

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 11 May 1998 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

Introduction of New Councillor

Mr Neville G M Fellows having signed the declaration was introduced as a co-opted Parish Councillor.

PRESENT

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

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

Six members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mr A J Peck and Mr G Moore and Mrs K Richardson.

2. APPOINTMENTS

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| (a) <u>Chairman</u> | Councillor Mrs N E Fowler |
| (b) <u>Vice-Chairman</u> | Councillor Mr K R Smith |
| (c) <u>Clerk</u> | Mr B J W Mackman |
| (d) <u>Joint Emergency Committee</u> | Councillors Mrs N E Fowler, Mr K R Smith |
| (e) <u>General Purposes Committee</u> | Councillors Mrs N E Fowler, Mr K R Smith, Mrs M Bushby and Mr R Walker. |
| (f) <u>Planning Committee</u> | Councillors Mrs N E Fowler, Mr K R Smith, Mr R Walker and Mr N G M Fellows |
| (g) <u>Community Centre</u> | Councillor Mr K R Smith |
| (h) <u>Local Councils Association</u> | Councillor Mr K R Smith |

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Car park adjacent to the Lord Collingwood

Following lengthy discussion at the March Parish Council meeting it was decided by a majority of four to one, with one abstention, not to grant a right of way through the car park behind the Lord Collingwood subject to clarification from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association. On 1 May 1998 a letter was received from the YLCA which consolidated the views of the Council. The Council, therefore, decided that a right of way giving permanent access through the car park not be given.

b) Bus shelters

- i. The graffiti in the bus shelter on The Green has been removed and the brickwork painted with a protective film to enable the easy removal of any future graffiti. The Councillors agreed to obtain quotes to repair the bus shelter guttering and to replace the broken light.
- ii. Letters had been received from all 'undertakers' with regards to the base of the proposed bus shelter opposite the Library in Main Street.

c) Satellite dish in Conservation Area

There had been no further correspondence regarding the satellite dish. The Clerk was asked to pursue the matter.

d) Highway and footway repairs

It was reported that the repairs to the pavement in Chantry Gap had been done.

Work is still needed on the tarmac channels in Orchard Road.

The Clerk was asked to pursue the erection of a sign indicating the start of Orchard Road.

e) Car parking on The Greens

A letter had been received from Mr Bayne at the Dental Surgery on The Green in response to the Clerk's letter on the subject of parking.

f) Dirty Bollards

The Clerk had found that the City of York's Street Lighting Department was responsible for bollards. On enquiry it had been found that bollards were cleaned twice a year; March and September. The Clerk was instructed to ask the Street Lighting Department to make sure that the bollards at the junction of Station Road and the A59 are cleaned as soon as possible.

g) 7.5 ton limit

The Clerk had contacted the Council's Highways Department and been given information on the action to be taken to have a 7.5 ton limit introduced on the roads in the village. These include a traffic survey, a public enquiry, a traffic order and approval from the Secretary of State. The Councillors decided to take no further action for the time being.

The Councillors reported that directional signs had appeared in the village pointing to both the Barrett development in Poppleton Park and the housing development in Fox Garth, Nether Poppleton. The signs had appeared in a Conservation Area and could encourage people to take a detour through the village. The Clerk was asked to write to both concerns asking for the signs to be removed.

h) Rats

The Parish Clerk reported that he had spoken to an officer in the City of York Pest Control Department. York is no longer agent for Yorkshire Water so is not responsible for the treatment of rats in sewers. Should a householder have a problem with rats the City of York Council will provide free treatment.

i) Street lamp at the corner of Long Ridge Lane and Long Ridge Drive.

Councillor Smith reported that a new lamp standard had been erected to replace the one that went missing. At the time of the meeting the new light was awaiting a supply of electricity.

5. 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	£9,527.27
Cash in hand	£12.00

b) Accounts to pay - cheques signed at the Meeting

York Waterworks	£5.80
Cornhill Insurance	£424.45

An account for £88.13 had been received for grass cutting in June and September in Hodgson Lane and Black Dyke Lane. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the grass to be cut before Poppleton Sports Day on 25 May. The Councillors agreed that payment of the invoice be delayed until the grass had been cut.

c) Accounts paid

None

d) Capital Items

The Chairman asked the Councillors to bring proposals for Capital Expenditure to the next Parish Council meeting.

e) Donations

After discussion the following donations for the year were agreed:

(a) St Leonard's Hospice	£50.00
(b) Martin House Hospice	£50.00
(c) Theatre Royal	£50.00
(d) Poppleton Under Fives	£25.00

6. CORONATION SEAT

Since the last Parish Council Meeting the Coronation seat in Chantry Green had been overturned and slightly damaged. A quotation for £92.50 for replacing the wooden struts and making a concrete plinth was given to the Councillors. Councillor Smith proposed and Councillor Walker seconded that the quotation be accepted and the work put in hand.

7. ILLEGAL PARKING & DAMAGE TO VERGES

It was reported that the juggernaut had reappeared in Westfield Lane. After a brief discussion it was decided that no action be taken for the time being.

