

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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 LARS KRAMM**  
**COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD**  
**COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST**  
**COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

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

Before the business of the Meeting began the Chairman presented prizes to the winner and runner-up in the photographic competition, and presented the Chapman-Andrews Cup to the winner.

We have been informed of the decision of the Executive this morning that, following some legal work to confirm ownership of the bridge, a detailed design will be drawn up as the basis for the necessary repairs to the Bishopthorpe bridge. The estimated cost of £300k will be met by City of York Council.

Following a letter from Cllr Auton, Appleton Roebuck Parish Council has submitted a very strong objection to any extension of the HGV facilities at Acaster Airfield.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor David Smith  
Councillor Mrs Megan Taylor

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

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024,** having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Birtill as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr West. ALL IN FAVOUR.

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

No report received this month.

#### **5. ACTION REVIEW**

Estimates for new gates at the allotments have been obtained.

Three of the four available swift boxes have been allocated to residents, and more boxes can be obtained if funding can be found.

An estimate for removal of the tree stumps on Section C-D of Yorkfield Lane has been obtained and a second quote will be sought. It was AGREED Cllr that the fence panels will be left in situ for the time being. Options for bench Auton/ seating and a dog bin will be investigated, to be funded from Section 106 Clerk monies currently held by the Parish Council.

## 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

A Report for the Annual Parish Meeting has been circulated.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

We are still trying to find a way to mitigate the effects of the large number of HGVs coming through the village as a result of the weight restriction on Bishopthorpe bridge.

Severe damage has been inflicted on the cherry trees on the Tadcaster Road approach to the village. The Chairman is trying to find out who is responsible, and to request replacements for the damaged trees.

The very large pothole on Manor Heath has been repaired, but the manhole covers are now sinking.

The shops car park is once again in a very poor state of repair. The Clerk will ask for appropriate repairs.

Part of the footpath on Church Street is falling away.

Clerk

### c) Finance

No meeting has been held.

### d) Allotments and Green Spaces

Work to plant the wildflowers on the Horseman Lane triangles will start once the weather improves.

## 7. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Regrettably, it has been confirmed that the Flaxman Croft loop will be removed from the route of the number 13 bus service.

It is not yet clear how the new charge for green bin collections will work, but bills will be sent to households later on in the year.

The planning application to dual the Outer Ring Road will be decided by CYC next week.

Discussions are taking place to provide some kind of community transport for older and disabled people to replace the Dial and Ride service.

## 8. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES to GREEN BIN PROVISION

The possibility of setting up a facility in the village to mulch or chip green waste, or possibly a bulk purchase of compost bins for residents, was discussed. These would not be easy to implement, and it was felt that the provision of information and advice sessions for residents on composting may be a better way to proceed. Cllrs Kramm and Steward will try to

Cllrs  
Kramm/  
Steward

progress this. "Yorwaste" may be able to help.

#### **9. WAR MEMORIAL**

It was AGREED that we should seek to have the Memorial Cross on Memorial Green listed. The Clerk will apply to Historic England. The Cross will be cleaned by volunteers once the weather improves.

Clerk

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

The Chairman has asked the police to monitor the speed of traffic along Temple Lane, and also Tadcaster Road. This will determine whether or not the police will agree to the Parish Council extending Community Speedwatch to these roads.

#### **11. BUS SERVICE and YORK BUS FORUM**

It was AGREED that the Parish Council should join the York Bus Forum, at an annual cost of £15. Twelve other Parish Councils are already in membership. The Forum holds monthly meetings, via Zoom, which Cllrs Auton and West offered to attend.

Clerk

#### **12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

No further progress, as CYC Officers have been working on the Draft Local Plan.

#### **13. YORKFIELD LANE and the TADCASTER ROAD SITE**

A meeting with representatives of Miller Homes will take place next week.

#### **14. EVENTS – D DAY 80 YEAR COMMEMORATION**

A fish and chip tea has been offered, via the Newsletter, to all residents who will be aged over 80 on 6<sup>th</sup> June – D Day 80<sup>th</sup> commemoration day. This will take place in St Giles Church at about 5.30 pm (time to be confirmed). Copmanthorpe Chippy will supply the food.

The Proclamation will be read out, and the beacon lit, at 9.15 pm.

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Steward had attended a meeting on the York and North Yorkshire Recovery Strategy, which is lead by North Yorkshire Council and supported by CYC.

A student at York St John University is seeking help in making a film about Copmanthorpe.

**16. ACCOUNTS**

**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	16,568.87
Business Money Manager Account		47,627.22
	£	64,196.09

**Credits to the Account this Month**

Re: Catherine Mary Driver	£	125.00
	£	125.00

**Accounts to be Paid this Month**

Yorkshire Water – burial ground	£	25.33
P D Greenwell – vouchers for photographic competition		115.93
P D Greenwell - salary		509.80
	£	651.06

Bank charges for month to 24 January 2024 - £13.00

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

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Parish Council email address
- Copmanthorpe Carnival
- Gardening competition

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

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