

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 12 July 1999 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

PRESENT

Cllr. K R Smith, S.B.St.J., Chairman
Cllr. R Walker, Vice Chairman
Cllr. G B Davies
Cllr. Mrs E A Parker

Cllr. A J Peck
Cllr. Mrs K M Richardson
Cllr. J D G Thompson
Cllr. Mrs R Watters

Cllr. Mrs J Hopton, City of York Council
Three members of the public.

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

Councillor Davies signed the Declaration of Office.

Mr L Vaughn addressed the Councillors on the subject the Poppleton Junior Football Club which has expanded from 40 members in 1990 to 250 in 1999. The football pitch at the Community Centre is deteriorating from over-use. With the advent of the new houses at Poppleton Park and even more children wanting to join the PJFC the problem could be resolved by moving to a larger sports field. The meeting was told of a proposed 10-acre sports field in Millfield Lane. This sports field would contain 4/5 football pitches, a cricket pitch and car parking. There are no plans for a permanent pavilion/changing rooms but provision for changing would be met by two Portakabins. Mr Vaughn was thanked for his presentation. See agenda item 99.104.

99.92 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs L R Acomb.

99.93 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record.

99.94 MATTERS ARISING

(a) *Relocation of street light (Minute 99.35.5);*

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council about the 'wrong lamppost'.

(b) *Directional Sign - Community Centre (Minute 99.40.3);*

The sign has not yet been installed.

(c) *Bus service regularity (Minute 99.57.1)*

Councillor Walker presented his report on bus services in Poppleton. There have been several late buses from Stamford Bridge over the last three months and one bus broke down. Provision of bus timetables within the village is poor. There is no bus service on a Sunday. The Councillors noted a letter from Colin Wood who is a member of the National

Federation of Bus Users. The Councillors discussed the report and bus services in general. The Clerk was asked to write to Harrogate & District Bus Services to ask if the 142 service between Ripon and York could be diverted down Hodgson Lane, through the Green and down Station Road.

(d) Weeds in highway gutters (Minute 99.57.2);

It was reported that most of the highway gutters have now been sprayed and that the weeds are dying back.

(e) Memorial Garden rota (Minute 99.57.5a)

Some work had been done on the garden. Nobody had yet been appointed to look after the garden.

(f) Hudson Moody sign (Minute 99.64.4b);

The Clerk again reported having received no reply to his letter to the City of York Planning Department about the colour of the Hudson Moody sign.

(g) City of York Council's policy on satellite dishes in Conservation Areas (Minute 99.77k);

The Clerk reported having received no response from the City of York Council with regards to its policy on satellite dishes.

(h) Station Fittings (Minute 99.72.1d);

The Clerk reported having received a letter from Northern Spirit in which it was stated that the cycle rack is to be replaced and that whilst one of the trolleys was broken the other would be returned.

(i) Public Footpath No. 1 (Minute 99.72.1e).

It was reported that the nettles bordering the footpath had grown again. The Clerk was asked to approach the City of York Council to ask them to cut the nettles back again. It is anticipated that a kissing gate large enough to accommodate a wheelchair will soon be installed at the Dikelands Lane end of the footpath. It was reported that Nether Poppleton Parish Council has a partnership agreement with what was the Countryside Commission. The Clerk was asked to investigate this partnership and report back to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to Robin Carr, the City of York Council's Public Rights of Way Officer, and invite him to the September meeting.

(j) Repairs to village signs (Minute 99.80a)

Most of the repairs referred to at the June meeting have now been completed. These include the 'Main Street' sign between the Manse and the Health Centre, The 'Orchard Road' sign by Dikelands Lane and the 'Give Way' sign at the corner of Long Ridge Lane and Station Road.

(k) Wheelie bins (Minute 99.90.1)

It was reported that wheelie bins are to be introduced into the village in the near future.

(l) Moving the 'School;' sign (Minute 99.90.3)

The Clerk reported that he had had no acknowledgement from the City of York Council regarding his letter to them about the school sign.

