

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 8 March 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, Mr A Peck, Mrs K Richardson and Mr R Walker.

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

Two members of the public.

99.33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs R Watters and Mr G Moore (City of York)

99.34 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record.

99.35 MATTERS ARISING

99.35.1 Swimming pool cover

The proposition that the Parish Council make a donation towards the School's new pool cover was discussed. The Clerk advised the Councillors that there would be no charge for emptying the dog waste bins for the current year. A provision of £600 had been made for emptying bins. It was agreed that the Parish Council should donate £417 to the School that sum being one third of the total cost of the pool cover.

99.35.2 Drop Kerbs

It was reported that there had been no progress on the provision of drop kerbs.

99.35.3 Community Centre Slope

Councillor Smith reported that the Community Centre Committee were seeking estimates had the matter of a slope in hand.

99.35.4 Broken 'No Parking' Sign on the Green

The Councillors accepted a quotation of £35 from Mr K Falkingham for mending the 'No Parking' sign on the Green.

99.35.5 Relocation of Street Light

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council asking them to consider moving the redundant street light from its position near the main entrance of the Community Centre to a site adjacent to the new pedestrian entrance located between the tennis court and the Bowls Club.

99.35.6 Pothole in Westfield Lane

The Clerk reported having contacted the City of York Council's Highways Department about the pothole but as yet the hole remained unfilled.

99.35.7 Provision of bus between Poppleton and the Sixth Form and Technical Colleges

The Clerk reported a conversation he had had with Terry Walker of the City of York Council. Tenders are being sought to provide a bus service to and from the Colleges and Poppleton. Providing the tenders are within them Council's budget the service could be introduced at the beginning of June. There are plans to run the morning bus starting at Clifton Moor at 8.05am, stopping at the Green at 8.18am and arriving at the Technical College at 8.49am. The evening bus would leave the College at 4.23pm and arrive at Poppleton Post Office at 4.55pm.

99.35.8 Station Car Park

A letter from Railtrack stated that the car parking situation at Poppleton Station is currently being reviewed by Northern Spirit and the City of York Council as to the provision of additional spaces.

99.36 FINANCE

99.36.1 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	£185.57
High Interest Account	£5,608.49

99.36.2 Accounts to pay -

None

99.36.3 Accounts paid

None.

99.36.4 Financial Information

The Clerk reported having received confirmation from the City of York Council that the precept of £3,000 for the year 1999-2000 would be paid in two equal instalments, the first on 30 April, the second on 30 September. The precept is the equivalent of a charge of £3.05 on a property in Band C and £4.96 on a property in Band F.

Confirmation had been received that the capital grant would be unchanged at £3,740 and the grant towards grass cutting would be £1,664.60.

The Clerk reported that the toner in the Parish Council's photocopier was running out and that a replacement cartridge would cost £84.99. The Clerk was given authority to buy a replacement toner cartridge.

99.37 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

99.37.1 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: 98/01752/FUL Erection of pitched roof first floor extension to rear at York House, Hodgson Lane for Simon Morgan.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Ref: 97/00257/FUL Erection of dwelling at The Croft, Hodgson Lane for Mr S Morgan.
- (f) Ref: 98/02390/FUL Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension with dormers at Greenthwaite, Main Street for Mr B Britton.
- (g) Ref: 99/00179/REM Erection of pitched roof building for general industrial (Class B2) use at Northminster Business Park for Northminster Properties.
- (h) Ref: 99/00130/FUL Erection of replacement pitched roof at New Manor, The Green for Mr Thomas Peter.
- (i) 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.
- (j) Ref: 99/00371/FUL Erection of first floor pitched roof side extension and canopy to front at 15 Beech Grove for Mr K Falkingham.
- (k) Ref: 99/00402/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension with conservatory at Kingsland Bungalow, The Green for Mr & Mrs Acomb.

