

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 13 July 1998 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs N E Fowler (Chairman), Mr K Smith, Mr A J Peck, Mr R Walker, Mrs E A Parker, Mrs J M Bushby, Mrs K Richardson and Mr N G M Fellows.

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

Four members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Bus shelters

The bus shelter in Main Street, opposite the Library, has been erected and is in use. Mrs Richardson observed that the shelter has now become a social gathering point.

Two quotations had been received for repairs to the bus shelter on the Green. These were not comparable so the Clerk was asked to obtain another quotation so that a decision could be made.

(b) Satellite dish in conservation area

The Clerk reported that the City of York Council had decided not to object to the satellite dish. The Councillors felt that this was a bad decision and the Clerk was asked to write to the Council and ask for a detailed explanation for their decision.

(c) Highway and footway repairs

The Clerk read out a letter from the York Consultancy regarding the spaces between the concrete slabs in Orchard Road. The joints are not considered dangerous and are well below intervention levels. However, Orchard Road and other concrete roads in the Parish are to be added to the provisional list of highways to be inspected, assessed and prioritised for inclusion in a future year's resurfacing and reconstruction programme of works.

(d) City of York Council policy on new lampposts

There was no information on the Council's policy on new lampposts. A letter had been received about 'Best Value' in Street Lighting. This is to be included in the package of information to be circulated to the Councillors.

(e) Youth Club and Furniture

Mrs Richardson has spoken to Stephen Goodrich who provided details of the history of the furniture. Councillor Overhill-Smith of Nether Poppleton is hoping to convene a meeting of the Youth Service and representatives of the two parishes in effort to resolve the problem of the missing furniture.

(f) Millennium Fund

Councillor Smith mentioned that there is to be a public meeting on 24 September at the Community Centre in response to the Millennium questionnaire which was circulated.

(g) Dog Bins

The sixth remaining dog bin is to be installed within the next few days.

(h) Rubbish in Ditches by the Community Centre

No reply to the Clerk's letter had been received from the Community Centre Committee.

(i) Broken Bollards, Fences and Signs

Councillor Walker said that he would arrange for new bollards to be erected on the Green by the Dentist's Surgery. It was reported that the directional pointers on the sign on the Green were loose and that were frequently found to be pointing in the wrong direction. The Clerk was asked to expedite the necessary repairs.

(j) TPO List

The file about Tree Preservation Orders had been circulated to the Councillors after the June Parish Council Meeting.

(k) Station Road/A59 Junction

The Clerk hopes to make a report to the next meeting with regards to the records relating to the above junction.

(l) Poppleton Children's Sports Day

The Clerk wrote to Mr Doyle to express the Council's appreciation for the way in which the above event was organised this year.

(m) 1998 Newsletter

Councillor Smith reported that he had cycled 11.5 miles when delivering this year's Newsletter.

(n) Resolution for Submission to YLCA AGM

Councillor Smith who had been absent for the June meeting when the above resolution was discussed asked why the motion had been defeated and received a comprehensive reply.

4. FINANCE

a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented the Councillors with a detailed report showing the expected income and expenditure for the current financial year. The report showed that current balances were:

Current Account	£200.00
High Interest Account	£6,989.07
Cash in hand	£12.00

b) Accounts to pay - cheques signed at the Meeting

Commutaport for the provision of the bus shelter	£1,454.06
Parish Clerk's honorarium	£500.00

c) Accounts paid

Ken Falkingham for repairs to the Coronation seat	£76.30
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d) 1997/8 Accounts

The above accounts as prepared by Mr John Crossley, the previous Parish Treasurer, were presented to the Council and accepted.

e) Capital Items

A letter had been received from Cathy Wordie, Chairman of the School Governors, confirming that the plans for a new School entrance have been approved by the Highways Department and now await Leisure Services approval. Given that the Parish Councillors had received this letter of assurance that the School entrance scheme was well under way it was agreed that the whole of the 1998-9 Parish Capital Grant be donated towards the scheme.

f) Donations

Councillor Peck asked that the Parish Council make a donation of £100 for the maintenance of All Saints churchyard. The motion was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Walker and passed by a majority. A letter accompanying the cheque will ask for confirmation that the donation be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard.

