

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 10 May 1999 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr K Smith, Mrs E A Parker, Mr R Walker, Mrs K Richardson, Mrs R Watters and Mrs J Hopton.

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

Three members of the public.

This being the first Parish Council meeting after the elections on 6 May 1999 the new Councillors each signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Mrs N Fowler, the retiring Chairman took the chair for the first item of business

99.59 APPOINTMENTS

- (a) Chairman Councillor Mr K R Smith. At this point Mrs Fowler vacated the Chair and Mr Smith assumed the Chairmanship of the meeting. Mrs Fowler was suitably thanked for the work she had done for the Parish Council for many years.
- (b) Vice-Chairman Councillor Mr R Walker
- (c) Clerk Mr B J W Mackman
- (d) Joint Emergency Committee Councillors, Mr K R Smith and Mr R Walker
- (e) General Purposes Committee Councillors, Mr K R Smith, Mr R Walker Mrs E A Parker and Mrs R Watters.
- (f) Planning Committee Councillors, Mr K R Smith, Mr R Walker, Mrs E A Parker and Mrs K Richardson
- (g) Community Centre Councillor Mr K R Smith and Mrs K Richardson
- (h) Local Councils Association Councillor Mr K R Smith

99.60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

99.61 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record.

99.62 MATTERS ARISING

99.62.1 Relocation of Street Light

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council to explain the Parish Council's decision about the relocation of the street light outside the new pathway at the Community Centre. No reply had been received from the City of York Council.

99.62.2 Pothole in Westfield Lane

The Clerk reported having received a letter from Ian Thomson, the Assistant Director (Planning & Environment), of the City of York Council who wrote to say that he had put Bill Woolley in charge of potholes and that Mr Woolley would be writing to the Parish Council in due course.

99.62.3 Hodgson Lane/A59 junction

The Clerk read a letter from David Young of the City of York Council who had agreed to take action over the above junction as follows: -

Arrow markings at the start of the slip road to be installed in this financial year; the highway planting to be cut back to show the industrial estate sign; to carry out further preliminary design work to establish costings of a right turn lane but with no guarantee (at this stage) of the likelihood of such a scheme proceeding.

99.62.4 Potholes in Lime Garth and Main Street

See item 99.62.2 above

99.62.5 Directional Signs - Community Centre

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council for advice about directional signs. As yet, no reply had been received.

99.62.6 Moles in Chantry Green

The Clerk reported that the molecatcher had now caught ten moles in Chantry Green. The charge for catching each mole is £5. The molecatcher would continue to monitor Chantry Green throughout the summer but would not charge for any more moles caught.

99.62.7 Bus Service Regularity

Councillor Walker reported that he had been collecting information about the bus service which he would present to the June meeting.

99.62.8 Weeds in Highways Gutters

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council about the weeds in the gutters and was still waiting for a reply.

99.62.9 Polling cards

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council about the mistakes on the polling cards and was waiting for a reply.

99.62.10 Memorial Garden rota

Councillor Smith stated that he did not favour the idea of a rota for tending to the Memorial Garden. The Councillors discussed the subject and decided that the Parish Council should pay for an independent person to tend to the garden on a monthly basis from April to November at a cost of £5 per time. Councillor Smith said that in the first instance he would approach the school caretaker.

99.63 FINANCE

99.63.1 Financial Report

The Clerk presented the Councillors with a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the period to 10 May 1999. The report showed that the bank balances at 10 May were: -

Current Account	£206.99
High Interest Account	£3,869.01

99.63.2 Accounts to pay -

Cornhill Insurance	£567.93
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99.63.3 Accounts paid

None

99.63.4 Capital Items

The Clerk observed that claims for the capital sum of £1,870 have to be made by 1 June 1999. The Councillors discussed various options including a Notice Board, a skate board area, new seats, a village sign and the proposed swimming pool. No decision was made. The Clerk was directed to approach the City of York Council to ask for an extension to the next Parish Council meeting so that greater time could be given to consider capital items

99.63.5 Donations

The Councillors agreed to defer the decision to make donations until the June meeting when it was hoped there would be the full complement of nine Councillors present.

