

# **UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 8 February 1999 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

## **PRESENT**

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

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

Three members of the public.

## **99.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Mrs K Richardson, Mr R Walker and Councillor Mr G Moore (City of York)

## **99.18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted and signed as a true record.

## **99.19 MATTERS ARISING**

### *99.19.1 Station Road/A59 Junction*

A letter from the City of York Council stated that instructions have been given to mark a 'Keep Clear' sign across the mouth of the junction and not a yellow box junction as reported in January.

The same letter stated that the bollards at the junction are 600mm across the face of the sign and obscure traffic for approximately two seconds. The smallest bollard available is 400mm across the face. These are used in urban areas where the speeds are slower. They would give little improvement in visibility but would create a safety problem by reducing the conspicuity of the islands.

### *99.19.2 Swimming pool cover*

It was confirmed that the School had bought the new cover for the swimming pool. It was agreed to defer the decision to make a donation to the school until the March meeting when it would be known what was left in this year's budget.

### *99.19.3 "Turn Engines Off" signs in Station Road*

A letter from the City of York Council indicated that a sign telling drivers to switch off their engines comes under The Traffic Regulations and General Directions 1994. Schedule 3 from page 99 to 105 shows signs for railway and tramway level crossings. Any permitted variants are shown in schedule 16 on page 330. The bottom line is that the proposed sign is not permitted

### *99.19.4 Drop Kerbs*

A letter from the City of York Council stated that the provision of drop kerbs would be considered for funding as part of the Minor Pedestrian Schemes budget 1999/2000. It said

that ideally they would like to action every request for drop kerbs but the limitation of budgets prevented this happening.

Another letter stated that the road in front of the drop kerb outside the Health Centre in Main Street would be marked with a keep clear bar marking as soon as possible.

#### *99.19.5 30mph limit in Hodgson Lane*

A letter from the City of York Council stated that this will be looked at as part of next year's annual speed limit review.

#### *99.19.6 Evening Bus Service*

York Pullman, the firm that runs the evening bus service Y10 to and from Poppleton, had sent timetables which were given to the Councillors.

#### *99.19.7 Missing Gated Level Crossing Sign*

A letter from the City of York Council stated that a new sign would be in place by the end of February and that the previous sign had probably been stolen.

#### *99.19.8 Bus Shelter Timer*

The bus shelter timer had been adjusted and the internal light was seen to be on from dusk.

### **99.20 FINANCE**

#### *99.20.1 Financial Report*

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

Current Account	£185.42
High Interest Account	£5,596.30

#### *99.20.2 Accounts to pay - cheques signed at the Meeting*

Jaspers, New minute book	£15.63
York Waterworks, Water charge for the allotments	£5.80

#### *99.20.3 Accounts paid*

None.

### **99.21 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### *99.21.1 Plans pending (as per the weekly list posted on the All Saints Church Hall notice board)*

- (a) Ref: 97/02578/OUT Outline application for erection of buildings for B1, B2 and B8 use at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane.
- (b) Ref: 98/00673/OUT Erection of building at Northminster Business Park for Business and Storage & Distribution for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (c) Ref: 98/01273/TPO Crown lift and thin A2 chestnut covered by a Tree Preservation Order at 22 Bankside Close for Mr R Partington.
- (d) Ref: 98/01752/FUL Erection of pitched roof first floor extension to rear at York House, Hodgson Lane for Simon Morgan.
- (e) Ref: 98/01752/FUL (amended) Two storey pitched roof extension to rear, together with demolition of part of boundary wall and outbuildings (Retrospective) at York House, Hodgson Lane for Simon Morgan.