99.37.2 Plans accepted by the City of York Council

Ref: 98/1273/TPO Crown lift and thin A2 chestnut covered by a Tree Preservation Order at 22 Bankside Close for Mr R Partington.

Ref: 98/02870/FUL Two storey pitched roof side extension and attached pitched roof double garage at 7 Brackenhills for Mr A Chilton.

Ref: 99/00187/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof side extension at 7 Beech Way for Mr & Mrs France

99.37.3 Plans refused by the City of York Council

Ref : 98/02499/FUL Erection of single storey part pitched roof, part flat roof rear extension at The Lord Collingwood for Mansfield Brewery.

REF: 98/02814/FUL Erection of first floor pitched roof rear extension at York House, Hodgson Lane for Simon Morgan.

99.38 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

99.38.1 Vandalism

None reported.

99.38.2 Lampposts

No report.

99.38.3 Hodgson Lane/A59 Junction

Councillor Smith reported visiting the junction on 11 February when he met Mr Riley, the landlord of the Red Lion to whom the Clerk had written previously. The Councillors were shown photographs of the area taken by Councillor Smith who made the following observations: -

- i. The only advance warning sign of the junction is a small "t" in a red triangle located some distance from the junction.
- ii. There is a slip road for traffic turning into Hodgson Lane from the direction of Boroughbridge but no advance direction sign or direction arrows to indicate this.

- iii. Half way along the slip road, obscured by foliage is a sign showing "Millfield Lane Industrial Estate" with a straight ahead arrow. In view of the location of the sign it could be misconstrued to indicate that the industrial estate was accessed by continuing on the slip road and through the village. Conversely a driver who had already turned in and read the sign correctly would then have to pull back out into the main stream traffic.
- iv. The only sign post is a small finger board immediately opposite the junction, which is impossible to see when approaching from the west, and in any case, traffic for the village coming from that direction should already be on the slip road by the time it reaches the actual junction!
- v. There is no lighting at the junction, and during the hours of darkness there is added danger, especially when vehicles are turning right when either entering or leaving Hodgson Lane

Councillor Smith made several recommendations which the Councillors discussed. The Councillors expressed their concern about the junction and the Clerk was directed to write to the City of York Council to ask for action to be taken to make the junction less dangerous.

99.38.4 Potholes

The Clerk was asked to report the poor road surface in Lime Garth and the potholes in Main Street outside the Health Centre

99.39 POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

Report from Council Representative

Councillor Smith had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Community Centre Committee so had no report.

99.40 VILLAGE GREENS

99.40.1 Trees

It was reported that Ryland Horticulture had done the work on the trees on the Green and it was agreed that they had done a good job. The Councillors directed the Clerk to make arrangements to pay the invoice for the agreed sum of £975.00 plus VAT as soon as it arrived.

99.40.2 Parking

The Clerk was asked to write to the vicar of All Saints to ask that people using the church should not park on the grass on the Green.

99.40.3 Signs

The Councillors discussed the idea of having a 'brown' directional sign saying 'Community Centre' located below the Library sign on the Green. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council to make the appropriate enquiries as to how to have a sign put up.

99.40.4 Maintenance

(a) Moles

The Councillors discussed the incidence of moles on Chantry Green. There are probably six or seven moles currently resident on the Green. They make large piles of soil which will make it very difficult for the grass cutting contractor to cut the Green successfully. Councillor Peck mentioned two mole catchers who live in Poppleton. One of

the mole catchers charges per visit. The other charges £5 for each mole caught. The Clerk was asked to contact them and also the City of York Council's Grounds Maintenance Department to seek out the best option for removing the moles.

(b) Transco

On 18 February it was reported that Transco were digging a trench in the Green to lay a gas pipe to "Bitteswell". It transpired that they had asked the City of York Council for permission to dig the trench but no one had informed the Parish Council of their intention. The Councillors were very concerned over the omission and whilst pleased that all parties had been very apologetic about the oversight the Clerk was asked to write to

- i. The City of York Council to inform them officially of the position and to ensure that they are aware that the Parish Council's permission is necessary before trenches are dug in the Green.
- ii. Transco to tell them to write to the Parish Council before undertaking any similar work on the Green.
- iii. John Jukes of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association to ask for his opinion on the subject of easements for any future pipe-laying on the Green.