(m) Councillors' Course (Minute 99.87)

Five Councillors had expressed their wish to attend the course entitled "A Beginner's Guide to Being a Parish Councillor". The cost of the course is £12.00 per person. Five Councillors asked to go on the course. The proposition to spend £60.00 on the course was passed and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

99.95 FINANCE

(a) Financial Report;

The Clerk presented the Councillors with a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the period to 12 July 1999. The report showed that the bank balances at 12 July were: -

Current Account	£200.00
High Interest Account	£7,051.44

(b) Review of Clerk's salary

The Clerk reported that the National rate for Clerk's salaries had been increased by 3% from 1 April 1999. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk's salary should be increased from £2,222.10 to £2,287.00 per annum.

(c) Accounts to pay;

Clerk's salary	£571.75
Clerk's expenses on postage, telephones and stationery	£19.03

(d) Accounts paid;

YLCA for 9 copies of "Powers and Constitutions of Local Councils"	£51.10
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(e) Capital Items;

No further news.

(f) Donations;

After discussion the following donations for the year were agreed:

i. Poppleton Luncheon Club	£50.00
ii. Poppleton Under 5's	£50.00
iii. Theatre Royal	£50.00
iv. St Leonards Hospice	£50.00
v. Martin House	£50.00
vi. All Saints Church	£100.00

It was agreed that the £100 for All Saints Church was to be used for cutting the grass in the churchyard and round the older gravestones.

(g) Revision of Allotment Rents

The Clerk reported that there had been no increase in the rents of the Parish Allotments since 1991. The Councillors discussed the level of rents and agreed that new charges should come into force from 1 April 2000. Rents will be increased as follows: £4.00 to £5.00; £8.00 to £10.00; £12.00 to £15.00 and the Beech Grove Allotments from £52.50 to £60.00. The Clerk was asked to write to all the allotment holders to advise them of the increase.

(h) Bank Mandate

A blank bank mandate was passed round and all the Councillors present signed it.

99.96 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Clerk presented the list of plans pending as per the notice board together with the schedule of comments made by the members of the Planning Sub-committee on each planning application.

- (a) Ref: 98/02845/FUL Change of use of existing stables and paddock to form a fish farm including angling use at Nairobi Stables, Boroughbridge Road for Mr & Mrs R Wood.
- (b) Ref: 99/00179/REM Erection of pitched roof building for general industrial (Class B2) use at Northminster Business Park for Northminster Properties.
- (c) Ref: 99/00820/FUL Erection of pitched roof 2 storey side, single storey front and rear extensions at Morar, Main Street for Mr & Mrs Moss.
- (d) Ref: 99/00930/FUL Erection of pitched roof storage and auction building at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (e) Ref: 99/00996/FUL Erection of 2 x detached dwelling and 2 x garage building at (rear of 1 & 2 Holly Bank/Westfield Hodgson Lane) Black Dykes Lane for Simmons House Builders.
- (f) Ref: 99/01179/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof business unit building C at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (g) Ref: 99/01255/TCA Felling of Lawson Cypress and Leylandii trees in a Conservation Area at 1 Beech Grove for Mr & Mrs J Hook.
- (h) Ref: - 99/01543/TCA Reduce bough to Pine tree, fell 2 Leylandii and reduce remainder by 2 metres in a Conservation Area at 2 Grove Gardens for Mrs Eyre.

99.96.2 Plans accepted by the City of York Council

- (a) Ref: 99/00854/FUL Erection of single storey flat roof rear extension at Mill Race Bungalow, Main Street for Mr K Hunter.
- (b) Ref: 99/01018/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension at 11 Pear Tree Avenue for Mr & Mrs Dodgshon.
- (c) Ref: 99/01038/FUL Conservatory to rear at 19 Montague Walk for Mr & Mrs Kendell.
- (d) Ref: 99/01094/FUL Erection of single storey flat roof toy store at Upper Poppleton County Infant School for Poppleton Infants School.
- (e) Ref: 99/01130/FUL Alterations to front elevation at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (f) Ref: 99/01161/REM Reserved Matters application for erection of single storey pitched roof business unit at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (g) Ref: 99/01176/REM Erection of single storey pitched roof business unit at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.

99.96.3 Plans refused by the City of York Council

Ref: 99/00491/FUL Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension at 31 Station Road for Mr & Mrs Cook.