99.64 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- (a) Ref: 98/02390/FUL Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension with dormers at Greenthwaite, Main Street for Mr B Britton.
- (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: 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.
- (d) Ref: 99/00491/FUL Erection of two storey pitched roof side extension at 31 Station Road for Mr & Mrs Cook.
- (e) Ref: 99/00760/TCA Felling of Leylandii tree in a Conservation area at Copper Beech House, Hodgson Lane for Richard Cantrell.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Ref: 99/00854/FUL Erection of single storey flat roof rear extension at Mill Race Bungalow, Main Street for Mr K Hunter.
- (h) Ref: 99/00930/FUL Erection of pitched roof storage and auction building at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (i) Ref: 99/00947/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension at 10 Willow Croft for D C Snape.
- (j) 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.

99.64.2 Plans accepted by the City of York Council

Ref: 99/00458/FUL Alterations to front elevation at former Midland Bank.

Ref: 99/00503/FUL Erection of pitched roof side extension to front and side of dwelling, also to garage to form double garage at 11 Brackenhills for Mr J V Collings.

The Clerk reported that, following correspondence with the City of York's Planning Department, the applications listed below were no longer current.

Ref: 97/002578/OUT Northminster Business Park - not progressing

Ref: 98/00673/OUT Northminster Business Park - not progressing

Ref: 98/01752/FUL York House - superseded by appeal

Ref: 98/01752/FUL (amended) York House - superseded by appeal

Ref: 97/00257/FUL The Croft - superseded by appeal

These applications have been removed from the list that is posted weekly on the Parish notice board.

99.64.3 Plans refused by the City of York Council

None

99.64.4 Planning Committee Comments

- (a) The Clerk handed round the list of comments made by members of the Planning Committee on planning applications received.
- (b) The Councillors commented on the colour of the Hudson Moody signs on and outside the former Midland Bank in the Green. In the opinion of the Councillors, the colours were much

deeper than those in the Hudson Moody signs displayed outside houses. The Clerk was directed to write to the City of York Planning Department to ask if the colours could be toned down.

- (c) It was pointed out that a satellite dish had been erected outside Willow Cottage in Hodgson Lane. This building is in a Conservation Area. No planning application had been received for this dish. The Clerk was directed to write to the City of York Planning Department to enquire as to the legality of the dish.

99.65 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

99.65.1 Vandalism

- (a) It was reported that a hole about 2cm in diameter had been burnt in the perspex in the bus shelter opposite the library.
- (b) It was reported that the 'Main Street' sign in the Green had been damaged.

99.65.2 Lampposts

No report.

99.66 POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

Report from Council Representative

- (a) The new drive has been completed at a cost of £15,000.
- (b) Mention of the Community Centre will be appearing in the City of York Council's website at <<http://www.york.gov.uk>>

99.67 VILLAGE GREENS

99.67.1 Trees

No report.

99.67.2 Parking

It was reported that a company from Bradford, Pennine Timber & Damp Ltd, had been found contravening Village Green by-laws by dropping materials on Chantry Green and breaking a branch on a tree. The Clerk was directed to write to the company to ask for an apology and a donation to the Parish Council by way of compensation

99.67.3 Signs

Councillor Smith produced the wording for proposed signs saying "No Vehicles Allowed on the Village Green".

