

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
14TH JANUARY 2025 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE, YORK
at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTILL
 COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
 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, residents of Temple Lane expressed their deep concerns about an article in today's Press concerning the expansion of the Celkom facility at Acaster Airfield, where it was reported that a further 50,000 square feet of warehousing has been opened by Celkom. This will obviously increase even further the number of HGVs travelling through Copmanthorpe, and is sited a few hundred metres from their existing site. One of these members of the public has been in contact with Michael Howard, CYC, who has stated that he has no power to overrule the Traffic Commissioner, who has approved this.

The Chairman reiterated that, whilst the Parish Council will do all it can to support a Residents' Action Group, this must be led by the residents themselves. The Parish Council has done all that it can, over the past twelve months, to seek intervention by CYC, the Traffic Commissioner and our local MP, but without success. An Action Group will be far more effective, and it is for residents to come together to seek a solution. The Chairman said that he would again approach some Copmanthorpe residents who could offer assistance in order to get this Action Group underway.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mr David Wilcock and Mr Stephen Johnson signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, which were counter-signed by the Clerk.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 10th DECEMBER 2024, having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Robert West as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Neil Wilkinson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

One incident only this month – a resident was bitten by a dog.
Cllr Smith will investigate options for a property marking session.
As in previous years, the police will be invited to send a representative to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr
Smith

Clerk

5. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk has requested that any young trees which need to be removed in the course of necessary work at the balancing pond, are salvaged and retained for planting elsewhere.

The Chairman circulated a proposal for the Heritage Information Board. Members are asked to let him have any comments or suggestions for improvements before an order is placed.

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

The monthly Report had been circulated.

It is noted that preparatory works at the Moor Lane site are having a deleterious effective on both the verges and the road surface, and that vehicles attending the site are parking in the space reserved for use by visitors to the Burial Ground. Barratts will be contacted in respect of these issues.

Cllr
Steward

b) Roads and Footpaths

No report. However the Clerk will be responding to a number of issues recently raised by a resident, including dog fouling, inconsiderate parking and overgrowing vegetation.

Clerk

c) Finance and Risk Management

Minutes of the Finance and Risk Management Committee meeting last week had been circulated. At that Meeting a number of revisions were made to the budget forecast.

d) Allotments and Green Spaces

No meeting has been held. The new gate post at the allotment site has been installed.

Cllr Smith had attended a meeting of the York Climate Change group. Options for re-naturing will be considered, possibly on Manor Heath.

7. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The Local Plan will be signed off very soon.
An increase of 4.99% in Council Tax is anticipated.

8. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

It is suggested that a Working Group be set up to discuss how the centre of the village might be made more pedestrian friendly. Options could include a 7.5 tonne weight limit, an extension of the 20mph zone, or some kind of one-way system. Outside expertise may be necessary. To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk

9. CONSERVATION AREA

A representative of the York Civic Trust will visit Copmanthorpe on 27th January, at 11.00 am, as a first step towards reviewing the extent of the Conservation Area.

Cllrs

10. YORKFIELD LANE and TADCASTER ROAD SITE

A second FOI request made to CYC in respect of the allocation of Sec 106 monies has been refused. The Chairman has written to the Information Governance Advisor about this. If no satisfactory response is received by 6th February, a complaint will be lodged with the Information Commissioner's Office.

In order to maintain consistency with regard to the latest refusal of our FOI request, Mr Tim Duffy will be asked to submit a complaint to the ICO. To this end, Cllr Kramm will draft the content of the complaint and send to Mr Duffy.

Cllr
Kramm**11. BLISTERPACK RECYCLING**

The first of the twelve boxes funded by the Parish Council has been delivered and is being used by patients. Despite further requests, Bishopthorpe Parish Council has declined to share the costs of this recycling initiative with Copmanthorpe Parish Council.

12. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The closing date for this year's competition is 31st January and to date, disappointingly, only three entries, covering five photographs, have been received. It is clear that more and better publicity, and a relaunch of the competition, is needed. Cllr Steward said that he would try to raise publicity by posting about the competition on local Facebook pages.

Cllr
Steward**13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

CYC have informed us that, due to a forthcoming change in planning legislation, the Plan needs to be submitted to the Examiner by 25th March. CYC is handling the printing and will submit the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan to meet this deadline.

14. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Some of the trees which carry the lights are in need of pruning. The lights on trees on Memorial Green and Horseman Lane are now quite old and need to be replaced. Replacements powered by batteries may be the best option in order to save on electrical work which is needed prior to the lights being first lit and when they are switched off. (The cost of this last year was just under £600). A Working Group will be established to consider the available options.

15. BURIAL GROUND FEES

Discussion at the meeting of the Finance and Risk Management Committee of an increase in the fees charged for interments had not been concluded.

A fee of £995 for the purchase of an Exclusive Right of Burial, and £250 for each interment was PROPOSED and AGREED.

A fee of £200 for the purchase of an Ashes Plot, and £100 for each interment of ashes was PROPOSED and AGREED.

16. TO SET THE PRECEPT for 2025-26

A revised budget forecast had been circulated to members after last week's meeting of the Finance and Risk Management Committee. Admin costs and the cost of the Christmas Grotto, Garden and Photo Competitions will not rise significantly. Anticipated costs will include the purchase of new Christmas lights. After some discussion Cllr Steward PROPOSED that a Precept of £41,900 be set. SECONDED by Cllr Wilkinson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

17. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	7,170.80
Business Money Manager Account		58,596.67

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Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – Ward grant	£	866.00
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Accounts to be Paid this Month

Browns Tree Service – fence at Yorkfield Lane	£	1,560.00
JBW Fencing – gatepost at allotments		360.00
Peace of Cake – Ward grant		866.00
Electrotest – Christmas tree lights		588.50

	£	3,374.50
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(paid between meetings)

To approve for payment on 14 January:

YLCA – Councillor training	£	35.00
York Bus Forum – subscription		15.00
P D Greenwell – salary		500.92
HMRC – PAYE		581.80
	£	1,132.72

18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Committee membership.
Christmas lights – Working Group.
Heritage Trail

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 11th February 2025 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 Tuesday, 25th February 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th March 2025 at 7.30 pm. In the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Signed Date