

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7.30 PM in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE.**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON Chairman**  
**COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTILL**  
**COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM**  
**COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD**  
**COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR**

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

A resident of Church Street noted that trollies belonging to the Co-op are now being kept at the front of the shop opposite her property, rather than at the side. Deliveries are also taking place before the agreed time of 7.00 am, and vehicle engines are being left running for as long as 20 minutes. The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Taylor will visit the shop to try and resolve this.

We are informed that work on the Bishopthorpe bridge has commenced. The Chairman and Cllr West had met with our new MP, Luke Charters, who is very much in favour of speed restrictions, and he has offered his support to deal with the problem of HGVs coming through the village.

A resident of Temple Lane has contacted a representative of Sam Smiths Brewery who has offered his help. A flyer is being prepared to seek support for a Residents' Action Group to try to prevent any renewal or extension of Celkom's operating licence. Following a visit by Cllr Steward to their most recent meeting, Bishopthorpe Parish Council are now also in support of these efforts.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor David Smith  
Councillor Robert West

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

None.

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

**4. RESIGNATIONS**

Councillor Peter Whitfield has tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. Peter has been a stalwart on the Council.

The Parish Council wishes to record its appreciation and thanks for his hard work and dedication during 17 years of service to the Parish Council and, therefore, to the village. He will be sorely missed and we hope that he will continue to make a difference through his work on Local Events, the Village Newsletter and at the Recreation Centre.

The Chairman will for the time being maintain the Parish Council website, and more help will be needed for the organisation of the Christmas Grotto.

A Notice of Casual Vacancy is in the noticeboard and the vacancy has been notified to City of York Council.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council no longer needs to have a representative on the Recreation Centre Committee. The Chairman will meet with Mr David Kershaw, Chairman of the Recreation Centre Committee, to discuss how best to manage the relationship between the two organisations.

## 5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report has been circulated. Nothing of serious concern.

## 6. ACTION REVIEW

Nothing which is not raised elsewhere on the Agenda.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

The monthly Report has been circulated.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

The large pothole near the collapsed drain on the Station Road bridge has been repaired. Cllr Steward reported that the new Executive Member for Transport, Cllr Kate Ravilious, is very happy to support 20mph zones (as currently being trialled in Bishopthorpe) if the support of the Parish Council, Ward Councillor and residents can be demonstrated.

### c) Finance

Cllr Mrs Taylor will investigate the options for a new laptop for the Planning Committee.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

### d) Allotments and Green Spaces

Cllr Birtill will take over the Chairmanship of this Committee on a temporary basis. He also reported that there is a considerable amount of non-compostable rubbish on the allotment site, and he will investigate the options and costs for disposing of this.

Cllrs  
Birtill/  
Auton

Cllrs Birtill and Auton will attend to the gatepost which supports the main gate.

Feedback on Horseman Meadow has been very largely positive, with approx. 15 residents contacting the Clerk. A small number made helpful suggestions for improvements next year and these will be addressed.

An Irish Oak tree will be purchased, to be planted on the grassed area on St Giles Way as initially proposed.

## 8. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The Local Plan Working Group has met to discuss Supplementary Planning documents. CYC members are content with the Draft Local Plan and it should be signed off in December.

The Government's proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework have been discussed, and Cllr Steward will circulate the slides from a recent presentation.

Cllr  
Steward

It is noted that some travellers have in the past couple of days moved onto land adjacent to the Park and Ride site at Askham Bar.

The work to the bridge at Bishopthorpe is on target to be completed by the end of March.

#### **9. HGVs TRAVELLING THROUGH COPMANTHORPE**

This problem remains, but progress is being made – see earlier notes.

#### **10. DOMAIN NAME and EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Work on this is progressing, and should be available very soon.

#### **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

CYC have requested a change to a street name on one of the maps.

#### **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

Information has been received from a Company, Defib4Life Ltd who will, for an annual fee of £75, clean and check that our defibrillator is working and registered on The Circuit. AGREED.

Clerk

Cllr Auton and Mrs Auton have cleaned and repaired the former phone kiosk and installed shelves so that it can now be used as a small library of books to exchange.

Steps are being taken to erect the new noticeboard in the churchyard. It now appears that there will be insufficient room for the Heritage Information board, so this will now be sited on Memorial Green – subject to planning approval, which is being sought from CYC.

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

Two quotes have been received to remove the fence panels on the stretch of Yorkfield Lane between Farmers Way and Loriners Drive, and replace with a ranch style fence, it was AGREED that the lowest quote of £1,560 inc. VAT should be accepted.

#### **14. RECREATION CENTRE**

See Item 4 – above.

#### **15. EVENTS**

The Christmas Event, Santa's Grotto, will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Methodist Church Hall. This year there will be a walking procession, but no band.

#### **16. BLISTER PACK RECYCLING**

The Parish Council has AGREED to fund this initiative at both surgeries in the village. A notice giving this information will be sited by the recycling bins at the side of Howell Hall.

Clerk

**17. ACCOUNTS**

**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	14,009.82
Business Money Manager Account		48,339.54
	£	62,349.36

**Credits to the Account this Month**

HMRC – VAT reimbursement	£	1,968.80
Interest on Business Money Master a/c		232.68
	£	2,201.48

**Accounts to be Paid this Month**

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	2,927.30
Acorn Analytical Services Ltd – allotments		150.00
CYC – planning application for Heritage Board		82.50
Ink cartridges		67.43
Business Stream – allotments		54.30
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		25.79
CYC – green bin charge for half year		21.00
P D Greenwell – salary		509.60
	£	3,837.92

Bank charges for month to 24 July 2024 - £18.00.

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Kramm.  
SECONDED by Cllr Birtill. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Remembrance Day
- Noticeboard
- Planning Committee laptop computer - replacement
- Conservation Area – possible revision

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm 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, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

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

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