

**A MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY,  
12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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**  
**Two members of the public**

Before the business of the Meeting began a resident of Temple Lane outlined on behalf of a group of other residents their ongoing concerns about the long-standing problems of speeding traffic on Temple Lane, and the lack of a footpath between the two sections of housing. Signage is also poor, and the road markings have all but disappeared. The Parish Council can request reinstatement of the road markings, and the possibility of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign will be investigated (the previous one having broken and not been replaced by CYC some years ago). The cost of a linking footpath is known to be prohibitive, however it was AGREED that the Clerk should approach Mr David Forth to enquire if there is any possibility of some sort of path on the inside of the boundary hedge of his field to link the two sections.

A representative of the Scout group gave an update on their project to introduce wild flowers into some of the grass verges in the village. He has been in touch with CYC, who need to check on the suitability of the suggested areas, the junction of Horseman Lane and Horseman Drive, and some of the verges on Flaxman Croft, in terms of sight lines, underground location of utilities and other issues which they may have. Once this information is to hand, residents will be informed via the Newsletter, social media channels and information boards, about what is happening and why this is being done.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Melissa Magson

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021,**  
having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Graham Auton  
as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Megan Taylor.  
**ALL IN FAVOUR.**

#### **4. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The monthly report has been circulated. There has been a burglary in Horseman Lane, and some theft from the Co-op, but otherwise the village is quiet.

#### **5. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk is seeking a valuation for insurance purposes for the Crown formerly presented to the Carnival Princess. It seems unlikely that this practice will ever be resumed, so there is no need to insure for the value of a like for like replacement in the event of loss. However it is suggested that the Crown be offered on permanent loan to the Yorkshire Museum, and the Clerk will investigate this option, in consultation with the Carnival Committee.

The Netball Club are seeking funding to establish a junior Club. It was AGREED that this, and any applications received from this point on, will be considered for payment in May 2022 in the normal way. The only exception to this will be applications which are specifically Covid related.

St Giles Church is keen to progress the replacement of their notice board in the Churchyard. The Clerk will liaise with the Reverend Geoff Mumford to purchase a matching one for the Parish Council at a cost of approx. £1,700.00.

#### **6. ACTION REVIEW**

Cllr Auton has found someone to attach the old sign to the external wall of the Howell Hall.

The Clerk has written to the occupiers and landlord of the two new cottages on Church Street, however the grey bins are still on the opposite side of the road by the Co-op.

#### **7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

##### **a) Planning**

The monthly Report has been circulated. Objections have been made to the revised plans for the site at the top of Moor Lane.

##### **b) Roads and Footpaths**

The three main items of repair work reported to CYC have now been carried out. The Clerk and the Copmanthorpe Volunteers have cleared the overgrowing vegetation on the railway bridge. The Volunteers will be asked to clear overhanging vegetation on one of the snickets through the Flaxman Croft estate.

**c) Finance**

No Meeting has been held. Expenditure is on a par with what would be expected at this stage in the year.

**8. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID**

The Friends of Copmanthorpe Primary School have sent further information in support of their application for funding for a Sensory Garden at the school. A more detailed breakdown of costs will be requested.

Clerk

**9. YORKFIELD LANE**

A further submission has been sent to the Planning Inspector, and receipt of this has been acknowledged.

Cllr Smith will be meeting with a representative of Sustrans to discuss the possibility of establishing a link with the Bishopthorpe Cycle Track.

Cllr  
Smith**10. TREE PLANTING**

CYC Highways have sent a list of approved trees for our suggested locations. They do not favour native species.

The Clerk has cleared the space and will order a suitable replacement for the lost memorial tree.

Clerk

**11. COPMANTHORPE WARD**

Cllr Carr is investigating the options for one or two Vehicle Activated Speed signs, but these will cost in the region of £4,000 each.

Cllr  
Carr**12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

No progress since last month's meeting. Information requested from CYC is still awaited.

**13. HOWELL HALL**

There is now a Youth Leader and five Youth Workers who are paid employees of the Youth Club. The current Chairman, Cllr Auton, and his wife Jean will be stepping down at Christmas, and a new Treasurer for the Club is also being actively

sought. Someone to manage the day to day running of the property itself will also be needed after the Autons retire.

Cllr Mrs Taylor PROPOSED a vote of thanks to Cllr Auton, and his wife Jean, for all their hard work in re-establishing the Youth Club and keeping it going for many years.

#### **14. RAILWAY CROSSING**

Cllrs West, Carr and Whitfield had this afternoon met with Julian Sturdy, MP who is supportive of our wish that the crossing take the form of a bridge at the Recreation Centre. Network Rail have discounted this option but Cllr Whitfield, on behalf of the Recreation Centre, has requested a scoping document to set out precisely what the effect of such a bridge would be on the Recreation Centre. He is also seeking a site meeting with them, but this has yet to be arranged. Cllr Whitfield

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman of the School Governors has written asking for clarification that his earlier letter explain the Governors position on the future plans for the swimming pool building had been discussed at the last meeting. He has been assured that this was the case.

A resident has asked why the early morning Coastliner services often do not run. The Clerk will contact Transdev to seek an explanation. Clerk

#### **16. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

All the current Speedwatch volunteers are either members of the Parish Council or members of their families. This situation is not sustainable, and unless more volunteers come forward the project in Copmanthorpe will be wound up.

#### **17. EVENTS**

Arrangements for the Christmas event are in hand, and volunteers will be needed to help on the day.

The next Street Recycling Day will be 22 May 2022.

**18. ACCOUNTS****Balances at the Bank**

Community Account	£	58,733.00
Business Money Manager Account		21,981.16
	£	80,729.16

## Credits to the Account this Month

CYC – 2 <sup>nd</sup> ½ Precept	£	17,470.00
Allotments		25.00
Re: Alan Hardcastle		30.00
Interest on Business Money Master a/c		.55
	£	17,525.55

## Accounts to be Paid this Month

City of York Council – ½ year allotments rent		523.50
Brighter Gardens and Landscapes		410.00
PKF Littlejohn – external audit		240.00
David Whiteman – plants		31.98
Cameo Engraving		29.95
Royal British Legion – poppy wreath		21.98
P D Greenwell – salary		489.80
	£	1,747.21

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

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall, 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> November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

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