

# **UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 6 April 1998 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York

## **PRESENT**

Councillors Mrs N E Fowler (Chairman), Mr K R Smith, Mr R Walker, Mr G C J Kirk, Mrs E A Parker, Mr A J Peck, Mrs J M Bushby and Mrs K Richardson.  
Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk), Mr J J Carlton (Past Parish Clerk) and Mr J H Crossley (Past Parish Treasurer)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mr G Moore (City of York).

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted and signed as a true record

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

### **Dry pubs**

PC Alan Sunderland had reported that neither the landlords of the Lord Nelson nor the White Horse wished to take part in the Dry Pubs scheme. PC Sunderland considered that the Red Lion was too far from the centre of the village.

Councillor Peck reported that one of the York Rotary Clubs had contributed £500 towards setting up another Dry Pub in the Centre of York.

It was decided not to hold a joint parish councils meeting for the time being.

### **Lord Collingwood car park**

A letter had been sent to the YLCA on 11 March 1998 asking for comments regarding the routeing of the right of way via the car park. Mr Hall of Mansfield Brewery phoned on 27 March to ask for a site meeting to try and resolve the problem. He was informed of the letter sent to the YLCA. We are waiting for the YLCA reply.

### **Schools' crossing warden**

Councillor Smith reported that City of York Council had informed the School Governors that a census had shown that there was not enough traffic to warrant a school's crossing warden. Councillor Walker queried as to when the census had taken place. Councillor Smith said that a census in the morning or evening would show that there were plenty of cars. He said the School Governors were pressing for a new entrance to the School as well as for a warden.

**Greens registration**

There was nothing to report on Greens registration.

### **Bus shelters**

A letter from the City of York Council gave "permission" to excavate the Public Highway for the base of the new bus shelter opposite the Library. Unfortunately, before work can begin it will be necessary to write to four more agencies (undertakers) that may have pipes or cables under the area to be excavated. A quotation of £175.00 plus VAT from City of York Council for removing the graffiti in the bus shelter in the Green was accepted. Councillor Parker asked if the shelter could be painted with a protective paint that would enable graffiti to be removed more easily. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for this work and report to the Chairman.

### **Local Transport Day**

Councillor Smith had been unable to attend the Local Transport Day therefore no report was available.

### **Satellite dish in Conservation Area**

The Parish Clerk had written to the City of York Council regarding this matter but had not yet received a reply.

### **Hedging at Rosethorn Cottage**

Councillor Smith had spoken to the residents of Rosethorn Cottage at the corner of Chantry Gap/Main Street and reported that the hedge had been trimmed to the maximum. He also reported that it was in the deeds that the hedge should remain.

## **4. FINANCE**

Current balances

Current Account	£390.58
High Interest Account	£7,240.88

Payment of an account for the annual subscription to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association for £221.00 was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Kirk and was duly passed.

## **5. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Plans pending**

Ref 97/02259/REM Erection of pitched roof two storey dwelling at the rear of Lyndhurst, Hodgson Lane for Mr D Gath.

Ref 97/02578/OUT Outline application for erection of buildings for B1, B2 and B8 use at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane.

Ref 97/02545/ADV Display of illuminated and non-illuminated forecourt signs at Wills & Ellis Ltd.

Ref 97/00717/ADV Display of pole mounted and directional signs for Wills & Ellis Ltd.

Ref 98/00196/FUL Erection of two dwellings to the rear of 1/2 Holly Bank and Westfield, Hodgson Lane for Mr J Brennan.

Ref 97/02754/FUL Erection of pitched roof two-storey side extension at 31 Station Road for Mr & Mrs Cook.

Ref 98/00236/OUT Renewal of approved outline application for erection of one dwelling at 2 Station Road for Mr & Mrs D B Wilson.

Ref 98/00297/LBC Erection of 6 x 1 square metre solar collectors in inner roof valley at Manor Farm, The Green for Mr & Mrs Conyers.

Ref 98/00355/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof side extension at Restholme, Boroughbridge Road for Mr Brown.

Ref 98/00459/FUL Erection of two storey side extension at 4 Pear Tree Avenue for J M Middleton.

