

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
14th APRIL 2026 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE, YORK  
at 7.30 pm**

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

**One member of the public**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mike Birtill  
Councillor Dave Wilcock  
Mrs P Diane Greenwell – Parish Clerk

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr David Smith declared an Interest under Item 12 as a patient of Front Street Surgery.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Smith as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Kramm. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

No report received this month.

**5. ACTION REVIEW**

A number of members had walked the length of Yorkfield Lane with Cllr Steward and Officers from CYC.

Cllr Smith has met with York Greenways to discuss linking Yorkfield Lane with other cycle tracks.

It had been too late to get meaningful quotes for grass cutting this year, so we will continue with our present contractor. This process should begin earlier next year.

Cllr Steward has discussed cycle racks with the School. More information will be needed on the Mayor's Active Travel Fund when it becomes available. Cllr Kate Ravilious has suggested a consultation on cycle racks – to be advised.

Almost all photos for the Archive have now been processed, but more information about these images is needed. This could involve a drop-in session for residents to view the images and help with information, as has been done before – possibly as part of our stall at the Carnival.

Cllr West has written to Connexions seeking support in our quest for a better road surface on Tadcaster Road, but they say their drivers have not reported problems.

We are informed by John Roberts, CYC, that an updated version of the Village Design Statement is not necessary.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

The monthly Report had been circulated.

Cllr Smith queried the objection to the application to remove a substantial length of hedgerow at Bond Hill Ash Farm, which was explained by Cllr Kramm. Cllr West suggested that more hedging could be planted on the burial ground side. The Clerk will be asked to put this suggestion to Barratts.

Clerk

### b) Finance and Risk Management

Date for next meeting to be decided.

Up to date accounts awaited.

### c) Environment

Saplings have been planted along Yorkfield Lane, and wild flower seeds have been sown on Horseman Meadow and Manor Heath by the Squirrels.

More bulbs will be planted around the village in the autumn.

Cllr Auton PROPOSED that an expert from Forest of Flowers should be invited to give advice on wildflower meadow management in July, to consider both existing areas and other options. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr  
Smith

## 8. TPO REQUESTS and QUOTES FOR WORKS TO TREES IN THE BURIAL GROUND

No further news re our TPO requests (????)

There is a dead tree on the C-D stretch of Yorkfield Lane which needs to be removed by CYC. All other trees in the ownership of CYC should be inspected.

Clerk

## 9. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The Boundary Commission are to report soon on any future possible changes to Ward boundaries.

The Local Plan is to be revised.

Various proposals for the future arrangements for the Christmas markets in York are being discussed.

There is to be a "slipper social" at the Recreation Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> April, at which free slippers will be given out in order to try to reduce the number of accidental falls, particularly among the more elderly residents.

#### 10. COPMANTHORPE CARNIVAL

The Clerk will reserve the necessary spaces.

Clerk

There will be displays about Yorkfield Lane, the Photographic Archive, and the Photo Competition.

New and more up to date pamphlets and booklets will be needed.

Cllr Wilcock will get samples from MyGroup to mount a display about blisterpack recycling.

Cllr  
Wilcock

#### 11. MAYOR'S ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND

No further updates at this time.

#### 12. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DOCTOR'S SURGERY

A public meeting is to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the proposals for the probable closure of the Copmanthorpe branch of Front Street Surgery (the surgery in the shopping precinct). The Parish Council will then assess the public feeling about this, and decide on what action should be taken.

#### 13. CYCLE RACKS

See Item 5 above.

#### 14. YORKFIELD LANE

Miller Homes have agreed to flatten and re-seed the section of Yorkfield Lane which leads to the railway crossing.

#### 15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Johnson will investigate possible additional trees which could be illuminated. A meeting will be arranged for some time in May..

#### 16. TADCASTER ROAD SITE

Cllr Auton is to be interviewed by Radio York about the condition of Tadcaster Road.

#### 17. MOOR LANE SITE

The footpaths have been repaired.  
Three houses are now occupied.

Barratts have confirmed that the whole of Moor Lane will be re-tarmaced.

On Main Street, where the road had been dug up for utilities, the edges have been sealed.

## 18. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

No further action required.

## 19. ACCOUNTS

### Balances at the Bank

Business Current Account	£	15,857.97
Business Money Manager Account		41,454.62
	£	57,312.59

### Credits to the Account this Month

Interest on Business Money Mgr a/c	£	167.99
Allotments rents received via BACS		880.00
CYC – grass cutting double taxation payment		275.00
	£	1,322.99

### Accounts to be Paid this Month

Copmanthorpe Village Magazine	£	1,068.20
YLCA – annual subscription		1,000.00
CYC – ½ year allotments rent		523.50
Brighter Gardens – scarifying		480.00
CYC – burial ground rates		163.54
Microsoft subscription		104.99
Boston Seeds		57.99
Information Commissioner's Office – GDPR fee		52.00
Sasha Norcliffe – allotment deposit refund		50.00
ESET – computer security		34.99
J Gallagher – insurance premium for Christmas lights		12.76
Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board		6.64
P D Greenwell – salary		513.76
HMRC – PAYE		384.60
	£	4,452.97

**Bank charges for month to 24 February 2026 - £2.00**

**20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Howell Hall

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 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 be held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed ..... Date .....