5. ILLEGAL PARKING & DAMAGE TO VERGES

Councillor Parker asked that a letter to be sent to residents whose houses border the Greens reminding them that it was an infringement of the by-laws to park vehicles on the Greens. Councillor Smith agreed to draft the letter.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Plans pending

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: 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: 98/00459/FUL Erection of a two-storey side extension at 4 Pear Tree Avenue for J M Middleton

Ref: 98/00634/TCA Felling of poplar tree at Maypole House, The Green for A M Castle.

Ref: 98/00673/OUT Erection of building at Northminster Business Park for Business and Storage & Distribution for Northminster Properties Ltd.

Ref: 98/00805/OUT Erection of Building for B1 office use, Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties

Ref: 98/00946/LBC Erection of detached pitched roof garage at Beechwood House, The Green for Mr & Mrs A A Scruton.

Ref: 98/00948/FUL Erection of pitched roof detached garage at Beechwood House, The Green for Mr & Mrs A A Scruton.

Ref: 98/00826/FUL Erection of conservatory at 1 Orchard Road for Mr K J Blackman

Ref: 98/00951/FUL Erection of a single storey pitched roof extension to front, rear, side and detached garage at 11 Brackenhills for Mr J V Collings.

Ref: 98/01273/TPO Crown lift and thin A2 chestnut covered by Tree Preservation Order at 22 Bankside Close for Mr R Partington.

Ref: 98/01160/FUL Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension at 25 Station Road for Mr & Mrs Gallimore.

Ref: 98/01279/OUT Outline application for the erection of B1 Office at Northminster Business Park by Northminster Properties Ltd.

Ref: 98/01387/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof detached garage at The Bungalow, Westfield Lane for Mr & Mrs Ward

Ref: 98/01415/FUL Conservatory to side at 3 Station Road for Mr & Mrs P Duggan.

Plans accepted

Ref: 97/02559/REM Erection of pitched roof two-storey dwelling at the rear of Lyndhurst, Hodgson Lane for Mr D Gath.

Ref: 98/00948/FUL Erection of pitched roof detached garage at Beechwood House, The Green for Mr & Mrs A A Scruton.

Plans refused

Ref: 98/01040/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof side extension at The Lord Collingwood, The Green for Mansfield Brewery has been withdrawn.

7. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

A letter had been received from Elizabeth Plant, the City of York Council's Electoral Services Manager, advising the Parish Council that as ten electors had not requested an election to fill the vacancy the Council were now at liberty to co-opt. It was agreed that Mr Carruthers would meet with the General Purposes Committee with regards to the vacancy.

8. POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

The new committee is still without a chairman. Peter Powell is the vice-chairman; Ann Mitchell is the secretary. The next meeting will be held on 17 July 1998. The letter sent by the Clerk with regards to the rubbish in the ditch by the sports field is on the agenda.

9. PROPOSED RESURFACING OF GRAVELLED ACCESS TO CHANTRY GREEN

A letter had been received from the residents of Chantry Green advising the Parish Council that they were arranging to resurface the access road with gravel and asking that the City of York Council extend the footpath on to the gravelled road. The Councillors considered the letter and the accompanying plan of the proposed works and agreed that it was a good idea. The Clerk was asked to write to the residents expressing the Parish Council's support and to thank the residents for consulting with the Parish Council.

10. TREES ON THE GREENS

Councillor Parker reported that it was no longer possible to cut the grass under some of the trees. Some of the trees had sucker; others had branches growing through the fencing. It was agreed that the Clerk should give Councillor Parker details of tree surgeons from the appropriate file. Councillor Parker agreed to meet with the tree surgeons with the intention of asking for quotations to put the trees in order.

