

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2024 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE, YORK at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**                    **COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON**                    **Chairman**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR**  
                                  **COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST**

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

Before the business of the Meeting began, a resident of Sawyers Close brought to members' attention two very large trees in that road. As these are on public land, Cllr Steward will arrange for CYC to visit and take whatever action they deem necessary.

Four members of the public asked for an update on the HGV lorry problem. Cllr Auton detailed all the efforts he and Cllr Steward have made over many weeks, contacting anyone who may be able to help, and urged the formation of a Residents' Action Group (which the Parish Council would support but not lead) to try to prevent any extension of the operating licence held by Celkom.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mike Birtill  
Cllr Lars Kramm

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**3. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Mr Neil Wilkinson signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was then counter-signed by the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Wilkinson to the Parish Council.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**, having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Steward as a correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

Only two incidents reported this month.  
Notice has been given, and circulated to members, of the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan public consultation.

**6. ACTION REVIEW**

Nothing which is not mentioned elsewhere on the Agenda.

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

The Monthly Report has been circulated.

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

No report.

**c) Finance**

Cllr Mrs Taylor had investigated the options for a new laptop computer for the Planning Committee. It was AGREED that she should proceed with the purchase, up to a value of £550.

Cllr  
Mrs  
Taylor

**d) Allotments and Green Spaces**

There have been reports of a number of thefts of produce, notably pumpkins, from the allotment site.

The Chairman is investigating options for the replacement of the gatepost which is rotting at the base. He anticipates that the cost could be in the region of £500.

Cllr  
Auton

The Copmanthorpe Volunteers have rescued the CYC litter bin which had been dropped from the top of Manor Heath down the embankment towards the A64. They have also purchased a hedge trimmer, and it was AGREED that a sum of £500 be paid to the group in order that they may continue their much valued work in the village.

Clerk

The raised beds at the front of Howell Hall are in need of repairs, and a group of residents have undertaken to do this work. Some materials will be needed but it is hoped that Howell Hall will be able to meet this cost.

**8. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

The second of two kerbside weed sprays is scheduled to be carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> October. There is to be a review of local government some time over the next couple of years. With the exception of the Castle and Bootham Row facilities, all car parking in the City will be cashless from next Spring.

**9. HGVs TRAVELLING THROUGH COPMANTHORPE**

The number of these, both marked and unmarked, coming through the village seems to be increasing. The Parish Council is doing all it can, but has very limited powers to bring about any change.

**10. 20MPH SPEED LIMIT and ASSOCIATED ISSUES**

A Speed Assessment has been carried out by North Yorkshire Police. Cllrs Auton and Steward had attended a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October where ambitions for city-wide 20mph Zone were discussed. A trial is currently being run in Bishopthorpe, the results of which will influence any future decision. The public appetite for such a scheme in Copmanthorpe will need to be ascertained.

**11. PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

Signage advising of parking restrictions in the shops car park has appeared, along with cameras and two bollards. Planning permission for these is not required. However members believe these restrictions will only add to the parking problems in the centre of the village.

**12. CO-OP DELIVERIES AND LOCATION OF CAGES**

Following a complaint raised by a resident at the last Meeting, Cllrs Auton and Mrs Taylor have visited the Co-op to meet the manager and discuss delivery arrangements and the siting of metal cages at the front of the store. The manager explained the difficulties they had been experiencing and said that had prompted a visit from Area Management. CYC will not permit a ramp at the side of the store, where the steps are located, as it would compromise the footpath. The front of the store is the property of the Co-op and as such they now have little option but to locate cages and undertake deliveries at the front entrance, which is far from ideal.

When asked about drivers leaving lorry engines running whilst delivering, they were told that the engine should switch off automatically when the driver leaves the cab.

**13. PARISH COUNCIL DOMAIN NAME and EMAIL ADDRESSES**

These have both been agreed and paid for. The Clerk will check on next steps. Clerk

**14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Nothing to report.

**15. YORKFIELD LANE and TADCASTER ROAD SITE**

A quote to replace the fence on the section of Yorkfield Lane between Farmers Way and Loriners Drive was accepted at the last meeting, and Browns Tree Surgeons/Landscaping had been informed that they can proceed with the work. Despite a number of emails and phone calls, there had been no response. The Chairman agreed to continue his efforts to obtain a start date..

The partners at the Old School Medical Practice have expressed concerns that payment of Sec 106 monies from the Miller Homes development may be delayed. They had the impression that delay in agreement of Sec 106 monies may be due to Copmanthorpe PC dispute with City of York Council, which is not the case. Cllrs Auton and West are to meet with Dr Beech at the Old School Medical Practice to explain the position with the Sec 106 monies, and to share our recent correspondence with Miller Homes on this topic.

The footpath to Beckett's Crossing is closed. We are told that this is to facilitate the installation of a new sewer to serve the York Field site, and that the path will remain closed until next March.

Cllr Smith has been in contact with Sustrans, seeking help with the development of Yorkfield Way into a proper footpath and cycleway.

**16. EVENTS**

Plans for the Christmas Event are progressing. There will be a procession, but no band. Following an appeal in the Newsletter, lots of Christmas trees have been donated by residents, and one new volunteer has come forward.

The Events Group had also discussed the planting of an oak tree on land on St Giles Way, and quotes are being sought.

The Clerk has ordered a wreath for the Remembrance Day Service.

**17. BLISTER PACK RECYCLING**

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would fund 6 rounds of blister pack recycling at the Old School Medical Centre, and review future funding of this initiative when discussing the Precept for 2025-26 in December/January. The Clerk will inform the Surgery.

Clerk

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

Copmanthorpe WI have asked if the Parish Council would have any objection to the siting of a bench to mark its Centenary Year. Cllr West PROPOSED that this be supported. SECONDED by Cllr Steward. AGREED. The Clerk will respond.

Clerk

The Clerk has responded to correspondence about maintenance of The Circle - land close to the bus stop by Smithson Court.

The Chairman has informed the Recreation Centre that the Parish Council no longer wishes to have a representative on the Management Committee.

**19. ACCOUNTS**

**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	29,264.40
Business Money Manager Account		48,339.54
	£	77,603.94

**Credits to the Account this Month**

CYC - ½ year Precept	£	19,461.50
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**Accounts to be Paid this Month**

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	1,055.40
CYC – ½ year allotments rent		523.50
PKF Littlejohn LLP – audit fee		252.00
Netwise UK - .gov.uk email addresses		168.00

David Whiteman – village entrances flower beds	88.98
Defib4Life – defibrillator maintenance	75.00
P D Greenwell – salary	509.60
	£ 2,672.48

Bank charges for month to 24 August 2024 - £19.00.

It was AGREED that £10,000 be transferred from the Business Current Account to the Business Money Master Account Clerk

The Report of the External Auditor has been received and circulated.  
A Meeting of the Finance Committee will be held to discuss this document. Clerk

**20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

To be advised.

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at 8.00 pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

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

