

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 11 January 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, Mrs E A Parker, Mr A J Peck, Mrs K Richardson, Mr R Walker and Mrs R Watters.
Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)
One member of the public

99.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mr N G M Fellows and Councillor Mr G Moore (City of York)

99.2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record.

99.3 MATTERS ARISING

99.3.1 Satellite dish in conservation area

A letter from the City of York Council was read to the Councillors. This stated that, in the opinion of the Area Development Control Officer, the satellite dish does not front a highway. As the rules regarding the Conservation Area specifically state that only front walls are to be considered the Councillors agreed to let the matter rest.

99.3.2 Highway and footway repairs

The Ebor Way sign has been replaced.

99.3.3 Station Road/A59 Junction

The Clerk read out a letter dated 21 December 1998 from the City of York Council which stated that the Council had investigated the feasibility of installing a yellow box marking at the above junction. The installation is possible and the work will be issued in the New Year

99.3.4 Bus Service

The Clerk reported a conversation with Terry Walker of the City of York Council. There are plans to start a bus service between Tesco on Tadcaster Road and Clifton Moor via Acomb and Poppleton. The service would be hourly off-peak. Publicity about the service would be given. Whilst no definite date has been set for the new route it is hoped to start around Easter 1999. The Councillors welcomed the news. The fact that few people knew of the evening bus service was raised and the Clerk was asked to write to York Pullman about the matter.

99.3.5 Swimming pool cover

The Clerk reported a conversation with Mr Ron Hansell, the Clerk of Nether Poppleton Parish Council. It had been suggested that the two parishes and the school should split the cost of the new pool cover three ways. In view of the possibility of a Millennium Pool being built at the school it was decided that the Parish Council would not be making a donation at the present time and the Clerk was asked to write to the school to inform them of the decision.

99.3.6 "Turn Engines Off" signs in Station Road

The Clerk reported writing to Railtrack about the idea of the above signs. A reply from Railtrack stated that they had no objection providing they had no responsibility for providing or maintaining the signs which mustn't be fixed to the crossing gates. Councillor Smith volunteered to obtain an estimate for the signs. Councillor Peck suggested that the cost of the signs should be divided equally between the Parish Council and Railtrack and the latter is to be written to accordingly.

99.3.7 Horse Manure

The Clerk confirmed writing to local stables regarding horse manure on footpaths.

99.3.8 Drop Kerbs

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council's Highways Department on several matters and read a reply which said that the subject of drop kerbs would be investigated in January.

99.3.9 30mph limit in Hodgson Lane

The Clerk reported that the matter of the 30mph limit was covered in the letter to the Highways Department and that the subject would be investigated in January.

99.3.10 Salting Hodgson Lane

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from York Consultancy which stated that there is no legal duty on any Council to prevent the formation of ice on the highway. The City of York Council had agreed a policy on salting for the winter and would be treating 40% of its highway network compared to a national average of 23%. Extra salt bins are available for use by residents on footways and roads. The bottom line is that Hodgson Lane will not be salted this year but a review at the end of the winter period may result in alterations to the arrangement next winter.

99.4 FINANCE

99.4.1 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, after payment of the bills listed in 99.4.2 below, current balances were:

Current Account	£200.00
High Interest Account	£5,621.84

99.4.2 Accounts to pay - cheques signed at the Meeting

Clerk's honorarium	£555.10
Postage, toner and paper	£17.73
1999 Subscription to the Society for Local Council Clerks	£40.00

99.4.3 Accounts paid

None.

99.4.4 1999-2000 Budget

The Clerk confirmed that the appropriate form for notifying the City of York Council that the Parish Council wished to raise a precept of £3,000 had been completed. An amended proposed budget showing the precept was handed to all members. There is an anticipated income of £8,664 and expenditure of £8,760 showing a net deficit on the year of £96. The budget proposals were accepted unanimously.

