

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.30 PM in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE.**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON Chairman**  
**COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTILL**  
**COUNCILLOR WILL GOWLAND**  
**COUNCILLOR OLIVER KNEEN**  
**COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH**  
**COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR**  
**COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST**

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

Before the business of the Meeting began, residents of Temple Lane gave an update on their observations since the last Parish Council meeting. Cars and vans do sometimes exceed the speed limit, but large vehicles generally keep within the limit. They asked if Community Speedwatch could be deployed along Temple Lane; the Parish Council is seeking a response from the police about this, but has so far received none. In addition, there are currently only five volunteers. The Chairman has asked CYC if we could re-visit the provision of VAS signs, and they have stated that they will first need to carry out a traffic survey. The Chairman has also met with CYC to discuss the bridge in Bishopthorpe; they aim to have the bridge repaired by December, however if it cannot be strengthened the situation will remain unchanged and heavy vehicles will be diverted through Copmanthorpe indefinitely. The residents present feel that the whole process by which the licence to operate such large vehicles from Acaster Airfield was granted is flawed, and should be investigated to prevent similar problems arising in the future.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Lars Kramm  
Councillor Chris Steward  
Councillor Peter Whitfield

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024,** having been previously circulated, were **PROPOSED** by Cllr West as a true and correct record of that Meeting. **SECONDED** by Cllr Kneen.  
**ALL IN FAVOUR.**

#### **4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

One serious incident in the past month, a non-fatal strangulation in Church Street.

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

The monthly report has been circulated. The Parish Council Chairman is continuing to seek clarification on the enforcement of conditions stipulated in planning consents.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

The condition of village roads continues to deteriorate. A resident has requested a bench at the bottom of Merchant Way. This will be considered.

**c) Finance**

No meeting has been held.

**d) Allotments and Green Spaces**

The allotments have been inspected, and some require attention. The Clerk will write to the tenants of those concerned. A general spring clean and tidy up will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> April. The two small gates need attention, or possibly replacement. Estimates will be obtained. Cllr  
It was AGREED that the annual rent for a full plot be increased to £30. Kneen/  
Clerk

Four swift boxes have been obtained and it was AGREED that up to 500 leaflets will be printed and distributed in the areas of the village where swifts have been seen. It is hoped that residents will take advantage of the offer of a free swift box for their gardens. Cllr  
Kneen

**6. YORKFIELD LANE**

It was agreed that the gates at either end of Section C-D should be padlocked open, and a grassed path through the middle with wildflowers planted on either side. Most of the tree stumps should remain, and perhaps a bench and a bin could be purchased. Need to check with CYC re emptying of any dog bin. We also need to ascertain who is responsible for trimming the hedge on the section leading up to the railway line, and ask CYC PROW department to deal with the matter of encroachment onto Yorkfield Lane by owners of certain properties in Gardeners Close. Cllrs  
Auton/  
Steward  
Clerk

All of this will provide a green corridor through the village and a safe walking route to school.

**7. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

It is likely that Council Tax will rise by 5% with, additionally, a new and separate charge for a green bin of £46.20 per annum. York is likely to receive about £1.8m of recently announced government funding.

The removal of 'free' travel to Tadcaster Grammar School has been approved for new pupils. Siblings will receive £495 towards their transport.

#### **8. ALTERNATIVE to GREEN BIN PROVISION**

Defer to next month.

#### **9. OLD SCHOOL MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Planning consent for the proposed extension has been granted, and the work should be completed in the next 18 months. The Bishopthorpe practice will close on 4<sup>th</sup> July. As part of Nimbuscare, and with more clinical rooms becoming available, more services will be available to patients.

#### **10. SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON TEMPLE LANE**

See Sheet 1 – public participation.

#### **11. AIR POLLUTION MONITORING**

We have been informed by an expert at the University that there would be no point in purchasing equipment to monitor air pollution in the village, which we believe to have increased with the greater number of heavy vehicles passing through.

#### **12. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

The extremely wet weather has prevented any deployments recently. There are insufficient volunteers available to deploy in February or March, so the next deployment will not be until April.

#### **13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Nothing to report.

#### **14. TADCASTER ROAD SITE**

A strong objection to this has been submitted, particularly in respect of the proposed access to the site.

#### **15. EVENTS**

The 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in France will be marked on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

The beacon will be lit at 9.15 pm as part of the national commemoration, the Proclamation will be read out, and the piper will play. The Parish Council is organising a fish and chip lunch for village residents who will be over 80 years of age on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**16. ACCOUNTS**

**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	17,677.26
Business Money Manager Account		47,627.22
	£	65,304.48

**Credits to the Account this Month**

Re: Geoffrey John Peters	£	375.00
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**Accounts to be Paid this Month**

YLCA – training	£	91.80
P D Greenwell - salary		509.60
Step Lightly –wildflower seeds		433.99
	£	1,035.39

Bank charges for month to 24 December 2023 - £20.00.

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

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Howell Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm. 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> March 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, in the Howell Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

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