

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

PRESENT: **COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON** **Chairman**
 COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTILL
 COUNCILLOR STEVE JOHNSON
 COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM
 COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD
 COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
 COUNCILLOR DAVID WILCOCK
 COUNCILLOR NEIL WILKINSON

Mrs P Diane Greenwell **Clerk**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor David Smith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING held on 13th MAY 2025, 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. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report had been circulated. Only one incident reported – a theft at the Co-op.

5. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Smith is working on the revision of the village safety leaflet.
The dead rowan tree has not yet been removed. Two replacement bare root oak trees will be planted on St Giles Way in November.
The dog bin on Moor Lane is now attached to the burial ground fence.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Eight of the blister pack recycling boxes at the Old School Medical Centre have been used. The views of residents attending the Carnival will be sought as to whether or not this should continue to be funded by the Parish Council.

Cards of thanks for grants provided by the Parish Council have been received from the Copmanthorpe branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen, and the Copmanthorpe Community Choir.

A resident of Rutland Close has commented on the wildflower Meadow at the junction of Horseman Lane/Horseman Close. It is acknowledged that it has not

looked as well this year as had been hoped. One of the allotment holders has offered to help with this. It is suggested that some bulbs, such as English bluebells, could be planted in the autumn.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

Monthly reports from April and May have been circulated.

The continuing presence of tradesmen's vehicles on Main Street in the vicinity of the former newsagent's is noted. This development has been in progress for over two years and numerous vehicles are continually parked in the village. The Clerk will ask how much longer this work is going to take, and if alternative arrangements can be made for these vehicles.

Clerk

b) Finance and Risk Management

A Meeting will be held on Monday, 16th June at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. The budget sheet has been updated by Cllr Wilkinson.

c) Environment

A Meeting will be held on Monday, 30th June at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

8. AUDIT 2024-25

The Annual Internal Audit Report, and the Report of the internal Auditor to members of the Parish Council, has been received and circulated. All Audit documents are now on the website.

9. COPMANTHORPE WARD

CYC are going to replace the traffic lights at Askham Bog car park at a cost of approx. £250,000. The cost seems excessive, and members are not aware of any problems with these lights. They support Cllr Steward's view that this money would be better spent on mending the numerous potholes in the village.

The Boundary Commission will be considering the number of Councillors required for York and then the number of Councillors per Parish. These new arrangements will be in place before the next Council elections.

Cllr Steward had attended a meeting in Bishopthorpe where the establishment of a Community Transport Service is being considered. Initially this would take residents only to the Park & Ride site at Askham Bar, but would hopefully expand later if successful.

10. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

A survey of residents using the facilities in the centre of the village has been carried out. It was AGREED that the existing double yellow lines are now almost invisible and need refurbishment, and that perhaps additional ones and/or red markings on the roads would be requested. A visit from a CYC Officer is required to advise what might be possible. Cllr Wilcock will also prepare a brief

summary of the issues in the village centre which can be submitted to CYC prior to any visit.

The proposal to install bollards on the edge of the footpath opposite the Royal Oak, to prevent parking there, have been discussed previously. It was AGREED in principle that we should proceed. Cllr Wilcock will approach CYC to better understand how we can get this project underway, and the associated costs – and also whether or not these would be met by CYC.

11. CARNIVAL STALL

Copmanthorpe Carnival will this year take place on 5th July. It was AGREED that the Parish Council will need to hire a van to transport the gazebo, tables etc. to the Recreation Centre.

The Carnival will be used to ascertain residents views on: the wildflower meadow; extension of the blister pack recycling scheme; the village centre traffic management scheme; an online village archive; and to seek members for the Friends of Yorkfield Lane group.

Most members will be able to help, and are asked to meet at Howell Hall at 9.30 am on 5th July. The Clerk will draw up a rota for manning the stall between 11.30 am. and 4.30 pm., and provide identity lanyards.

Cllrs

Clerk

12. CHRISTMAS GROTTTO

The Event Group will be meeting shortly to review the Christmas Grotto. Cllrs Steward, Wilcock and Wilkinson will assist Cllr Mrs Taylor in organising this event.

13. COPMANTHORPE VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Information on the various options for progressing this had been circulated. It will be necessary to link the many photographs with whatever information we have about them. We need to consider who might actually use this online facility, and is the cost justified. Members had a number of questions in relation to the ongoing maintenance costs in future years, and it was AGREED the Mr Simon Bowen would be asked to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to answer these and any other queries.

Cllr Mrs
Taylor

14. TADCASTER ROAD SITE

Deliveries are now coming along the proper route, not through the village. The recent wet weather has resulted in a certain amount of mud on the road.

15. MOOR LANE SITE

Following recent rainfall, the dust on the road had turned to almost liquid mud. Members of the public have reported the deteriorating condition of the road

surface. A large trench has been dug on the burial ground parking area, but we are assured that this will be reinstated once the utilities are in place.

The occupants of Roxley, the cottage by the railway line, have been having particular issues in relation to access to their property. This resulted in their refuse bin not being collected, and issues with deliveries. Worst of all, last weekend they suffered total loss of water supply. Cllr Auton arranged for them to meet with Barratts Project Manager and these issues have been resolved. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with Barratts as the development progresses.

16. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Business Current Account	£	19,947.17
Business Money Manager Account		58,864.00
	£	78,811.17

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Emily Cuthbert	£	300.00
Allotments to 4 June 2025		125.00
Re: Michael Edwin Raine		100.00
	£	525.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	2,321.49
Copmanthorpe Bowls Club – Sec 137 grant	600.00
Internal Audit Services Yorkshire – fee	400.00
David Whiteman – flower beds	115.79
YLCA – 3 x training	110.40
Yorkshire Water – burial ground	43.20
Business Stream – allotments	25.02
P D Greenwell – salary	500.92
	£ 4,116.82

Bank charges for month to 24 April 2025 - £13.00

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

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Carnival – debrief
Christmas lights and Grotto
Village photographic archive

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed Date