(c) BT Distribution Post

BT had recently tried to install a telephone wire distribution post on the Green. The Clerk was asked to write to BT to inform them that permission had to be given by the Parish Councillors before any pole could be erected on the Green.

99.41 MILLENNIUM FUND

A letter had been received from Mrs Nora Fulton suggesting that a 'crocus carpet' be laid in Chantry Green. The Councillors thought this was a good idea and asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Fulton to suggest that she advise the Councillors of possible arrangements to do the work.

99.42 BUILDING PRESERVATION ORDER

The Clerk reported a conversation with Tony Dennis of the City of York Council who had advised that a building could be made subject of a Building Preservation Order or a Spot Listing. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council for advice as to which would be the best option in relation to the barn at Blairgowrie.

99.43 YOUTH CLUB

The Clerk was directed to ask the City of York Council if anyone had been appointed to help run the Youth Club following the advert in the Evening Press at the end of January.

99.44 CORRESPONDENCE

99.44.1 The following correspondence was read to the Councillors

- a) A letter from Reverend Paul Thomas asking permission to have a Church Army Bus parked on the Green. The Councillors agreed to this.
- b) A letter and leaflet from the City of York Council advising the Parish Council about a Tree Warden Scheme and inviting interested people to put their name forward.
- c) A letter from the City of York Council advising of a forthcoming traffic and speed count survey in the village. The City of York Council was suggesting a site by Chantry Green but the Parish Councillors thought it better that the site be in the Green by the corner of Westfield Lane. The Clerk was asked to inform the City of their decision.

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

- (a) Nether Poppleton Parish Council. Minutes of meeting on 15 February 1999
- (b) City of York Council Local Plan First Set of Pre-inquiry Changes
- (c) Outline Public Transport Plan for York
- (d) York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Consortium - "Consortium - Winter 1999"
- (e) City of York Council Economic Development Program 1999/2000 - Discussion Document
- (f) Glasdon - Advert for bins, signs etc
- (g) Residents Association of the Parishes in the Poppleton Ward - Minutes of meeting on 27 January
- (h) Residents Association of the Parishes in the Poppleton Ward - Minutes of AGM on 25 February
- (i) Friends of Poppleton Tithe Barn - letter explaining the possibility of the field opposite St Everilda's Church becoming a "Millennium Green"
- (j) Discovery Time Capsules advert

99.45 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

99.45.1 Councillor Fellows

Reported having received a number of complaints about the condition of the road in Westfield Lane. Councillor Parker said that an officer of the City of York's Environment Department had been to see the road. He had said that the road should be cleared as soon as the work on the land had been completed. Councillor Peck said that the farmer was carrying out a legitimate country activity and was not being wilful or irresponsible. Councillor Bushby disagreed and said that in Askham Richard the roads were cleaned daily. The Clerk was asked to write to Parker Brothers at Grange Farm, Hodgson Lane, to ask them to clean the road as soon as possible.

99.45.2 Councillor Smith

Reported three potholes in Chantry Gap. The Clerk was asked to report these to the City of York Council.

99.45.3 Councillor Richardson

Spoke about the incidence of a youth in the village asking for sponsorship for various events that did not take place. She quoted two instances: - a sponsored bike ride for the Youth Club and a sponsored walk for Romanian children. Councillor Parker said that the police should be informed about this.

99.31.1 Councillor Peck

Requested a copy of the correspondence relating to the "Turn Engines Off" signs.

99.45.5 Councillor Parker

Reported having had a complaint about a pig smell.

99.46 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12 April 1999 at 7.00pm.

Followed by the **Annual Meeting** at **8.00pm**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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