- (f) Ref: 97/00257/FUL Erection of dwelling at The Croft, Hodgson Lane for Mr S Morgan.
- (g) Ref: 98/02390/FUL Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension with dormers at Greenthwaite, Main Street for Mr B Britton.
- (h) Ref: 98/02499/FUL Erection of single storey part pitched roof, part flat roof rear extension at The Lord Collingwood for Mansfield Brewery plc.
- (i) Ref: 98/02870/FUL Two storey pitched roof side extension and attached pitched roof double garage at 7 Brackenhills for Mr A Chilton.
- (j) Ref: 98/02814/FUL Erection of first floor pitched roof rear extension at York House, Hodgson Lane for Simon Morgan.
- (k) Ref: 99/00179/REM Erection of pitched roof building for general industrial (Class B2) use at Northminster Business Park for Northminster Properties.
- (l) Ref: 99/00187/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof side extension at 7 Beech Way for Mr & Mrs France.
- (m) Ref: 99/00130/FUL Erection of replacement pitched roof at New Manor, The Green for Mr Thomas Peter.

#### *99.21.2 Plans accepted by the City of York Council*

- (a) Ref: 98/02699/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension at Acre Cottage, Boroughbridge Road for Mr & Mrs Gale.
- (b) Ref: 98/02779/FUL Conservatory to rear at Sycamore House, Dikelands Lane by Mr Carr.
- (c) Ref: 98/02824/FUL Erection of two storey rear and single storey side pitched roof extensions at 5 Station Road for Mr & Dr Alexander.
- (d) Ref: 98/02882/TCA Pruning of various trees in a conservation area for Upper Poppleton Parish Council.

#### *99.21.3 Plans refused by the City of York Council*

No plans had been refused since the last Parish Council meeting.

## **99.22 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS**

### *99.22.1 Vandalism*

- (a) It was reported that there had been an incidence of serious vandalism in the playground at the Community Centre. A lot of broken glass had been scattered round. The City of York Council had agreed to clear up the mess.

### *99.22.2 Lampposts*

See minute 99.28

## **99.23 POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST**

### *99.23.1 Report from Council Representative*

Councillor Smith reported the following points: -

- i. A new pedestrian entrance has been provided between the tennis courts and the Bowls Club.
- ii. Resurfacing the drive from the entrance gate to a line level with the back of the Centre is to go ahead at a cost in the region of £14,000. Speed humps will be incorporated into the drive and a gate installed at the end of the building to prevent access when the Centre is closed.

- iii. The Parish Council is to be asked to approach the City of York Council to request that they resurface the entrance from the highway to the gate and install a 9" piped culvert.
- iv. It was suggested that the Parish Council ask the City of York Council to re-instate the roadside drainage ditch alongside the tennis courts and children's play area to alleviate the persistent flooding of the driveway following rain.
- v. The sports floor requires coating. Lighting repairs are necessary. The gardens need tidying up - a gardener is to be employed.
- vi. There is to be a 5% increase in levies on sections from August 1999.
- vii. Forthcoming events include the Harrogate Youth Festival on 5 April and a Muslim Dance/60's Night and a Craft Fair on dates to be arranged.
- viii. The Community Centre is being given a slot on the City of York Council's website at <<http://www.york.gov.uk>>.

The Clerk was asked to write letters to the City of York Council to ask them to carry out the relevant points mentioned above.

99.23.2 Councillor Watters asked if a slope could be installed where there are steps in the path at the Community Centre end of the new pedestrian entrance. Councillor Smith agreed to raise the subject at the next Community Centre Executive Committee meeting.

99.23.3 It was suggested that an indicator post be erected on The Green pointing the way to the Community Centre. This item will appear on the March agenda.

## **99.24 VILLAGE GREENS**

### *99.24.1 Trees*

No report.

### *99.24.2 Parking*

- (a) Councillor Watters reported that Mansfield Brewery lorries delivering to the Lord Collingwood were running over the grass on the Green and making the ground muddy. The Clerk was asked to point this out to the licensee.

### *99.24.3 Signs*

- (a) It was reported that the 'No Parking' sign by the pump on the Green had collapsed. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the appropriate repair.
- (b) Councillor Smith is to ask a local signwriter for a quotation for producing "No Vehicles" signs.

### *99.24.4 Maintenance*

- (a) Councillor Watters reported the incidence of moles on the Green. This subject is to be included in agenda for the March meeting.
- (b) A request had been received from Mr Geoff Cushing for a cross to be erected on the Green during Easter Week. The Councillors agreed to this and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Cushing to advise him of their decision.
- (c) It was pointed out that several organisations use the Green during the year and that it would be appropriate to write to them in advance reminding them that they require prior permission to use the Green and that they have responsibilities when using the Green. It was agreed that Councillor Parker and the Clerk would make a list of Green users and that the Clerk would write to them.

