

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

**Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak, and in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this Meeting took place remotely.**

**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**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Melissa Magson

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**, having been previously circulated were PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Megan Taylor as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Graham Auton. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

Members are pleased to receive a monthly report from the police – the first since the beginning of lockdown in March. There seems to be an increase in anti-social behaviour, particularly at the Recreation Centre, and an increased police presence in the village has been noticed, including the use of automatic number plate recognition cameras. Cllr Duffy will enquire as to why these are being deployed, and also if there is any progress on recent burglaries. Cllr Duffy

**5. YORKFIELD LANE**

We are informed that the Inspector wishes to view the site alone. He will attend site sometime during week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January. The Parish Council will respect the Inspector's wishes and abide by his decision.

**6. CLERK'S REPORT**

Letters had been sent out regarding overhanging hedges as agreed at last meeting, and responses received. Some action had already been taken.

After some lengthy discussion it was AGREED that members should report any similar problems to Cllr Auton, who will then suggest which should be referred to CYC for action. In the meantime, a reminder to residents to keep hedges and trees on their boundaries from impeding the footpath, will be placed in the Newsletter.

Cllr  
Whitfield

**7. ACTION REVIEW**

We are waiting to hear back from CYC that they accept the proposed Management Plan for the balancing pond, and will then discuss what work remains for us, and any volunteers to carry out.

An order has been placed for the Ebor Way signage, but the manufacturer will not return to work until the end of January.

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

The monthly report has been circulated

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

Members are reminded to send their reports to Cllr Auton in time for the February meeting.

Cllrs

The non-slip surfacing at the junction of Station Road/Main Street has been re-affixed.

The way markers on the bridleway across the A64 from Colton Lane to Askham Bryan College are in the ditch. The Clerk will ask the Public Rights of Way Officer at CYC to arrange for their reinstatement.

Clerk

**c) Finance**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January had been circulated.

A useful meeting with Panda Playgroup had taken place. After having sight of their Management Accounts, Cllr Duffy is content to PROPOSE that the requested grant of £2,500 be paid as soon as possible. AGREED.

Cllr Duffy also PROPOSED that an application by Copmanthorpe Pharmacy for funding of £300 to train one volunteer in the provision of mental health support in the community be approved. There are two other volunteers, funding for whom is being sought elsewhere, and the Parish Council will step in if these applications fail. SECONDED by Cllr Whitfield. ALL IN FAVOUR.

It was further AGREED that, for this year only, the period for consideration of grant applications be extended to the end of March. This will enable us to support village organisations who are suffering financially due to the pandemic.

## 9. RAILWAY BRIDGE

The artwork on the bridge has now been completed, and the Clerk will write to the young lady who originally suggested this improvement to the village. Clerk

## 10. RECYCLING

The additional bin, for recycling aluminium, is now in situ outside Howell Hall. Seven volunteers currently help Cllr Auton with sorting all the different items which are being taken there.

The Scout Group has contacted Cllr Auton, and the Clerk, and is keen to be involved in this project and perhaps offer facilities at the Recreation Centre for other types of recycling. It was AGREED that they should be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss their plans. Clerk

It was noted that, on windy days, recycling left out at the kerbside is blowing about. Cllr Whitfield will include in the Newsletter a request for residents to use the box lids provided, or weigh down papers with heavier items. (A reminder about dog fouling would also be useful). Cllr Whitfield

## 11. COPMANTHORPE WARD

Cllr Carr has agreed a grant of £2,500 to Panda Playgroup.

Twelve problem areas had been identified by Cllr Carr and CYC Highways Engineers, of which two have so far been resolved. It is acknowledged that staff shortages due to Covid-19 are causing delays in this kind of maintenance work.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing which is not covered elsewhere.

**13. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	41,098.80
Business Money Manager Account		21,979.51
	£	63,078.31

Credits to the Account this Month	£	000.00
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## Accounts to be Paid this Month

Panda Playgroup – grant	£	2,500.00
Copmanthorpe Methodist Church – “Christmas in a bag” grant		1,000.00
Branches Out		500.00
Electrotest		426.00
Foss Feeds – Christmas trees		135.00
SLCC – Clerk’s membership subscription		130.00
Cllr T Duffy – expenses re Christmas trees		58.29
CPRE – subscription		36.00
P D Greenwell – salary		721.00
HMRC – PAYE		314.20
	£	5,820.49

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

**14. PRECEPT 2021-22**

After considerable discussion at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January, the Finance Committee RECOMMENDED that there should be no change in the Precept from the current year, a figure of £34,940. Whilst the number of grant applications to date is fewer than in previous years, maintaining the Precept at the same level will provide us with a Covid Recovery Fund which will allow us to help organisations who find themselves struggling financially as a result of the pandemic. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Photographic competition
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Tree planting
- Allotments

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom and 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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