

Garden Competition - Cllr Mrs Taylor and the Clerk.

Photographic Competition - Cllr Mrs Taylor.

Police Liaison - Cllr Smith.

York Bus Forum – Cllr West

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS.

Cllrs Auton and Mrs Taylor each declared an Interest under Item 20 as Trustees of Howell Hall.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 14th April 2026, were PROPOSED by Cllr Kramm as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

8. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE REPORT

The monthly Report had been received, and no incidents were recorded.

9. ACTION REVIEW

The meeting with Barratts has yet to take place. It is hoped that they will help with improving the biodiversity of the hedge along the newly tarmaced area of Moor Lane.

Clerk

The horticultural group “Forest of Flowers” will meet with us in July to give advice on the future management of the wildflower meadows.

Cllr Steward has arranged for the removal of a dead tree on Yorkfield Lane.

The Carnival stall has been booked.

Cllr Auton has done a piece on Radio York to highlight our continuing dissatisfaction with the state of Tadcaster Road opposite the Millers development.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A warning siren on the railway crossing, which is sounding every couple of minutes, has been reported to CYC Environmental Health by Cllr. Mrs Quinn who have referred her, and this matter, to Ian Gray at Network Rail. The Head of Environment at Network Rail has said that these sirens are only temporary until other measures can be set up. They are now set at as low a level as possible during the night. These sirens are safety measures, and no other measures are possible at the present time.

11. AUDIT 2025-26

It was RESOLVED that Copmanthorpe Parish Council approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 for Copmanthorpe Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26.

It was RESOLVED that Copmanthorpe Parish Council approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025-26 for Copmanthorpe Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26.

It was RESOLVED that, in accordance with the Account and Audit Regulations (2015), the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, and the Transparency Code of Smaller Authorities, Copmanthorpe Parish Council will publish the following documents on a public website:

- Annual Internal Audit Report 2025-26
- Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025-26
- Section 2 – Annual Accounting Statements 2025-26
- Analysis of Variances
- Bank Reconciliation to March 2025
- Notice of Period for the Exercise of Public Rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Account and Audit Regulations 2015.

Cllr
Auton

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

The Monthly Planning Report had been circulated.

b) Finance and Risk Management

The monthly Forecast/Budget sheet had been circulated.

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 19th May 2026, at 7.30 pm.

Clerk

c) Environment

No meeting has been held

Work is on-going to develop a small woodland at the top of Manor Heath

13. TREES

The TPO's which we have requested are going through the process.

A second quote is needed for the works to the trees in the Burial Ground.

Clerk

14. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Cllr Steward not present, but the following had been noted:

He is chasing CYC Officers for an update on Yorkfield Lane.

Boundary Review – number of councillors preferred by Boundary Commission changed to 48 (from 47) and consulting until 6th July. No change to Cop boundaries, but city wide changes are actually quite notable

FSS surgery has made enquiries about using the Askham Bar site. It must be stressed that this would only be short-term as CYC own the land and want to build houses on it.

Cllr Steward had attended a meeting on the Mayor's new transport strategy. CYC and NC both have one of these, but it is difficult to find anything tangible to report.

15. CARNIVAL

On the stall this year we hope to have:

A residents' survey on what they would like to see on Yorkfield Lane.

Information on blisterpack recycling.

The Village Archive and photographic competition.

Heritage Trail leaflets.

Photos of residents' Christmas decorations.

New leaflets (to be sourced by Cllr Smith)

16. FRONT STREET SURGERY

Cllr Auton had put a piece in the Newsletter about the possible closure of Front Street Surgery in the shopping arcade. Approx, 100 people had attended a public meeting. Cllrs Auton and Steward are liaising with Front Street Surgery but it does seem inevitable that the Copmanthorpe surgery will close.

A possible option would be the drop-in facility at Askham Bar, but this can only be temporary as the land is owned by CYC and earmarked for housing.

17. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Committee had met last week. A number of options were discussed:

to extend the lights on the trees on the Green down to the ground;

to illuminate one more of the trees on St Giles Way;

to illuminate three trees at the top of Manor Heath.

The cost would be £6,000 -7,000 It was also noted that CYC will be replacing a lot of their lights this year, so it may be possible to get some refurbished lights from them.

18. SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK

Some repairs have been carried out in the centre of the car park, and a metal plate is to be placed across the large pothole at entrance opposite the chip shop.

19. PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Much progress has been made, but there are still some photos to be added to the Website.

20. HOWELL HALL

Howell Hall is now legally the property of Copmanthorpe Youth Club.

The rent paid by Panda Playgroup has up to now paid the salaries of the essential youth workers. Whilst it is hoped that, since Panda is now based at the School, the Hall will be available to rent out during the daytime, this regular and reliable income has now been lost. If the Youth Club ceases to be viable and closes down, ownership of the Howell Hall will transfer to the Parish Council. It was AGREED that a Working Party be formed to understand the costs and liabilities involved, how the Hall might function in effect as a Village Hall. Cllrs Kramm Wilcock AGREED to set up this Working Party.

Cllrs
Kramm/
Wilcock

21. TADCASTER ROAD SITE

Grass seed has been planted on the track leading up to the railway line. The barriers are still in place, although the Stopping Up Order has now expired.

22. MOOR LANE SITE

Work is ongoing.

23. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	33,522.24
Business Money Manager Account		41,454.62
	£	74,976.86

Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – ½ year Precept	£	20,950.00
Allotments rents received via BACS		345.00
Allotments received in cash/cheque		235.00
Re: Susan Lees		300.00
Re: Eric and Muriel Thompson		300.00
	£	22,130.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Panda Playgroup	£	925.00
Copmanthorpe Bowls Club		900.00
Copmanthorpe Art Exhibition		622.00
Copmanthorpe Community Choir		585.00
Peace of Cake		500.00
Copmanthorpe branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen		450.00
Copmanthorpe Cricket Club		350.00
Copmanthorpe Football Club		215.00
J Gallagher & Sons – insurance premium		935.00
Brighter Gardens		795.00
Simon Bowen – photographic archive website		750.00
P D Greenwell – expenses		49.75
P D Greenwell – salary		513.76
	£	7,590.51

Bank charges for month to 24 March 2026 - £0.00.

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Tayoor.
SECONDED by Cllr Wilkinson. ALL IN FAVOUR.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed Date