# THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COPMANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL was held on TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 at 7.30 PM in the HOWELL HALL, SCHOOL LANE, COPMANTHORPE.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM AUTON Chairman

COUNCILLOR MIKE BIRTILL
COUNCILLOR OLIVER KNEEN
COUNCILLOR DAVID SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHRIS STEWARD
COUNCILLOR MRS MEGAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST
COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P Diane Greenwell Clerk

One member of the public

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Whitfield NOMINATED Cllr Auton to serve as Chairman for the forthcoming year. SECONDED by Cllr West. ALL INFAVOUR.

#### 2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Kramm has indicated that he is willing to stand for election as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. Cllr Whitfield NOMINATED Cllr Kramm. SECONDED by Cllr West. ALL IN FAVOUR.

## 3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, LIAISON ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman serve on all Committees

**Finance and Risk Assessment Committee** Cllrs Steward, Mrs Taylor and Whitfield AGREED to serve. Cllr Gowland will be asked to continue to serve.

Planning Cllrs Birtill, Steward, Mrs Taylor and Whitfield AGREED to serve.

**Allotments and Green Spaces** Cllrs Birtill, Kneen, Smith and West AGREED to serve.

The Chairmen of each of these Committees will be elected at the first Meeting of that Committee. Membership is little changed from the past year.

Police Liaison Cllr Smith will continue in this role.

**Coronation Cup** Cllr Mrs Taylor and the Clerk will continue to organise this.

**Photographic Competition** Cllr Mrs Taylor and the Clerk will continue to organise this

Website Cllr Whitfield will continue to maintain the Parish Council website.

**Events** Cllrs Auton, Mrs Taylor and Whitfield will continue to serve.

**Parish Council News (Green insert)** Cllrs Mrs Taylor and Whitfield and the Clerk will continue to edit this quarterly bulletin.

Yorkfield Lane Cllr Smith will continue to take the lead on this.

**Neighbourhood Plan Group** Cllrs Mrs Taylor and Whitfield will continue to work on this.

Recreation Centre Cllr Whifield will continue as the Recreation Centre representative.

Youth Club Cllrs Auton and Mrs Taylor will continue as the Youth Club representatives.

#### 4. APOLOGIES

Cllr Gowland – working abroad. Cllr Kramm – abroad.

#### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024,** having been previously circulated, were PROPOSED by Cllr Whitfield as a true and correct record of that Meeting. SECONDED by Cllr Kneen. AGREED.

#### 7. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Only one incident this month – a theft from Church Street. A new number to report incidents to the police, in addition to 101, has been publicised in the Parish Council quarterly insert in the Village Newsletter.

#### 8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

#### a) Planning

A report covering March, April and May had been circulated. Applications at 17 St Nicholas Road, and the Copmanthorpe Motors site, have been REFUSED.

Cllr Steward had looked into redefining the Village Conservation Area. This would be a lengthy process, but York Civic Trust may be able to help.

# b) Roads and Footpaths

It is noted that a number of hedges and shrubs are overgrowing the footpaths. The verge at 66 Manor Heath is being damaged by vehicles driving across the grass.

Cllr Auton has been in touch with Community Payback to arrange for them to carry out maintenance work on the public benches in the village.

# c) Finance and Risk Management

The Report of the Internal Auditor is received and will be discussed at the next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### d) Allotments and Green Spaces

The Committee had met last week.

The hedge at the side of the allotment site is in a poor condition.

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The route of a "green corridor" through the village, and the location of "green spaces" need to be formally recorded.

The fence between sections C-D of Yorkfield Lane will be removed on 29 June.

Cllr Smith has met with "Treemendous" who have given the names of useful contacts at City of York Council, and will also advise on the planting of shrubs and fruit trees. To be discussed further at next month's Parish Council Meeting.

#### 9. COPMANTHORPE WARD

The structure and layers of management at CYC are changing and Cllr Steward believes this will be an improvement.

Ward funding will be at the same level as last year - £4,000.