Ref 98/00622/FUL Erection of single storey side extension at Poppleton Methodist Church.

Ref 98/000634/TCA Felling of poplar tree at Maypole House, The Green for A M Castle.

### **Plans accepted**

None

### **Plans refused**

None

## **6. PARISH COUNCILLOR CASUAL VACANCY**

The City of York Council had advised that no one had asked for an election for the vacant Councillor position and that the PC should co-opt a new councillor as soon as possible. Neville Fellows had put his name forward as a co-optee and the Council agreed that he should be approached.

## **7. 1998 NEWSLETTER**

Councillor Smith said that he thought that a Newsletter was an excellent idea. Councillor Peck supported Councillor Smith. Councillor Fowler said the 1998 Newsletter would be based on the Chairman's report. Councillor Smith said there should be a mention about parking on the Green. It was also suggested that there should be a mention about residents trimming their own trees and that cars should not be parked on footpaths.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council was advised that a street lamp had disappeared from the corner of Long Ridge Lane and Long Ridge Drive. The matter was in hand and a new lamp should be in place shortly.

An invitation had been received from Northminster Properties Ltd inviting a member of the Parish Council to a meeting on 30 March 1998 when details of their proposed developments would be given. Councillors Parker and Kirk attended on behalf of the Parish Council and gave a report. Councillor Kirk said that he had been impressed by the presentation.

Posters advising of the distribution of Free Transport Tokens for Upper Poppleton Senior Citizens on 1 May at All Saints Hall had been received. These posters are to be displayed towards the end of April.

Letter from the City of York Council confirming that they will be undertaking ten grass cuts during the 1998 grass growing season.

Letter from the City of York Council confirmed that Grove Gardens had been officially adopted.

A Draft Information Sheet about the village had been received from the City of York Council. Especially designed for Council tenants the Sheet was passed around the Councillors for comments. Several amendments and additions were made and the Clerk instructed to return the Sheet to the appropriate authority.

Notice of a Public Meeting of The Residents Association of the Parishes in the Poppleton Ward to be held on 22 April in the Poppleton Community Centre had been received  
An information Sheet from White Rose was circulated amongst the Councillors.  
Letter from Janet Hopton informing the Council that The Friends of Poppleton Tithe Barn had been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund

**9. COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

Councillor Bushby reported that the tarmac channels in Orchard Road had come away and needed attention. Mrs Bushby pointed out that the sign on the western corner of Easthorpe Drive and Linton Road was confusing as it read 'Easthorpe Drive leading to Orchard Road'. There are only three houses in Easthorpe Drive and residents are often asked by confused visitors as to which street they are in.

Councillor Walker reported that cars were being parked on footpaths. The Clerk was asked to write to the police on the matter. Councillor Walker asked about the possibility of a 7.5 ton limit on lorries in the village.

Councillor Parker asked when the dog bins would be installed and was advised that they should be in place within the next two weeks. Mrs Parker pointed out that the bollards at the junction of Station Road and the A59 were dirty and should be washed.

Councillor Peck reported that a rat had been seen in a house in the village. The Clerk was asked to obtain a written statement on the City of York Council's policy on rats.

Councillor Kirk reported (as the Parish Council's representative) on a meeting of the British Sugar Liaison Committee on 2 April 1998. The last season had seen the largest ever beet harvest in the UK. It was expected that during the next season the York factory would be processing approximately 1,000 tons of beet per day.

Councillor Smith reported that cars were being parked on the Green. The Clerk was asked to write to the Dental Surgery with respect to car parking.

The Council Chairman, Mrs N E Fowler, welcomed James Mackman, the new Parish Clerk. The Chairman then formerly thanked the retiring Parish Clerk, Jeff Carlton, for being a brilliant and thorough Clerk who had done all that was asked of him, and more. The retiring Treasurer, John Crossley was also thanked for the work he had done over the last eighteen years. Both retiring officers were told that they would be missed and were then presented with a photo frame containing photos of the Parish Councillors.

**10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING (Annual General Meeting)**

11 May at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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