99.5 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

- ii. Ref: 98/00673/OUT Erection of building at Northminster Business Park for Business and Storage & Distribution for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- iii. Ref: 98/01273/TPO Crown lift and thin A2 chestnut covered by a Tree Preservation Order at 22 Bankside Close for Mr R Partington.
- iv. Ref: 98/01752/FUL Erection of pitched roof first floor extension to rear at York House, Hodgson Lane for Simon Morgan.
- v. 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.
- vi. Ref: 97/00257/FUL Erection of dwelling at The Croft, Hodgson Lane for Mr S Morgan.
- vii. Ref: 98/02390/FUL Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension with dormers at Greenthwaite, Main Street for Mr B Britton.
- viii. Ref: 98/02499/FUL Erection of single storey part pitched roof, part flat roof rear extension at The Lord Collingwood for Mansfield Brewery plc.
- ix. Ref: 98/02699/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension at Acre Cottage, Boroughbridge Road for Mr & Mrs Gale.
- x. Ref: 98/02779/FUL Conservatory to rear at Sycamore House, Dikelands Lane by Mr Carr.
- xi. Ref: 98/02824/FUL Erection of two storey rear and single storey side pitched roof extensions at 5 Station Road for Mr & Dr Alexander.
- xii. Ref: 98/02870/FUL Two storey pitched roof side extension and attached pitched roof double garage at 7 Brackenhills for Mr A Chilton.
- xiii. Ref: 98/02882/TCA Pruning of various trees in a conservation area for Upper Poppleton Parish Council.

99.5.2 Plans accepted by the City of York Council

- i. There were no objections to Ref: 98/02271/TPO Crown thinning of two sycamore trees in rear garden at 4 Bankside Close for Bryan Lay.
- ii. Ref: 98/02371/FUL Variation of condition 3 of approval 97/00238/FUL to extend hours of operation at Northfield Business Park by Northfield Lane Management (York) Ltd.
- iii. There were no objections to Ref: 98/02454/TCA Crown clean of Beech, Thorn and Prunus SP in a Conservation Area at 2 Beech Grove for Mr & Mrs Addy.

99.5.3 Plans refused by the City of York Council

- i. Ref: 98/01801/FUL Two storey extension to front at 16 Dikelands Close for D McLaughlin and S Hainsworth.
- ii. Ref: 98/02604/FUL Erection of first floor pitched roof side extension at 18 Longridge Drive for M T Theoboud.

99.5.4 Plans withdrawn

No plans pending in November had been withdrawn.

99.5.5 York House

A letter from the City of York Council was read to the Councillors. This gave an explanation of the circumstances regarding the planning permission for the York House development. Another letter was read which referred to the forthcoming appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision of the City of York Council's, as local planning authority, to refuse planning permission for the two storey pitched roof extension to the rear of York House.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of State to say that the views of the Parish Councillors reflect those of the City of York Council.

99.6 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

99.6.1 Vandalism

It was reported that: -

- (a) The gated level crossing sign in Station Road had disappeared. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council to ascertain the reason and to organise a replacement sign.

- (b) The cycle sign in Brackenhills was still loose.
- (c) The Dikelands Road sign at the corner of Dikelands Road and Main Street had gone missing.

99.6.2 Lampposts

Councillor Smith presented his survey of 132 street lights in the village. The majority of the lampposts are 5m high. 67 lamps are mercury vapour giving off a bright silver/white light; 35 are standard high pressure sodium giving an orange light; the balance are a mixture of various types of sodium. There are 113 tubular steel standards, 15 concrete standards and 4 sheet steel standards. There is a variety of power from 35 watts up to 135 watts. Few of the lights were found to be out of order. It was observed that the City of York Council replaced lampposts without consulting the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to write to ask if the Council had a programme of renewal.

99.7 POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

99.7.1 Report from Council Representative

Councillor Smith reported the following points

- i. The Users Committee meets twice a year
- ii. The Executive Committee meets six times a year.
- iii. The principle task is to resurface the drive from Main Street up to a point level with the back of the Centre building. Quotations between £12,000 and £15,000 have been received for the resurfacing work.

