

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
12 AUGUST 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 DAVID SMITH
 COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD
 COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR DAVID WILCOCK
 COUNCILLOR NEIL WILKINSON

Mrs P Diane Greenwell **Clerk**

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Lars Kramm
Councillor Robert West

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Auton declared an Interest under Item 16.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8th JULY 2025, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Auton 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.
There have been a number of reports of noise nuisance in the vicinity of Drome Road. These sorts of things are best reported to CYC on the dedicated number for noise nuisance, and the Parish Council will seek to publicise this number. Cllr Smith
The thefts of two electric bicycles from Gardeners Close are also reported, as well as three thefts from the Co-op and the theft of parking cones put in place for the Carnival.

5. ACTION REVIEW

The remaining Residents' Questionnaire sheets will be placed in the library.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A further letter has been received in respect of Horseman Meadow.
A resident has queried the removal of the bus shelter close to Smithson Court. Clerk
Cllr Steward stated that this is being replaced.

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

The monthly Report has been circulated.

b) Finance and Risk Management

A Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2nd September, at 7.00 pm in Howell Hall.

c) Environment

The Committee PROPOSED that bio-degradable coir membrane be purchased sufficient to cover one of the vacant allotment plots, up to a cost of £250. (A cheaper plastic alternative is available, but this is much less environmentally friendly). This will be a trial and, if successful in suppressing the weeds, can be used on other vacant and overgrown plots.

Cllr
Birtill

It was agreed that suitable planting for Yorkfield Lane would include hazel, hawthorn and dog roses, as well as some snowdrops and bluebells for next year.

8. HORSEMAN MEADOW

Advice has been sought from St Nicks and they are supportive of what the Parish Council is doing. The area will be cut back this week, and scarified next spring before re-seeding. The very hot weather this summer has caused the grasses to seed much earlier than usual this year.

Clerk

A group, Friends of the Forest, will also visit and advise, at a cost of £40. Cllr Smith will arrange this.

Cllr
Smith

9. WILDLIFE POND

The Parish Council has been approached by a representative of Global Amphibians, who seek to create or restore wildlife ponds. As there is spare capacity on our allotment site, the Parish Council agrees in principle that this would be a good thing to do. However we need more information, such as costs, who would be responsible for the future maintenance of the pond etc. It was AGREED that a meeting be set up to progress this.

Clerk/
Cllr
Smith

10. COPMANTHORPE WARD

There are very few formal Council meetings in August, and therefore little to report. A new Chief Executive is being sought. Dualling of the ring road is still uncertain.

A person to design a suitable scheme for Yorkfield Lane is being sought, and there will be a public meeting for residents to put forward their own ideas. The £200k funding will come from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

11. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

A meeting with Peter Marsland, CYC Traffic Projects Officer, had been attended by Cllrs Wilcock and Auton and the Clerk. We set out the Parish Council's requests and

the Old School Medical Practice. The yellow and white lining needs to be refreshed, but our main specific request is for bollards to be installed on the footpath opposite the Royal Oak to prevent drivers from parking on that footpath.

A letter has subsequently been received from CYC which states that, in order to progress this, a feasibility study would need to be carried out by CYC, at a cost to the Parish Council of around £7,000. Any work deemed to be possible would then need to be funded by the Parish Council, although there are no guarantees or guidance as to when such works might be carried out.

The alternative is to enter our request on the Capital Projects Programme, where CYC would meet the cost, but this could take years to implement.

Cllr Steward will seek further information.

Cllr
Steward

Parking close to the junction of Horseman Lane/Horseman Drive continues to be a problem, but it is hoped that this will be alleviated when the car park at the surgery is fully reinstated

12. RECREATION CENTRE

The Recreation Centre has asked for clarification on the funding process, and how the Parish Council is able support their own initiatives, and those of the individual user groups. Applications for grant aid from individual user groups will continue to be dealt with in the same way as they always have been. The position regarding the Recreation Centre itself is somewhat different, given the considerable funds that they have (most of which is 'reserved' for the long standing possibility of Rec Centre 2). The subject was discussed at some length, and it was agreed that the Chairman should respond to Peter Northfield who raised this with the Chairman on behalf of the Recreation Centre Committee, with the intention of attending their next meeting to clarify the position.

13. TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that the Parish Council should fund the installation of additional shelving for the books in this small library. The Parish Council very much appreciates the efforts of the young man who established, and now maintains, this valuable facility for the village.

Cllr
Auton/
Clerk

14. CHRISTMAS GROTTO

This will take place in the Methodist Church Hall on 6th December.
The trail will be shorter than last year's, and there will be two Santas.

15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Further investigations are needed as to how best to power the new lights, and the Working Group will hold a short meeting at 6.45 pm on 26th August to discuss.

A quote of £660 per tree for the necessary work to cut back the trees on Memorial Green and remove the old lights is received. Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED that this be accepted. SECONDED by Cllr Wilkinson. AGREED.

A quote of £430 for some essential work to trees in the Burial Ground was also APPROVED.

16. TADCASTER ROAD SITE

Although there have been some further issues with vehicles delivering materials, this is generally a well managed site with few problems.

17. MOOR LANE SITE

Cllr Auton and the Clerk had met with Barratts on 24th July. There have been some issues with access, and complaints from residents, but these have all been addressed by Barratts.

18. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Business Current Account	£	14,860.59
Business Money Manager Account		59,114.94
	£	73,975.53

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Terry Hague	£	100.00
Allotment		7.50
	£	107.50

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	1,488.25
My Group Hull Ltd – blisterpack recycling		1,209.55
NetWise UK – domain name and email accounts		388.80
P D Greenwell – expenses re garden competition		225.00
Peter Whitfield – gazebos for Christmas grotto		110.60
Arthur J Gallagher – additional insurance premium		15.09
P D Greenwell – salary		581.92
	£	4,019.21

Bank charges for month to 24 June 2025 - £27.00

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

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Village Photographic Archive
Pond at Allotment site

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 9th September 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, 23rd September 2025, at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

A Meeting of the Finance and Risk Management Committee will be held on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025, at 7.00 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed Date