**99.25 MILLENNIUM FUND**

It was reported that the City of York Council is to produce a "log book of events".

**99.26 LISTED BUILDING**

The Clerk reported the rules governing listed buildings as written in the 'Clerks' Manual' of The Society of Local Council Clerks. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact the City of York Planning Department to ask for clarification regarding a Building Preservation Order for a building in Upper Poppleton.

### **99.27 YOUTH CLUB**

It was reported that the Youth Club is now running well and has the full support of the City of York Council.

### **99.28 RELOCATION OF STREET LIGHT, MAIN STREET**

Councillor Smith asked that the Clerk be authorised to write to the City of York Council to ask that the lamppost no. 11, situated 20 yards away from the Community Centre entrance, be moved next to the new entrance mentioned in minute 99.23.1.i above. The Councillors agreed.

### **99.29 VILLAGE HALLS CONFERENCE**

Councillor Keith Smith said that he would like to attend the above Conference at Barnsley on 24 April 1999. The Councillors agreed he should go and that he could claim reimbursement for expenses incurred

### **99.30 CORRESPONDENCE**

*99.30.1 The following correspondence was read to the Councillors*

- (a) A letter from Mr G Cushing asking that the Parish Council approach the railway companies to seek an enlargement of the car parking facilities at Poppleton Station. The Clerk was asked to write a letter along these lines.

*99.30.2 It was agreed that the correspondence received since the January Parish Council Meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors:*

- (a) Nether Poppleton Parish Council. Minutes of meeting on 16 November 1998
- (b) Nether Poppleton Parish Council. Minutes of meeting on 18 January 1999
- (c) British Sugar Liaison Committee. Minutes of meeting on 29 September 1998
- (d) Poppleton Moat Fields Management Group. Minutes of meeting on 17 November 1998
- (e) YLCA White Rose Update and other documents
- (f) City of York Neighbourhood Watch Association. Minutes of meeting on 8 January 1999
- (g) North Yorkshire Police - York. Draft proposal of 'Strategy for dealing with High Crime Areas/Crime Clusters'
- (h) City of York Council consultation paper on Rural Rate Relief
- (i) Parish Council News
- (j) City of York Neighbourhood Watch Association. Issue 6 of 'Guardian'

### **99.31 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

*99.31.1 Councillor Fellows*

Reported a pothole on Westfield Lane.

*99.31.2 Councillor Smith*

- i. Reported a series of meetings that had been held to formulate a document setting out the functions, constraints and control of what are described as "Local Assemblies" in the City of York. The rules set out were fundamentally the same as the statutory requirements for Parish Councils. The only new item was the introduction of a Parish Council Ombudsman to whom any complaints of maladministration could be referred.

- ii. Reported the Association of Local Council's disquiet with the National Association. It appears that most of the money is spent on offices in London. Moves are afoot to form a breakaway Northern Counties Group which would be more cost effective and more "grass roots" led.
- iii. Reported on his attendance at the Moor Monkton Turkey Farm appeal at Harrogate on 27 January. Legal arguments were presented by three barristers; one for Oaklands Farm, one for Harrogate Borough Council and one for the Parish Councils. The meeting reached no decision and is to re-convene on 18 March 1999 when the opposition submission will be heard.

*99.31.3 Councillor Watters*

Asked if there had been any progress on the introduction of a bus between Poppleton and the Sixth Form and Technical Colleges.

*99.31.4 Councillor Parker*

- i. Reported that the Coronation seat by the bus shelter in Main Street had been removed for safety. It was agreed that the seat would be repaired at sometime in the future.
- ii. Commented on the City of York Council's reply about the non-salting of Hodgson Lane and pointed out this was a bus route for the children from Hessay and Monkton going to the school in Poppleton. The Clerk was asked to write to the Council to inform them of this.

**99.32 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

8 March 1999 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.53pm.