

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE  
at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST                      Chairman  
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON  
COUNCILLOR DAVID CARR  
COUNCILLOR TIM DUFFY  
COUNCILLOR TIM JARRETT  
COUNCILLOR LARS KRAMM  
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH  
COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD**

**Mrs P Diane Greenwell                                      Clerk  
Mr Roy Connolly**

Before the meeting began, Mr Connolly expressed his concerns about the vast increase in the amount of vehicle traffic which will be using Moor Lane when the proposed housing development at the top of that road goes ahead. Members sought to reassure him that all highways matters will be considered by CYC as part of the planning consultation process, and that the Parish Council has raised these concerns in response to the application for outline planning approval.

It was noted that there are a great deal of very large vehicles coming through the village and using Moor Lane to access the upgrading work currently taking place on the railway.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs Melissa Magson

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors Duffy and Whitfield both declared an Interest in Item 7 as members of the Recreation Centre Management Committee

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021,  
having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Megan Taylor  
as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Peter Whitfield.  
ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The monthly report has been circulated.  
There has been some targeted vandalism at the allotments.

## 5. ACTION REVIEW

Following a meeting attended by Cllr Whitfield and the Clerk with the Chairmen of Askham Richard and Askham Bryan Parish Councils, a letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Governors of Askham Bryan College to try to find a constructive way forward in tackling a variety of anti-social behaviour problems experienced by residents of all three villages.

The Parish Council is reminded of its commitment to install a commemorative bench, Or similar, in memory of those residents whose lives have been lost during the Covid pandemic. This could be linked with the tree planting project.

## 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### a) Planning

The monthly report has been circulated.

### b) Roads and Footpaths

Cllr Auton has circulated a document which should enable us to better record actions we take in respect of damage to footpaths and roads, overhanging vegetation and any related issues. It was AGREED that this document be adopted.

The new signs for the Ebor Way are now in place.

### c) Finance

A Risk Management document has been circulated. Cllr Whitfield PROPOSED that this be adopted. SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Taylor. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Arrangements for a Parish Council debit card are yet to be finalised.

A Grants Policy document has been circulated. Members are asked to consider this with a view to adopting it at the August meeting, alongside the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Cllrs

## 7. RECREATION CENTRE- Application for grant aid

An application for £1,500 towards the total cost of £3,700 for a replacement lawn mower is received. A similar request has been made for funding from the Ward budget. Cllr Jarrett PROPOSED that this grant be made. SECONDED by Cllr Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

A further application is made for help with the cost of replacing the flooring in the Sports Hall. Much supporting information has been received, but there are still some questions to be asked before a decision on this can be made. Cllr Duffy

## **8. SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

The Parish Council notes, with considerable reluctance and regret, the decision of the School Governing Body that this project shall not proceed any further. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to the Chairman of the Governors to ask what alternative use they are proposing for the building which was a gift to the School from the village community many years ago. Clerk

## **9. YOUTH CLUB and HOWELL HALL**

Following on from Cllr and Mrs Auton's declared intention to step down from managing the Youth Club, it now seems that the one remaining Youth Leader is very keen to keep the Club going and has made an appeal for new Management Committee members. Three potential Youth Leaders have been also been identified.

## **10. YORKFIELD LANE**

The final decision of the Inspector on the Public Right of Way is still awaited. A piece outlining our intentions and vision for the whole of Yorkfield Lane will appear in the September edition of the Newsletter, and will also go on the website.

## **11. RISK ASSESSMENT**

See Item 6c above.

## **12. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Cllr Carr has observed a good deal of "re-wilding" of gardens in recent weeks. The Scouts are meeting with Dave Meigh, CYC, to discuss whether some of the verges could be re-wilded in a similar way, having in mind the safety of road users and pedestrians.

Cllr Carr has been approached by the Friends of Copmanthorpe School for funding towards the purchase of a polytunnel. (A formal application for funding from the Parish Council has also been received). No formal quotes or estimates have yet been obtained, and more information is required before any decisions can be taken. Clerk

Twelve areas of roadway in the village have been identified as in need of attention. CYC have agreed to fund the two areas identified on Main Street, and there is £15,000 in the Ward Highways budget to attend to one more.

The Draft Local Plan consultation is still ongoing.

A decision on the proposed devolution will be made on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The amendments agreed with CYC have been drafted, and will be agreed by Members of the Neighbourhood Plan group shortly.

### **14. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The leaflet has now been printed, and a copy will be given to each household very soon. Cllr Smith will also send this to The Press.

Cllr  
Smith

### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **16. GARDEN COMPETITION**

Five entries have been received, and the judging will take place next Tuesday evening. Prizes, and the Coronation Cup, will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **17. COPMANTHORPE MOSAIC and OLD VILLAGE SIGNS**

It is understood that there has been a change of ownership at the Mace shop. The Clerk will inform the new owner that the mosaic is the property of the Parish Council.

Clerk

It has previously been agreed that one of the old village signs should be attached to the gable end wall of the Howell Hall. This must be progressed.

Cllr  
Auton

### **18. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Volunteers are still needed, and training will need to be arranged.

Cllr Mrs  
Taylor

**19. ALLOTMENTS**

An inspection will take place next week.

It was AGREED that the keeping of bees and chickens on the allotment site is acceptable, but that those plot holders doing this must be obliged to agree to keeping them to the RSPCA's Standard for Animals on Allotments. This needs to be incorporated into the Tenancy Agreement.

Clerk

Despite recent vandalism, there was no enthusiasm for the installation of CCTV on the site.

**20. VILLAGE EVENTS**

The Christmas Event Planning Group needs to meet soon. It is hoped that some kind of event can take place in December, subject to the situation in respect of Covid-19 at that time.

**21. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	50,099.27
Business Money Manager Account		21,980.61
	£	72,079.88
Credits to the Account this Month		
Allotment rent	£	77.00
HMRC – VAT refund		476.35
Allotment rent		38.50
	£	591.85
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
Brighter Gardens		900.00
Copmanthorpe Brownies		520.00
Yorkshire Internal Audit Services		335.00
McAfee – computer protection		89.99
Stuart Auton Plumbing – allotments		25.00
P D Greenwell – salary		430.00
HMRC – PAYE		260.41
	£	2,560.40

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield.  
SECONDED by Cllr Duffy. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**22. AUDIT 2020-21**

The Internal Audit is complete, and the required documents are now displayed on the Parish Council website.

The Internal Auditor's Report is received and its contents noted.

**23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Tree planting project.

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 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, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Howell Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

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