

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,
14th JULY 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 CORINNE QUIN
COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD
COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR DAVE WILCOCK
COUNCILLOR NEIL WILKINSON

Mrs P D Greenwell Clerk
One member of the public

Before the business of the Meeting began, the prizes in the Gardening Competition were presented by Cllr Mrs Taylor. The overall winner, judged to have the best garden in Copmanthorpe, was presented with the Coronation Cup.

A resident of Moorland Gardens expressed her concerns about the dilapidated state of the fence around the children's play area on that road. Cllr Steward will report this to Yorkshire Housing.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor David Smith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026

having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Johnson as a true and correct record of that Meeting. **SECONDED** by Cllr Wilkinson. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. ACTION REVIEW

Cllr Mrs Quin reported some progress in relation to the noise nuisance coming from the railway. A Noise Abatement Notice has been served on Network Rail, but apparently needs to go to Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd. They must either remove the siren or fit some sort of baffle/muffling device to lessen the noise, and must comply with this directive before 1st August..

It is hoped that there will be a Ward meeting in early August, to which the police will be invited. The driving of e-scooters is a problem in the village, and residents are asked to report this to the police on the 101 number, or email, or by text message. This meeting will be publicised on the Facebook page.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman has responded to a formal complaint from a resident of Horseman Drive regarding the wildflower meadow, and also a letter sent to her some 12 months ago. No reply has yet been received.

Letters are also being sent to a number of residents regarding overhanging hedges and tree branches at their properties.

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

The monthly Report has been circulated.

b) Finance and Risk Assessment

Cllr Wilkinson has circulated the monthly update to the budget sheet.

It is noted that the anticipated cost of 2 VAS signs, some £13,500, is now to be met by CYC. This will be a substantial saving for the Parish Council.

c) Environment and Place

The minutes of a Meeting held on 23rd June had been circulated by the Clerk.

Cllr Wilcock had subsequently written and circulated a report on the current condition of the Wildflower Meadow and what needs to happen next; and also on the outcome of a "walkabout" yesterday with the CYC Village Caretakers.

A CYC Officer, Rachel Hanks, who came on the walk was helpful and particularly supportive of what the Parish Council, with the Copmanthorpe Volunteer, is trying to achieve. She works with St Nick's and was part of the team responsible for the Meadow on the City Walls, and is keen to advise us on how best to proceed.

It was AGREED that the rye grass in the roadside verge section of the Meadow should be removed. Lower growing species are needed in this section. Steps should be taken to prevent the knapweed and ox-eye daisies from seeding.

Cllr Wilcock will write a piece about this for the Parish Council website.

Cllr
Wilcock

7. TREES IN THE BURIAL GROUND

A second quote for the works thought to be required is awaited.

8. BURIAL GROUND CENTENARY

The Clerk informed members that February next year marks the centenary of the first burial in Copmanthorpe Burial Ground. Members are asked to give some thought as to how this centenary might be marked.

Clerk &
Cllrs

9. COPMANTHORPE WARD

A Ward Meeting will take place on 3rd August in the Howell Hall.

The trial of the new Rougier Street scheme to improve journey times in the City has been approved and will run for 18 months, starting early next year. Details have been well publicised.

CYC are to consider the purchase of land to accommodate travellers for stays of up to one week.

10. CARNIVAL

The Carnival had been well attended, and the Chairman thanked all those who had given up their time to help man the Parish Council stall. Options for the future presence of the Parish Council at the Carnival will be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk

11. FUNDING FOR COPMANTHORPE VOLUNTEERS

It was CONFIRMED that the Copmanthorpe Volunteers should receive a quarterly payment of £250 payable by Standing Order. This had been AGREED previously but not yet set up. They are taking on more and more work, and need to be able to purchase what they need in order to continue their valuable contribution to the village. A retrospective payment of £500 will be paid this month, with regular quarterly payments of £250 beginning in September.

Clerk

12. TADCASTER ROAD SITE

It is understood that 15 properties are now occupied.

13. MOOR LANE SITE

Barratts have agreed to decorate Howell Hall, and will undertake other voluntary work in the burial ground on 31st July.

14. ACCOUNTS**Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account	£	24,941.47
Business Money Manager Account		41,587.46
	£	66,528.93

Credits to the Account this Month

Re: Alice Morgan	£	75.00
Re: Geoffrey John Peters		75.00
Re: Jennifer Marilyn Robertson		1,245.00
	£	1,395.00

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Brighter Gardens	£	1,989.74
MyGroup Hull Ltd – blisterpack recycling		599.90
Shaw & Sons Ltd – Register of Grave Spaces		234.00
P D Greenwell – garden comp prizes		275.00
Megan Taylor – IT expenses		97.66
Simon Bowen – re photo archive		51.84
P D Greenwell – expenses		29.20
Megan Taylor – garden competition expenses		28.75
David Wilcock – allotment expenses		17.99
P D Greenwell – salary		513.76
HMRC – PAYE		384.60
	£	4,222.44

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

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Christmas lights
 Christmas Grotto
 Carnival 2027
 Howell Hall storage
 Howell Hall working party
 Burial ground centenary
 Grants policy

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 11th August 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, 25th August 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Date