

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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 ROBERT WEST**  
**COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

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

Before the business of the Meeting began, a member of the public suggested that the telephone kiosk on Horseman Lane, which houses a defibrillator, could also be used as an unofficial library/book exchange. It was agreed by members to be a good suggestion, and that the Parish Council will provide some shelving and replace the missing perspex panel. Once ready, the library would be self-policing.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Will Gowland  
Councillor David Smith  
Councillor Mrs Megan Taylor

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

None.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024,**  
having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Birtill. ALL IN FAVOUR.

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

No report received this month.

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

Nothing which does not appear elsewhere on the Agenda.

#### **6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

##### **a) Planning**

In the absence of the Chairman, no monthly report had been circulated.

Cllr Kramm summarised the discussion of applications this evening, and during the Interim meeting two weeks ago.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

The pothole situation remains very bad.

**c) Finance**

No meeting has been held.

A late application for grant aid has been received from the Art Exhibition, in the sum of £400. This had been overlooked in error by the organisers but, in light of the Parish Council's previous support of the Exhibition, which benefits the Carnival and therefore the Recreation Centre, it was AGREED that this grant should be awarded.

Clerk

**d) Allotments and Green Spaces**

There will be a "spring clean" at the allotments on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, from 10.00 am.

An enquiry about keeping bees on the allotment site has been received.

This would require prior approval from the Parish Council, and the applicant must be a member of the York Bee Keeping Society.

Cllr  
Kneen

The swift box project is going well. Five boxes are to be installed in the Horseman Drive area, and there should be additional boxes available later in the summer to be ready for next winter.

Cllr Steward is awaiting news of the availability of dog and litter bins for Yorkfield Lane, and the recently planted wildflower seeds are germinating both here and on Horseman Drive.

Cllr  
Steward

## **7. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Regrettably no progress has been made with regard to the large quantity of HGVs coming through the village from Acaster Airfield. The possibility of a one way system over the bridge in Bishopthorpe until the bridge can be repaired is being considered.

Residents of Drome Road have submitted a petition seeking improvement to their broadband speeds.

## **8. GREEN BIN PROVISION**

Cllr Kneen will discuss the options for disposal of green waste with any interested residents. Cllr Kramm has drafted an article on how to compost for the Village Newsletter.

## **9. AUDIT 2023-24**

Relevant documents had been circulated to members prior to this Meeting.

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023-24 for Copmanthorpe Parish Council was APPROVED and signed by the Chairman and Clerk accordingly.

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023-24 for Copmanthorpe Parish Council, prepared by the Clerk, was APPROVED and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

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

The Chairman has been liaising with CYC to determine the status of our application for an assessment of traffic speeds on Temple Lane and Tadcaster Road. This is necessary before we can obtain permission to operate Community Speedwatch or install Vehicle Activated Speed signs. This is currently with North Yorkshire Police. We will continue to apply pressure to get this done as soon as possible.

The promised “No footpath” sign has yet to appear, and the “SLOW” road markings are yet to be reinstated.

The Clerk has written to Celkom seeking a voluntary speed limit of 20 mph by their drivers.

Information for residents on how to report speeding traffic is on the Parish Council website.

#### **11. PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESS**

Defer to next meeting.

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

Some progress has been made with CYC, and the Neighbourhood Plan Group will meet next week.

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

Representatives of Miller Homes have met with Cllrs Auton, Smith and Whitfield and the Clerk. Construction vehicles will be parked on site and not on Tadcaster Road, and their route to site will be specified.

Only £60,000 of Section 106 monies has been allocated to improvements to Yorkfield Lane. This is a very small proportion of what will be needed to provide an adequate walking and cycling route to the centre of the village.

An organisation called “Treemendous” have offered some additional trees for the site.

#### **14. EVENTS**

Bookings are being taken by the Clerk for the “Fish and Chip” tea for the over-eighty-year olds on 6<sup>th</sup> June, to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.

A trumpeter has been approached to play, and the Community Choir have offered to sing.

A “street re-cycling” event will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May, between 10.00 am and 3.00pm.

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

Business Current Account	£	19,135.52
Business Money Manager Account		47,857.58
	£	66,993.10

**Credits to the Account this Month**

CYC – grass cutting	£	435.11
CYC – Ward grant		2,447.00
Allotment rents up to 5/4/24		225.00
Interest on Business Money Manager a/c		230.36
	£	3,337.47

**Accounts to be Paid this Month**

Step Lightly – re Horseman Meadow	£	2,335.01
Step Lightly – re Yorkfield Lane		1,467.50
Oliver Kneen – gate at allotments		160.70
YLCA – annual subscription		884.00
Copmanthorpe Village Magazine – inserts		832.00
York IT Services – laptop computer		713.99
City of York Council – ½ year allotments rent		523.50
City of York Council – burial ground rates		164.67
The Information Commissioner – Data Protection fee		40.00
York Bus Forum – membership		15.00
Peter Whitfield – re D-Day Commemoration		10.99
Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board		6.21
P D Greenwell – salary		509.80
HMRC – PAYE		252.80
	£	7,916.17

Bank charges for month to 24 February 2024 - £14.40.

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

**16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Carnival stall  
Parish Council email address

Rec Centre 2  
Howell Hall  
WhatsApp group

Sheet 5

Folio1340  
ACTION

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 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 be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> April, depending upon applications received, at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

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

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