99.8 VILLAGE GREENS

99.8.1 Trees

(a) Blairgowrie

An invoice for £58.75 from Ryland Horticulture for trimming the trees at Blairgowrie had been sent to the representative of the property for payment.

Councillors expressed their concern over the state of the trees in the property. Complaints have been received from neighbours regarding a tree and branches which have fallen within the last year. The Councillors and the neighbours are concerned that the trees are a danger to people. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of Blairgowrie to express the concern of the Councillors and to ask that the trees be inspected and made safe.

(b) Millennium Trees

A letter had been received from the City of York Council offering to plant, at the Council's expense, three trees on The Green both to celebrate the Millennium and to offset the loss of the poplar tree. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of reply to thank the Council for the idea but not to proceed for the time being.

99.8.2 Parking

- (a) It was reported that cars were being parked illegally on The Green and the Clerk was asked to write to the dentist, the chapel and one private house to remind them of the bylaw.
- (b) Councillor Rushby reported the incidence of overnight parking at the car park by the side of the Lord Collingwood and the Clerk was asked to write to the new landlord to advise him of the bylaw.

99.8.3 Signs

- (a) It was reported that an advertising A board was being placed on The Green outside the White Horse and the Clerk was asked to write to the licensee to remind him that signs on The Green are not allowed under the bylaw.
- (b) The Councillors expressed their concern about sign outside the Red Lion and the Clerk was asked to write to the licensee to point out the danger.

99.8.4 Maintenance

- (a) The Clerk was asked to report the holes in the surface of the car park by the White Horse to the Highways Department of the City of York Council.
- (b) Parked cars outside the Health Centre make it impossible for the drop kerb to be used. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department to ask if the road could be marked so as to draw the attention of motorists to the drop kerb.
- (c) Councillor Parker mentioned the state of the grass by the maypole. It was agreed that the subject be put to an agenda nearer the spring.

99.9 MILLENNIUM FUND

The villagers at the Millennium meeting held at the Community Centre on 26 November 1998 decided that they would support, in principle, the building of a larger swimming pool at the school. This would incorporate the existing pool. Support would also be given to the idea of personal tiles commemorating life in the village. The tiles would be incorporated into the building housing the new swimming pool.

99.10 LISTED BUILDING

The Councillors discussed the barn on the property in Main Street known as Blairgowrie. The Clerk was asked to investigate the procedure for getting the barn registered as a listed building.

99.11 YOUTH CLUB

A letter and correspondence from Stephen Goodrick had been received which cast doubt on the City of York Council's commitment to the future of the Youth Club. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification of the City Council's position.

99.12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (a) Nether Poppleton Parish Council minutes of the meeting on 19 October 1998.
- (b) Residents Association of the Parishes in Poppleton minutes of a meeting on 28 October 1998.
- (c) City of York Neighbourhood Watch Association minutes of a meeting on 9 November 1998.
- (d) Notification of rubbish skips as arranged by the City of York Council and the Poppleton Ward Residents' Association.
- (e) Draft Register of Electors 1999 for Upper Poppleton.
- (f) City of York Council's Quarterly Economic Bulletin No. 13.
- (g) White Rose update from the Yorkshire Local Council' Associations.
- (h) Safer Communities Consortium Newsletter.
- (i) City of York Neighbourhood Watch Association's request for representatives from local Parish Councils.
- (j) Residents Association of the Parishes in Poppleton minutes of a meeting on 25 November 1998.
- (k) City of York Council's letter about the Circulation of information.
- (l) City of York Council's request for a local reporter for the second edition of York Action.
- (m) City of York Council's Children's Service Plan Review.

99.13 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

99.13.1 Councillor Walker

- i. Mentioned that the timer in the bus shelter on The Green was not switching on the internal light until after 7.30pm. The Clerk was asked to see that the timer was adjusted so that the light comes on at dusk.
- ii. Observed that contractors' vehicles were making wheel marks in the grass on The Green outside Model Farm. The Clerk was asked to write the appropriate letter to Mr Johnson, the farmer.

99.14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

8 February 1999 at 7.30pm.

It being too cold for other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.38pm.

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