8. ADDITIONAL LAMP IN EBOR WAY

Councillor Smith had asked for this item to be put on the agenda. At the meeting he was happy to report that the lamp had been installed. The Councillors noted that there seemed to be no particular style of lamp standard and asked the Clerk to write to York to ask that, in future, they be informed of any planned streetlights before they were installed.

9. YOUTH CLUB FURNITURE

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to York Leisure Services regretting the closure of the Youth Club and to enquire as to what has happened to the Youth Club furniture.

10. YORKSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL VILLAGE HALLS

Councillor Smith reported on his attendance at the meeting of the above at Masham on 18 April and thanked the Council for letting him have the opportunity of attending.

11. MILLENNIUM FUND

Councillors Fowler and Smith attended a meeting convened by the Vicar of All Saints. The next meeting is to be held on 2 July 1998. The Councillors were asked to think about activities that could mark the Millennium.

12. 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: 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: 98/00622/FUL Erection of single storey side extension at Poppleton Methodist Church.

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.

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.

Plans accepted

Ref: 98/00236/FUL Renewal of outline planning application for erection of one dwelling at 2 Station Road, for Mr & Mrs D B Wilson.

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

Ref: 97/02754/FUL First floor extension at the rear to form bedroom at 31 Station Road for Mr & Mrs Cook.

Plans refused

None

13. POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

Councillor Walker reported that the Trust is now a registered charity. The new Management Committee should take over in June/July. Councillors Smith and Walker are on the Executive Committee.

14. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Details of the following correspondence were read to the Councillors:

- (a) A letter from the Lord Mayor asking for a donation to his charities. The Councillors, having agreed this year's donations, decided not to make another donation.
- (b) York has invited Parish Councils to submit comments or views on the Transport Policies and Programme document.
- (c) A letter from the City of York Council about Local Agenda 21. The Councillors suggested holding a joint meeting with Nether Poppleton Parish Council at one of the June Meetings.
- (d) The Society of Local Council Clerks had invited the Clerk to become a member. This will appear on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.
- (e) The Ainsty Parish Councils Working Group wrote to say they are considering expansion to include Parishes to their East, and invited the Upper Poppleton Parish Council to join the group. The next meeting is to be held on 14 May and the Chairman and Vice Chairman were invited to attend. Neither Councillors Fowler or Smith would be able to attend the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to thank the APCWG for their invitation, express the Council's interest in joining the group and extend both Councillors' apologies.
- (f) Letters notifying of the closure of Hodgson Lane and Main Street on Poppleton Sports Day on 25 May.
- (g) A letter from Mrs Lockett terminating the tenancy of her husband's allotment. The Clerk was asked to seek a new tenant from the waiting list.

Various documents to be circulated to the Councillors:

- (a) The minutes of Nether Poppleton Parish Council meeting of April.
- (b) An update of the York/Knaresborough Railways 150th Anniversary.
- (c) Minutes of the 25 March meeting of the Residents Association of Parishes in the Poppleton Ward.
- (d) A new Policing Plan from the North Yorkshire Police Authority.
- (e) A copy of the Local Plan Deposit Draft.
- (f) Various documents from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.
- (g) Details of the York Challenge Fund 1998/9 Round.
- (h) Playground News.
- (i) Rural Arts, "Opportunities for Rural Action:

Correspondence sent to the Councillors prior to the Parish Council Meeting:

- (a) Poppleton Archaeology Newsletter.
- (b) A letter from the City of York Council regarding Capital Allocation.

15. COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- (a) Councillor Smith asked if the dates of forthcoming Parish Council Meetings could be published in The York Citizen. Mr Smith reported that at the School Governors' Meeting on 5 May a proposed new entrance to the school was discussed. This would entail removing half the Library steps so as to allow for more car parking. Incorporated in the plans were the installation of speed bumps on the approaches to the school from both

directions along Main Street and at the bottom of Dikelands Lane. Mr Smith asked for his resolution for submission to the YLCA AGM to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

- (b) Councillor Walker asked when the dog bins would be installed and was advised by the Clerk that York planned to have them in place by the end of May.
- (c) Councillor Fellows reported that there was a build-up of rubbish in the ditches by the Community Centre. The Councillors were of the opinion that the rubbish could have been left behind after football matches in the playing field. The Clerk was asked to write to the Community Centre Management Committee to ask them to look into the matter.
- (d) Councillor Bushby reported damage to the fence posts and the railing round the pump in the Green. Mrs Parker stated they had been damaged by the Council grasscutter. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the City Council. Mrs Bushby also reported that one of the white bollards outside the Dentists on The Green had been irreparably damaged.
- (e) Councillor Fowler asked that the 1998 Newsletter be prepared and printed so that the Councillors could distribute it after the next Council Meeting. Mrs Fowler referred to a complaint about a bonfire. After a brief discussion the Councillors agreed that this was a matter for the Environmental Department of the Council.
- (f) Councillor Parker asked that the trees at Blairgowrie be cut back.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

8 June 1998 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.