

Trees in the burial ground have been inspected, and some work agreed. However a proper survey is desirable, and this will be arranged.

Clerk

Cllr West has submitted our response to the proposed Rougier Route to CYC.

Bus shelters in the village have now been replaced.

The 840 Coastliner from Leeds does not now run after 5.00 pm. However the 840 service is still running. On one occasion the number 13 Connexions service has been running late by up to 10 minutes due to inconsiderate parking in the village. Realistically, there is little that can be done about this. However buses are also parking opposite Little Acorns, instead of at the bus stop. Cllr West will raise these issues with the Company.

Cllr
West

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

a) Planning

The monthly Report had been circulated.

a) Finance and Risk Management

The Minutes of the Finance and Risk Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 had been circulated.

All applications for grant aid which had been recommended by the Committee were RATIFIED. These total £6,762.

c) Environment

No Meeting had been held recently. Cllr Birtill will agree a date with members and draft an agenda.

The cardboard being used as a weed suppressant on the allotments seems to be working.

Cllr Smith has accepted an offer of free hedging plants from the Woodland Trust.

Sixty plants have been ordered, which will cover a length of 25 metres of Yorkfield Lane. It is intended that these be planted on Saturday 21st March, with help from the Copmanthorpe Volunteers, the Scouts and anyone else who wishes to be involved. Cllr Smith will prepare an article for the next Newsletter, asking for volunteers to help and a meeting to discuss how this will be organised will take place on 6th March. Brighter Gardens will be asked to scarify and remove any thistles before this work is carried out.

Clerk

8. TREES

TPO applications have been submitted for a number of trees as previously agreed, but any other trees can be added, for consideration. It is noted that hedges are being removed from certain locations and these also need protection.

9. BUS SHELTERS

A display board and light are still needed in the new shelter on Hallcroft Lane. Cycle racks at this location would be useful, and Cllr Steward will ask how we might request these. Cllr Steward

The number 13 bus currently stops at 6.00 pm. Cllr Birtill will seek a change to the route taken through the village. Cllr Birtill
Cllr West continues to attend meetings of the York Bus Forum, which holds meetings with TransDev every three months.

10. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The Boundary Review is ongoing, and will conclude on 2nd February.

It was AGREED that three "Community Speedwatch in Action" signs should be ordered. Cllr Steward

CYC's budget for 2026-27 will be published in the next few days. There are four specific new grants from the Government. Council Tax is likely to increase by 5%.

11. LAND TO THE FRONT OF HOWELL HALL

The Parish Council, and Howell Hall Management Committee, are grateful to Mr Stuart Arnott for his offer to look after this piece of land, and the Clerk will respond to him. However they would not wish to see the removal of the fence and would want to retain the Community Orchard. Cllr Auton will discuss with Mr Arnott what is required. Clerk/
Cllr
Auton

12. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The new lights have generally been very well received by residents. Cllr Auton PROPOSED that next year the lights be switched on in mid-November and remain on until the end of January, as a number of people have commented that the lights also serve to illuminate the area in the mornings as people are leaving for work, and in the evenings.

It was AGREED that we ask, at the Carnival, for residents' views on any additional lights and where these might be located.

The competition to find the best decorated house in the village had been well supported, and members voted on photos to decide on the first, second and third prizes.

13. TADCASTER ROAD SITE

Following requests from Cllr Auton, the footpath and gutters have been swept. However the road surface is still unacceptably bad, and there is a great deal of mud on the road. Cllr Auton will raise the issue of the road surface with sen////i

principle.

A number of the properties are now occupied, and the 30mph sign should be moved back towards the flyover as this is now a built-up area.

14. MOOR LANE SITE

There is to be an Open Day in March to encourage sales.
Mud from uncovered wagons is falling onto the road, and the road sweeper is merely spreading this about.

15. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Some of the remaining members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group are willing to take on the updating of this document. CYC have already produced some documents for inclusion. Cllrs Kramm, Smith and Wilkinson expressed a wish to join this project.

16. ACCOUNTS

Balances at the Bank

Business Current Account	£	37,631.10
Business Money Manager Account		41,286.63
	£	78,917.73

Credits to the Account this Month

Coptoberfest - for the Copmanthorpe Volunteers	£	500.00
Miller Homes – contribution to Christmas lights		250.00
	£	750.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Acorn Festive Lights Ltd	£	18,278.76
Copmanthorpe Methodist Church - Grotto x 2		800.00
Copmanthorpe Volunteers - grant from Coptoberfest		500.00
SLCC – Clerk's subscription		158.00
IncDot Design & Print – Xmas event		150.25
Peter Whitfield – Xmas event		117.95
Allotment deposit refund		50.00
Burial ground refund		50.00
Ink cartridges		41.89
Janet Hepworth – Xmas event		41.25
York Bus Forum – subscription		15.00
P D Greenwell – salary		513.76
HMRC – PAYE		384.60

£ 21,101.46

Bank charges for month to 24 November 2025 - £8.00

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor.
SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

17. PRECEPT 2026-27

Cllr Birtill PROPOSED that, as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, there should be no increase in the Precept from this year. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. The Precept will therefore remain at £41,900. AGREED.

18. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was AGREED that Internal Audit Services Yorkshire be appointed at the Parish Council's auditors for the coming year at a fee of £400, unchanged from last year. Clerk

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Bus shelters
- Cycle parking provision
- Village Design Statement
- Copmanthorpe Volunteers
- Trees, wildflowers and bulbs

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10th February 2026 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 take place on Tuesday, 24th February 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

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

Signed Chairman