

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
8 JULY 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 MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
 COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
 COUNCILLOR DAVID WILCOCK
 COUNCILLOR NEIL WILKINSON

Mrs P Diane Greenwell **Clerk**
 Mr Simon Bowen

Before the business of the Meeting began Cllr Mrs Taylor presented the prizes in the competition to find the Best Garden in Copmanthorpe, and presented the winner with the Coronation Cup.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Lars Kramm
Councillor Chris Steward

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Mr Simon Bowen was invited to give further details of the two options he had previously put forward to make the village photographic archive accessible online. He recommended the second option, as it would require much less technical work. It would be a fully managed service, a hosted server, for an annual service fee of £350. There are approx. two thousand images to catalogue and upload, and this work will take some time and require some outside help.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bowen for his time and work on this project and after Mr Bowen had left the meeting, he PROPOSED that the second option (as recommended by Mr Bowen) be accepted, and a budget of £2,000 be set aside. ALL IN FAVOUR.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 10th JUNE 2025, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Johnson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

The monthly report had been circulated. Only one incident reported. Cllr
It was AGREED that the police should be invited to the next Meeting to discuss Smith

parking and speeding issues in the village.

6. ACTION REVIEW

The Clerk has written to the company whose vehicles are continually parking on Main Street. They say that it is not possible to park at the rear of the property where they are working, but that the work should be completed by the end of August.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Further correspondence has been received from the resident of Rutland Close on the subject of the Wildflower Meadow. The Clerk will respond.

Clerk

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly Report had been circulated.

b) Finance and Risk Management

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th June had been circulated.

The Committee will meet again in September. Date to be confirmed.

d) Environment

It had been acknowledged that Horseman Meadow had been disappointing this year. A better mix of seeds is required, with more flowers and less grasses.

Quite a lot of allotments appear to be untended, and an inspection will be arranged. A number are unlet, and options for covering these with weed resistant membrane are being investigated. The cost will be approx. £60 per 100 sq metres.

Members were made aware of the York Environmental Festival. Cllr West will send a copy of the Copmanthorpe Heritage Walk to the organisers.

Cllr
West

9. HORSEMAN MEADOW

It was agreed that lower growing plants, perennials not annuals, are needed. The Clerk will ask Brighter Gardens to cut it down and remove all cuttings in September/October. Bulbs will then be planted, to flower in the spring, and sow a wide selection of wildflower seeds for summer and autumn flowering. The Parish Council is content that this is a worthwhile initiative which it wishes to continue, but it needs to be managed annually.

Clerk

10. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Cllr Steward not present.

The £250k to replace the traffic lights at Askham Bog (referenced in the June minutes) includes major improvements to the road surface in that vicinity.

The Mayor of York and North Yorkshire combined authority has allocated £200k towards work to develop Yorkfield Lane.

11. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

The response received to our recent submission to CYC is disappointing. However we will continue to press for the installation of bollards on the footpath opposite the Royal Oak, and a date is being sought for a visit to the village by Peter Marsland, CYC Highway Regulation Department.

Cllr
Wilcock

12. CARNIVAL

A considerable number of those attending the Carnival visited the Parish Council stall. Fifty-one questionnaires were completed, and will be analysed by the Clerk. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

Clerk

13. CHRISTMAS GROTTO

Plans are progressing. Mr Peter Whitfield has agreed to help once again this year.

14. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Auton has purchased some string lights as a trial. The trees on Memorial Green will need to be pruned before these lights are fixed to the branches.

15. BLISTER PACK RECYCLING

Cllr Auton PROPOSED that a further 12 boxes be purchased for the Old School Medical Centre. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk

It is possible for us to visit the recycling facility in Hull. Cllr Auton will ask Bishopthorpe PC if any of their members would like to join in with any such visit, and if they will reconsider their previous decision not to contribute to the costs of this project.

Cllr
Auton

16. TADCASTER ROAD SITE

This site continues to be well managed, and the level of associated traffic seems to have reduced.

17. MOOR LANE SITE

There are a number of patches covering holes in the surface of Moor Lane. A staff member has been removed from the site after urinating against a neighbour's boundary.

18. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	15,804.66
Business Money Manager Account		59,114.94
	£	74,919.60

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Susan Lawler	£	995.00
Interest on Business Money Mgr a/c		250.94
Re: Daniel Mark and Jean Marie Recchia		100.00
Allotment		30.00
	£	1,375.94

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens and Landscapes	£	1,416.25
Cllr Graham Auton – Xmas lights		94.94
Ainsty(2008) Internal Drainage Board		6.51
P D Greenwell – salary		500.72
HMRC – PAYE		362.40
Petty Cash		60.00
	£	2,440.82

Bank charges for month to 24 May 2025 - £21.50

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Horseman Meadow
Christmas Grotto and lights
Photographic archive
Recreation Centre grants and exceptional awards

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th August 2025 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm. This will be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00pm. An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 25th August 2025 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

Signed Date