The question of the overhanging trees at Blairgowrie in Main Street was raised. Councillor Moore, a custodian of the property, is to be given a quotation for the pruning of the trees and to be asked to arrange for them to be cut.

The Clerk had sent a letter to Mr Stone of the City of York Council asking for the fence round the pump on the Green to be repaired. The Councillors were disappointed that the Clerk had not received a reply and that the fence remained broken.

A rubbish skip had been placed on the Green outside the Methodist Chapel. The contractor had advised the Councillor Fowler that there was a possibility that the footpath would have suffered damage if the skip had been placed on it. The workman at the Methodist Chapel had agreed not to park on the Green.

It was reported that the vegetation at the sides of the footpath leading from the corner of Dikelands Lane to Bankside Close needed to be cut. The Clerk was asked to arrange for this as soon as possible.

11. NOTICE BOARD ON THE GREEN

On 16 June 1998, Councillor Parker had observed workmen erecting a bright blue notice board on the Green near to the junction of Hodgson Lane and Beech Grove. In the absence of the Chairman and the Clerk, reported the matter to the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Smith. After many phone calls to the City of York Council the notice board was duly moved to a site in Beech Grove on 17 June. Councillor Smith asked that he be given retrospective authorisation for the action he took. The meeting gave it unanimously.

12. YCLA AGM 5-6 SEPTEMBER

The Councillors agreed that vice-chairman, Councillor Smith, should attend the above conference.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Details of the following correspondence were read to the Councillors:

- a) A letter from Guest Walker & Co asking that the Council grant an easement over the Green for his client at Orchard House, Hodgson Lane. This was agreed.
- b) A letter from Mr Richardson questioning the need for the oak tree to be felled if the new School entrance is built.
- c) A letter from Mr R C Rush about the proposed installation of speed bumps near the School. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Rush and to the City of York Council Highways Department asking for the Parish Council to be notified in advance of any proposals so that the Councillors can be involved in discussions.

Various documents to be circulated to the Councillors:

- a) The minutes of Nether Poppleton Parish Council meeting on 18 May 1998.
- b) Various documents from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.
- c) The Strategic Action Plan and letter from the City of York Neighbourhood Watch Association.
- d) The minutes of the Residents Association of the Parishes in Poppleton Ward's meeting of 27 May 1998.
- e) The City of York Council's Quarterly Economic Bulletin No.11.
- f) A letter from the Poppleton Ward Residents' Association giving a list of dates of forthcoming meetings and inviting Parish Councillors to attend.
- g) An information sheet from the City of York Council and the Poppleton Ward Residents' Association giving dates on which skips would be available in the villages.

- h) A letter and leaflet from the Department of the Environment Transport and the Regions regarding the Campaign Against the Illegal Poisoning of Wildlife.
- i) A letter from the City of York Council with notices advertising the 'Summer Daze' activities
- j) A leaflet from the City of York Council giving guidance to householders with regards to door step traders.
- k) A letter from the City of York Council regarding 'Best Value' and the Street Lighting Service in York and inviting Councillors' comments.

COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- a) Councillor Smith reported that he had been asked to serve on the committee to manage the piece of land behind St Everilda's Church. The aims of the committee are to maintain the land for recreational use by the two Poppletons. The first job was to install a gate.
- b) Councillor Fellows reported that the weeds in Westfield Lane were sprayed with weed killer on 30 June. The Clerk was asked to write to the City Council to ask that the weeds be sprayed earlier in the year in future. Councillor Fellows asked that he be given permission to buy three or four bags of compost for the War Memorial. This item was deferred until the September meeting.
- c) Councillor Peck reported on the litter surrounding the Community Hall and in the children's playground. He reported that, whilst the refuse collectors took away rubbish in bags, they did not empty litterbins. Councillor Smith agreed to raise the matter at the next Community Centre Executive Committee.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14 September 1998 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.