99.67.4 Maintenance

- (a) The problem with the Grass under the Maypole was deferred to the June meeting.
- (b) A letter had been received from Lime Tree House requesting permission to hold part of their Summer Fayre on 10 July on Chantry Green. In particular there would be a bouncy castle. The Councillors agreed to the request providing that no liability fell on the Parish Council. The Clerk was directed to send a letter confirming the decision.
- (c) It was reported that there had been damage to the grass at the corner of the entrance to the car park outside the Lord Collingwood. The Clerk was directed to write a letter to the owners of Beechwood House to ask them to re-instate the grass.
- (d) Letters had been received from both Glen Smith and Paul Thomas asking for permission to use the Green for a Community Church service on 27 June 1999 and to put up a marquee outside the Methodist Church the night before. The Clerk was directed to reply giving the Parish Council's permission and asking that any damage to the Green was made good and that there was no liability on the Parish Council.
- (e) A letter had been received from Mrs Nora Fulton giving details of the progress made on planting a crocus carpet on Chantry Green. It is planned that the planting be carried out on a Sunday afternoon in September or October. These dates did not clash with any planned event for Chantry Green and the Clerk was directed to write to Mrs Fulton to thank her for the work

done to date and to say that the event would be publicised in the forthcoming Parish Council Newsletter.

99.68 BUILDING PRESERVATION ORDER

The City of York Council had confirmed that they had passed on the Clerk's name and address to the owner of Blairgowrie.

99.69 TURN ENGINES OFF SIGNS

- (a) Councillor Smith reported that traffic signs, whilst not necessarily legal are not illegal. Planning permission would have to be sought for 'Turn Engine Off' signs. Further discussion of the subject was deferred to the June meeting.
- (b) Councillor Smith read a resolution that he wished the Parish Council to put to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) AGM on 3 June 1999. This read "That these Associations call upon HM Government to introduce legislation allowing Highway Authorities to require vehicle engines to be switched off when standing for more than three minutes. This should apply at manually operated Railway Level Crossings, traffic light controlled junctions where extended hold-ups occur and at other locations prone to lengthy traffic hold-ups". The Councillors approved the resolution.

99.70 YOUTH CLUB

A letter had been received from Stephen Goodrick. It was agreed that it be circulated round the Parish Councillors.

99.71 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

This subject was deferred until there was a full complement of Parish Councillors.

99.72 CORRESPONDENCE

99.72.1 The following correspondence was read to the Councillors

- a) A letter from the City of York Council advising that the new Neighbourhood Worker within the Citizens Support Group is Adele Reynolds who replaces Ruth Batty.
- b) A letter from Janet Hopton about the proposed Millennium Green was discussed. The Parish Councillors gave the idea their wholehearted support especially as the idea involves the Parish in no expense.
- c) A letter from the YLCA about easements. The letter to be put on file for future reference.
- d) A letter from Colin Wood pointing out that the cycle stands at Poppleton Station are in a state of disrepair and the old porters trolleys that were used as planters have not been returned after the recent station refurbishment. The Clerk was directed to write a letter to Railtrack to ask that they reinstate the items.
- e) A letter from Roger Partington offering to modify the barrier at the Main Street end of the footpath from Bankside Close together with two photographs showing both the barrier and the puddles on the footpath. The Clerk was directed to write and ask Mr Partington for a drawing of his proposal. The Clerk was also directed to write to Robin Carr, the City of York Council's footpaths officer to ask for his recommendations regarding the barrier and to ask that he arrange for the surface of the footpath to be made good. The Councillors recognise that the footpath is ancient and do not wish to see it covered in tarmac.
- f) A letter from the Land Registry advising that the Green documents would soon be returned.

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

- (a) A document from the City of York Council regarding developing a local transport plan for York.
- (b) Residents Association of the Parishes in the Poppleton Ward. Minutes of a meeting on 24 March 1999
- (c) YLCA - White Rose update
- (d) Leaflets from the City of York Council re 'Reap the Benefits' - Welfare Benefits Take Up campaign

- (e) Councillor Smith's notes on the Village Halls Conference
- (f) "Towards a Leisure Plan for York"

99.73 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

99.73.1 Councillor Richardson

Asked if the alteration to the school entrance had been agreed. Councillor Smith said that it had.

99.73.2 Councillor Smith

Asked that a proposal for the Parish Council to buy nine copies of "The Powers and Constitutions of Parish Council" be put on the agenda for the next meeting. The Clerk was directed to obtain a price.

99.74 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14 June 1999 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.28pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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