The necessary works to repair Bishopthorpe bridge will be funded by CYC, and the work is currently out to tender.

Housing and transport will be priorities for the newly elected Mayor of the York and North Yorkshire combined authority.

#### 10. HOWELL HALL

Cllr Birtill is in contact with the Management Committee of Howell Hall to discuss the installation of acoustic panels.

## 11. SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON TEMPLE LANE

The volume of traffic on Temple Lane is increasing and the condition of the road continues to deteriorate. No response has been received to the Clerk's letter to Celkom and she will write to them again.

Clerk

We have sought help from CYC and asked them to monitor speed along Temple Lane, and this is awaited.

#### 12. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Community Speedwatch has been deployed on Manor Heath this week, and five drivers were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. It is hoped that deployments will take place weekly from now on.

#### 13. PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESS

Whilst changing to a .gov.uk email address is not currently mandatory, it is recommended and it would be sensible to do so for a number of reasons: more secure; more professional appearance; would enable all members to have their own dedicated email for PC business. It will be necessary to select an Approved Registrar to do this, and the Clerk is currently investigating how best to proceed. It was AGREED that we should probably retain our website in its current form, but seek a new domain name and email provision.

Clerk

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#### 14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Whitfield and Mr Martin Pickard will meet to discuss the latest suggestions from CYC for amendments to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Whitfeld

#### 15. YORKFIELD LANE and TADCASTER ROAD SITE

Cllrs Smith, Steward, Mrs Taylor, West and Whitfield and the Clerk had met earlier today with representatives of Miller Homes. A lot of the issues which we had raised in the past have been addressed. The major remaining concern is the safety of people travelling to the site from the centre of the village.

The allocation of Sec 106 monies was discussed at some length, and a detailed breakdown of this will be forwarded to the Parish Council, who will continue to press for more funding to fulfil our ambitions for Yorkfield Lane.

# 16. RECREATION CENTRE 2

Defer to next Meeting.

#### 17. COPMANTHORPE CARNIVAL

Volunteers are needed to collect the gazebo and its weights, banners and other items from the loft in Howell Hall and transport them to the Recreation Centre, to man the stall between 11.30 am and 4.00 pm, and then to dismantle the stall and return the gazebo etc. to Howell Hall. A rota sheet was circulated.

Cllrs and Clerk

# 18. EVENTS

To mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, over forty residents have booked for the fish and chips tea to be hosted by the Parish Council for residents who will be aged over eighty on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

The beacon will be lit at 9.15 pm. As part of the national commemoration.

#### 19. CORRESPONDENCE

Complaints have been received about dogs fouling in a resident's garden, and, separately, about dogs barking for prolonged periods during the day. These matters will be mentioned in the Village Newsletter.

#### 20. ACCOUNTS

#### **Balances at the Bank**

Business Current Account
Business Money Manager Account

£ 31,894.85 47,857.58

£ 79,752.43

#### **Credits to the Account this Month**

Allotment rents up to 9/5/2024	£	910.00
	£	910.00
Accounts to be Paid this Month		
1st Copmanthorpe Scout Group Howell Hall, Youth Club Panda Playgroup Friends of Copmanthorpe Primary School Peace of Cake Copmanthorpe Cricket Club Copmanthorpe branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen Copmanthorpe Community Choir 3rd Copmanthorpe Brownies J. Gallagher & Co. – insurance Elkerlodge Services Ltd – internal audit Megan Taylor – Microsoft 365 P D Greenwell – salary	£	4,000.00 1,500.00 1,495.00 1,000.00 550.00 500.00 450.00 400.00 350.00 867.08 318.00 59.99 509.60

Bank charges for month to 24 March 2024 - £11.00

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Birtill. SECONDED by Cllr Steward. ALL IN FAVOUR.

#### 20. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Signage at the burial ground and the Horseman Meadow. "Treemendous".

# 21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. To be preceded by a Meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.00 pm.

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An interim Meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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