

b) Roads and Footpaths

Some repairs have been carried out to the road surface on Manor Heath, but the area around the crossroads is still very bad. Horseman Lane, College Road and The Link still have very deep potholes. Road markings have been approved for reinstatement and this work should be carried out soon.

We are advised that some work is to be carried out at the balancing pond, which could necessitate the removal of some young trees. The Clerk will ask that these be salvaged, if possible, for replanting elsewhere. There are some rare plant species in that area, and care should be taken to minimise any disruption to them.

Clerk

c) Finance and Risk Management

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday, 3rd December had been circulated and were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Recommendations by the Finance Committee in respect of grants to the **Cricket Club** (£200), the **Community Choir** (£600), the **Art Exhibition** (£542) and the **Copmanthorpe branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen** (£450) were RATIFIED. A grant to **Panda Playgroup** (£1,460) was RATIFIED subject to sight of their most recent accounts, which has been requested by the Clerk.

Cllr Auton declared an Interest in the application from **Peace of Cake**, as he is a member of the Management Committee of Howell Hall, where Peace of Cake meets. One member did not support this grant application (£450) as he believes it is in effect a grant to St Leonard's Hospice, However it is the belief of other Members that donations for the hospice are made by those attending the community cafe, not by Peace of Cake. Any grant from the Parish Council goes to fund Peace of Cake, the primary purpose of which is to combat loneliness and social isolation among our more elderly residents. RATIFIED.

Cllr Kramm declared an Interest in the application made by the **Scout Group**, which had been circulated since the Finance Meeting. They request the sum of £518.98 for an outside dining shelter. AGREED.

The **Recreation Centre** has submitted an application for £1,000 towards the cost of maintenance of the playing field. The Parish Council has supported the Recreation Centre with this expense for many years, however sight of the most recent accounts indicates that the finances of the Recreation Centre are healthy.

Cllr West PROPOSED a grant of £500. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. No other votes in favour.

Cllr Steward PROPOSED a grant of £1,000. SECONDED by Cllr West.

Cllr Auton in favour. Four votes opposed.

Cllr Smith PROPOSED that the application be REFUSED. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR. Members are broadly in agreement that any future applications by the Recreation Centre should be for specific items, rather than ongoing and regular maintenance.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

The Committee had met on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024.

Some allotments are not being well maintained.

The new gatepost to support the main gate should be installed early next year.

Horseman Meadow will continue next year, and other areas will be similarly planted. Two oak tree saplings will be planted on the grassed area on St Giles Way.

7. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Final approval of reserved matters for York Field was granted by CYC last week. Polling stations city-wide are to be reviewed. There is no need for change in Copmanthorpe. Dates are still being sought for a visit from York Civic Trust.

8. MAIN STREET and HORSEMAN LANE

A resident has again requested some kind of crossing in the centre of the village to enable pedestrians to cross the road more safely. Previous surveys by CYC, the results of which failed to show need, were carried out before Celkom and other HGVs began coming through the village in such great numbers, and before the increase in patients (from Bishopthorpe) visiting the Old School Medical Practice. Defer to next Meeting.

Clerk

9. CONSERVATION AREA

A meeting with York Civic Trust is necessary before any attempt to redefine the Village Conservation Area can be progressed. Cllr Steward will seek dates.

Cllr
Steward

10. HERITAGE BOARD

Creative Sauce are trying to develop a new Heritage Information Board which will be more comprehensive than the current one, which contains a typing error and the wrong website address which unfortunately could not be remedied.

Cllr
Auton

11. PARISH COUNCIL DOMAIN NAME and EMAIL ADDRESSES

The website is now operating under the new domain name Copmanthorpe-pc.gov.uk The contact address will now be clerk@copmanthorpe-pc.gov.uk and this will be shown in the Village Newsletter. Individual Councillor email addresses will be set up.

12. COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct, and Guidance for the Code of Conduct, have been circulated to members. The Finance and Risk Management Committee will consider this at it's meeting in January.

13. TADCASTER ROAD SITE and YORKFIELD LANE

Reserved matters for the York Field site have now been agreed by CYC, and it is anticipated that building will commence early in the new year.

Two Freedom of Information Act requests in relation to the allocation of Sec 106 monies have been refused by CYC. Cllr Steward has submitted a further request, and awaits a response.

Cllr Smith has been in contact with Sustrans, but CYC have stated that they cannot give the design work for the cycle track to them. The Parish Council would like to see a proper cycle track, and has obtained a full topographical survey to assist with this.

14. EVENTS

The Christmas Grotto event had taken place last Saturday. Unfortunately, due to Storm Darragh, not as many children had attended as in previous years. The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped and worked very hard over several days to put the event together.

An event to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day will be held in May, and has been registered with the Pageantmaster. This will take place on Memorial Green, and the beacon will once again be lit.

15. BLISTER PACK RECYCLING

Twelve collection boxes have been purchased and the first of these should be delivered to the Old School Medical Practice shortly. Information about this will appear in the January edition of the Village Newsletter. The Chairman and Clerk are still encouraging Bishopthorpe Parish Council to share in the cost of these in the next financial year.

16. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	13,376.57
Business Money Manager Account		58,596.67
	£	71,973.24

Credits to the Account this Month

Interest on Business Money Master a/c	£	257.13
Re: Richard John Case		125.00
	£	382.13

Accounts to be Paid this Month

IncDot – Christmas Grotto	£	39.93
Graham Auton – Christmas Grotto		55.00
My Group Hull Ltd – blisterpack recycling		1,166.40
(paid between meetings)	£	1,261.33

To approve for payment on 10 December:

Brighter Gardens	£	1,409.00
Peter Whitfield – Christmas grotto		221.42
SLCC – membership		150.00
Megan Taylor – Christmas grotto		77.94
YLCA – training- Councillor training		70.20
CPRE – membership		60.00
Yorkshire Water – burial ground		31.77
P D Greenwell – salary		500.72
Graham Auton – Christmas grotto		484.47
	£	3,005.52

Bank charges for month to 24 October 2024 - £16.00

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

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Traffic Management in the Centre of the Village.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A Meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday, 7th January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.
The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 14th January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. This will be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed Date