council will also resurrect the purchase of VAS signs.

Residents are urged to report any incidents to the police, and to start their own social media/publicity campaign to bring this matter to the attention of residents.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Will Gowland
Councillor David Smith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2023,** having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr West as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Inspector Lee Pointon had attended a meeting last week where the various matters of concern to the Parish Council had been raised: Cold calling, speeding traffic, alcohol consumption in the street.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**a) Planning**

The monthly Report has been circulated.

The application at the Old School Medical Practice has been approved, subject to an Approved Travel Plan.

The Reserved Matters Application at York Field has been discussed, and members still have a lot of concerns about access from Tadcaster Road, proposals for a cycle path, and the small allocation of Sec 106 monies for Yorkfield Lane.

b) Roads and Footpaths

It is noted that there is a lot of rubbish in the laybys on the A64.

Verges are being damaged by parked vehicles, notably on Horseman Lane by the Old School Medical Practice, and at the top of Manor Heath.

c) Finance

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held last week had been circulated.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

The Committee needs to arrange a date for an inspection of the Allotments and ascertain if any work is needed on the site.

Some boxes to encourage swifts have been installed on the new trees.

6. TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2024-25

The increase of 5%, which had been PROPOSED by the Finance Committee at its Meeting last week, was AGREED. A Precept of £38,923 will be requested.

7. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Nothing to report.

8. NUMBER 13 BUS SERVICE

There is a proposal to remove Flaxman Croft from the route of the number 13 bus, run by Connexions, who say that they cannot afford to maintain this. The service is heavily subsidised by CYC who will decide, in April, whether this subsidy can be maintained. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should object to this reduction in the service which will potentially affect approx. 500 residents.

9. AIR POLLUTION

Defer to next month.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No change. Information on the changes required by CYC Planning Department is still awaited. The recently announced delay in CYC's Draft Local Plan will only mean further delay for the Neighbourhood Plan.

11. YORKFIELD LANE

Cllr Smith not present. Defer to next month.

12. RAILWAY CROSSING

Following their withdrawal of the Application, representatives of Network Rail had met on 15th December with members of the Parish Council. They acknowledged that the consultation had been inadequate and that insufficient consideration had been given to the needs of disabled and less mobile people. They agreed to start the process again, and consult more widely on proposals for a bridge to replace the Crossing. The Parish Council requested that Network Rail consider all options.

13. EVENTS

The Events Team will meet to consider arrangements to mark the 8th Anniversary of the D-Day landings.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had responded to various emails from residents expressing concerns about the increased number of HGVs coming through the village.

15. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	18,865.98
Business Money Manager Account		47,627.22
	£	66,493.20
Credits to the Account this Month	£	000.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Electrotest – Christmas lights	£	684.50
P D Greenwell – salary		509.80
HMRC – PAYE		334.44
CCleaner – computer		14.98
	£	1,553.72

Bank charges for month to 24 November 2023 - £14.00.

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

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Photographic competition.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th February 2024 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, 27th February 2024 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed Date