99.96.4 Plan withdrawn

None

99.96.5 Objection to food store at Poppleton Park

The Clerk was asked to write to Susan Heywood of the City of York Council's Planning Department to convey the Councillors' objections to the proposal of a food store at

Poppleton Park. The Councillors were concerned that they had not been consulted on the proposal.

99.96.6 Distribution of planning applications

The Councillors asked that future planning applications should be circulated to all Councillors after the Planning Sub-committee members had made their comments.

99.97 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

(a) Vandalism;

It was reported that the person who recently stole milk from residents' doorsteps has been caught.

(b) Lampposts.

No report.

99.98 POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

No report.

99.99 VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees;

Councillor Parker reported that parts of two trees had fallen out of 'Blairgowrie' on to Chantry Green. The Clerk was asked to write to the solicitors of the owner of the property

(b) Parking;

No report.

(c) Signs;

Councillor Walker had received a sample of the backing for signs. It was agreed to defer discussion until the September meeting.

(d) Maintenance.

i. Grass under the Maypole

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should confer on both the subject of the grass under the maypole and the edging of the grass.

ii. Edging the grass

See above.

Councillor Parker reported that the hooks on the maypole are loose.

(e) Events

No report.

99.100 BUILDING PRESERVATION ORDER

No report.

99.101 TURN ENGINES OFF SIGNS

Discussion on this subject was deferred until the September meeting

99.102 YOUTH CLUB

No report.

99.103 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

A draft report was given to the Councillors. It was agreed that the Councillors would bring back the draft report, with suggested additions and amendments, to the September meeting.

99.104 JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Councillors discussed the proposal for a new sports pitch as outlined by Mr Vaughn in his presentation. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Vaughn to convey the Councillors' unqualified support for the proposal.

99.105 YORK LOCAL PLAN

It was reported that there was to be a meeting of the Pre-Inquiry Meeting on 22 July.

99.106 CORRESPONDENCE

99.106.1 The following correspondence was read to the Councillors

- (a) A letter from Harewood Hop and Hillclimb advising of a fund raising event for St Leonards Hospice.

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

- (a) Minutes of the YLCA meeting held on 2 June 1999
- (b) Newsletter from NYCC re 'Better Government for Older People'
- (c) Minutes of the City of York Neighbourhood Watch Association meeting held on 10 May 1999.
- (d) City of York draft Housing Strategy 2000 - 2003.
- (e) Leaflets for the York Youth Forum Launch.
- (f) City of York Council's letter re 'York Action Newspaper'. This asks for story ideas as and when they occur.
- (g) YLCA White Rose Update.
- (h) YLCA final version of the 'Open Government Policy'
- (i) City of York Council's Summer Holiday Activities leaflets
- (j) 'Country Air' No. 73
- (k) An advertising leaflet from Zirconnium Ltd
- (l) A copy of 'Local Council Review'.

99.107 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

99.107.1 Councillor Walker

Gave details of the steel park bench which is proposed for the Community Centre play area.

99.107.2 Councillor Richardson

Gave details of her holidays.

99.107.3 Councillor Parker

Reported that the dustmen were leaving black plastic bags on pavements in the village for many hours. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council's Cleansing Department to ask that this practice be stopped.

99.107.4 Councillor Peck

Reported that the concrete road surfaces in Orchard Road, Longridge Drive, Cherry Garth, and Fairway Drive were in an advanced state of decay. They must be at least thirty years old. It is possible that there are voids under the concrete as suggested by the recent burst water main. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council to ask for an inspection of the roads and comments on their condition.

99.107.5 Councillor Watters

Reported the continuing incidence of potholes outside the Lord Collingwood and in Main Street.

99.107.6 Councillor Thompson

Asked that correspondence be sent out in August rather than be kept until the September meeting.

99.107.7 Councillor Smith

- i. Asked that planning applications be re-directed to him during the Clerk's forthcoming holiday.
- ii. Mentioned the problem with the Registration of the Green and that there were several areas shown on the map of the Green provided by the Land Registry which were not shown as being part of the Green.

99.107.8 Councillor Hopton

Reported that the Tithe Barn now belongs to the Friends of the Tithe Barn and thanked the Parish Councillors for their support.

99.108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13 September 1999

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.41pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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