

A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2024 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE, YORK at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM** **Chairman**
COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTILL
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD
COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
COUNCILLOR NEIL WILKINSON

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

Before the business of the Meeting began, a resident brought to members' attention issues arising out of the new arrangements in the shopping centre car park. ANPR cameras are in situ, and only one hour of free parking is allowed without incurring a £100 fine. Facilities to extend this are available in certain places, such as the hairdressers, where customers are likely to exceed the one hour. However, it seems that many drivers are now choosing to park in the nearby streets, which are already congested with traffic and parked vehicles. This is also impacting deliveries to the Co-op. It was suggested that a two hour period would be more appropriate. It is understood that these arrangements were requested by the businesses operating in the shopping centre, and it was agreed that a change to a two hour allowance would be preferable.

Three members of the public asked for an update on the HGV lorry problem. Works to the bridge in Bishopthorpe have not yet begun, although it is understood that the work has been put out to tender. There has been little progress on the formation of a Residents' Action Group (which the Parish Council had previously agreed to support but not lead) to try to prevent any extension of the operating licence held by Celkom. The two local MPs, for York Outer, and Wetherby and Easingwold, have sent a joint letter to Celkom, and a response is awaited.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Graham Auton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8th OCTOBER, 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

Two incidents in the Co-op have been reported this month, as well as one incidence of damage to a vehicle.

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.

The Parish Council has objected to a request for an earlier start time for work on the Moor Lane site, from 8.00 am to 7.00 am. Cllrs West and Wilkinson will draft a letter to be delivered to residents of Moor Lane to seek support in objecting to this, on grounds of noise nuisance.

Cllrs
West/
Wilkinson

b) Roads and Footpaths

It is noted that there are a great number of potholes on College Road, The Link and Moor Lane. However some on Temple Lane have been repaired.

The increased volume of traffic in the centre of the village is causing concern for the safety of pedestrians, and Cllr Steward will ask CYC what options are available to improve safety in this area. Over 300 residents have signed an online petition asking for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the village.

Cllr
Steward

c) Finance and Risk Management

Minutes from last week's Meeting of the Finance and Risk Management Committee had been circulated, together with revised Financial Regulations. The Parish Council RESOLVED to adopt these revised Financial Regulations.

It was further RESOLVED that the Committee would review the Grants Policy, with particular reference to the Recreation Centre, and also review the level of fees applicable at the Burial Ground.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

A number of initiatives were put forward for consideration by this Committee: the planting of wildflowers on the long stretch of verge on Manor Heath from its junction with Hallcroft Lane, and also on Yorkfield Lane between Loriners Drive and Farmers Way, and on Yorkfield Lane between Low Green and Merchant Way.

Two quotes have been received to replace the deteriorating gatepost at the allotments. There is a considerable difference in cost, and we need to ensure that both are based on the same specification. However members AGREED to accept the higher quote of £445 plus VAT if that would provide a better outcome.

Cllr
Auton

It was also suggested that improvements could be made to the hedge at the side of the allotments.

The fence at Yorkfield Lane between Farmers Way and Loriners Drive has been replaced.

8. COPMANTHORPE WARD

A Ward Committee meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on Thursday, 28th November, commencing at 6.30 pm. The Executive Member for Transport will be

present to listen to residents' views on a 20mph zone in Copmanthorpe. The Travel Planning Officer will talk about the bus service, and there will be an update on the Quickline broadband installation in Copmanthorpe.

9. CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW

Members believe that the Copmanthorpe Conservation Area should be reviewed. Cllr Steward will try to find out how we could initiate this, and what the procedure would be. He is also trying to set up a date for a visit by York Civic Trust to meet with Members and walk round the village, but this is yet to be agreed.

Cllr
Steward

10. HERITAGE BOARD

Along with the new Parish Council noticeboard, this is now in situ on Memorial Memorial Green. The information and photographs to go in the Board need to be revised, and it was AGREED that Creative Sauce would help with this, for a fee of £200.

11. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

The librarian has asked if we would like to display the photos in the village library. We have a suitable stand which could be used. These will be digitised versions, not the original photos. A budget of £200 was AGREED to progress this.

Cllr
Mrs
Taylor

The Ainsty Archaeological Society has asked for a copy of the archive. The Parish Council is happy for them to have this, but they will need to pay for their own copy.

12. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON HYBRID PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROXY VOTING

The Clerk explained that the LGA, NALC and SLCC have been pressing the government to allow hybrid meetings of Parish Councils since the summer of 2021, when the legislation which allowed remote meetings during Covid came to an end. These organisations have never requested that proxy voting be allowed. Members expressed differing views on the desirability of hybrid meetings, but did not wish to see proxy voting allowed. Members are invited to submit their own views, as the Clerk will be doing. The consultation closes on 19th December.

Clerk

13. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

After some technical issues, the Parish Council website is now running under the new .gov.uk domain. The Clerk is working on setting up new email addresses for members.

Clerk

14. PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT and STANDING ORDERS

Defer to next Meeting.

Clerk

15. COPMANTHORPE VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Council will continue to offer financial support to the Copmanthorpe Volunteers whose work in the village is highly valued. Cllr Birtill PROPOSED that a grant of £500 be made to the group. SECONDED by Cllr Smith. Cllr Mrs Taylor declared an Interest as Treasurer of the group. Otherwise, ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

16. YORKFIELD LANE

The old fence on Yorkfield Lane between Farmers Way and Loriners Drive has been removed and a new fence erected. There is still some debris to be removed from the site.

Encroachment onto the Lane by some properties in Gardeners Close, including the presence of some stones, has reduced the width of the Lane to only about 5 feet, instead of the statutory 7 feet. This needs to be remedied.

Sustrans are keen to be involved in the cycle track along Yorkfield Lane, but this will depend upon what funding they, and CYC, can provide.

17. REMEMBRANCE DAY

In his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Kramm had laid a wreath on behalf of the village residents at the War Memorial last Sunday – Remembrance Day.

18. EVENTS

Help will be needed from members during Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning leading up to the Christmas Event, to transport items from Howell Hall to the Methodist Church. And also on Sunday morning to take down the Grotto. Cllr Mrs Taylor will circulate details of requirements and timings. The procession will leave Howell Hall at 5.15 pm.

An event is planned to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, on 8th May 2025. The beacon will be lit, and the flagpole raised.

Two Irish oak trees are to be planted on the grassed area on St Giles Way, one to commemorate the life of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and one to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Suitable plaques will be purchased.

19. BLISTER PACK RECYCLING

Cllr West PROPOSED that the Parish Council fund the collection of 12 boxes to provide the village with recycling facilities for blister packs. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Ongoing support for this scheme will be part of the Finance Committee's discussions when proposing the Precept for next year.

Clerk

20. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	15,668.82
Business Money Manager Account		58,339.54
	£	74,008.36

Credits to the Account this Month

CYC - refund of planning application fee	£	82.50
Re: Raymond Fresson		80.00
Allotments		65.00
	£	227.50

Accounts to be Paid this Month

J Scales Plant Contractor – re Heritage Board	£	294.00
Currys – laptop for Planning Committee (paid between meetings)		549.00
	£	843.00

To approve for payment on 12 November:

Sports Turf Services (York) Ltd	£	540.00
Aetherweb Ltd – website hosting		657.00
Peter Whitfield – Christmas grotto		212.51
IncDot – Christmas grotto		124.12
YLCA – Chairmanship training		105.30
Megan Taylor – Christmas grotto		317.81
Royal British Legion – wreath		20.00
P D Stones – computer expenses		54.95
P D Stones – salary		438.68
	£	2,470.37

Bank charges for month to 24 September 2024 - £19.40

The adoption of these Accounts was APPROVED, however Cllr Smith objected to the payment to Sports Turf Services.

21. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Christmas Grotto – debrief

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 10th December at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. This will be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7.30 pm. This will be preceded by a Meeting of the Allotments and Green Spaces Committee at 6.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Signed Date