

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 13 September 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. Mrs L R Acomb

Cllr. Mrs E A Parker
Cllr. J D G Thompson
Cllr. Mrs R Watters

Cllr. Mrs J Hopton, City of York Council
One member of the public.

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

99.109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors A J Peck, G B Davies and Mrs K Richardson

99.115 POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

This agenda item was brought forward to allow the Chairman of the Community Centre Trust, Brian Park, to address the Council. Mr Park gave a brief history of how the Community Centre came to be built. He explained that part of the financing had been through an interest free loan from the brewery who were repaid £250 per month through an arrangement linked to the number of barrels of beer sold. Recently the number of barrels sold had dropped to a point where the brewery were proposing to cancel the idea of the loan being interest free and charging interest on the loan. The Community Centre Trust were looking for a loan from the City of York Council which would be repaid from a precept raised by both Upper and Nether Poppleton Parish Council's. The Councillors agreed that the subject should be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

99.110 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record.

99.111 MATTERS ARISING

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

No news on the relocation of the light.

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

It was reported that directional signs had now been installed both on the Green and outside the Community Centre.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Harrogate & District Bus Service which stated that the route of their 142 buses had been agreed with North Yorkshire

County Council. The Councillors directed the Clerk to write to NYCC to ask that the 142 bus route be diverted through the village.

(d) Memorial Garden rota (Minute 99.57.5a)

It was reported that someone had tidied up the garden and planted some small trees. It was the intention of the Parish Councillors that the garden should contain roses and that new rose trees would be planted at the appropriate time of the year. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the person who planted the trees to make known the Councillors intentions.

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

The Clerk reported that a letter from the City of York Council's Planning Enforcement Officer stated that the Hudson Moody sign did not require consent and that there were no powers to make Hudson Moody change the colour but that the Parish Council's comments had been passed to the owners.

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

The Clerk reported that a letter from the City of York Council's Planning Enforcement Officer stated that the satellite dish that had prompted the Parish Councillors to ask for the City of York Council's policy had been removed.

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

The Clerk read a letter received from the City of York Council's Public Rights of Way Officer, Clare Denby, who stated that the structure at the library end of the path had now been replaced with a disabled access kissing gate. The surface problems had been rectified by re-surfacing the first stretch of the path. This work had been carried out by volunteers working for the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. The extra areas of undergrowth had been cut and the Annual Maintenance programme had been amended to ensure that the path is cut twice during the growing season each year.

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

It was reported that both the School signs had now been moved nearer to the school entrance.

(i) Blairgowrie trees

The Clerk reported that a letter to the solicitors who Mrs Bleasdale used and been in contact to say they did not know Mrs Bleasdale's current address. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council's Legal Department to ask what action the Parish Council should take to ensure that the trees in Blairgowrie were made safe and would not fall on to Chantry Green. The Clerk was also asked to write to Carter Jonas who, it is believed, are agents for the property.

(j) Concrete road surfaces

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Richard Challand of the City of York Council's Development and Transportation Department in response to his letter requesting an inspection of the village's concrete roads. Mr Challand agreed that the concrete roads in the village were laid about 30 years ago. He wrote that the roads are in average condition. He also stated that 'The condition of all the Council's highways is monitored once a year when a coarse visual inspection of the whole network is undertaken and then a

detailed inspection of the roads and footways in the worst condition is undertaken to prioritise next and future years resurfacing and reconstruction programmes. On a day to day basis isolated spot conditions are repaired when necessary'. The Councillors agreed, reluctantly, not to pursue this subject for the time being.

(k) Green registration

Councillor Smith read a letter received from The Land Registry that seemed to say that they were not prepared to register land which the deeds would indicate the Parish owns. It was agreed that the Council should ask the YLCA for clarification

(l) Station Fittings (Minute 99.72.1d);

It was reported that the old flowering porters trolley had not been put back on the platform and the Clerk was asked to write to Northern Spirit to ask them to make sure the trolley was put back on the platform in the Spring of 2000.

(m) Black bin bags

The Clerk read a letter from David Finnegan, the City of York Council's Director of Commercial Services, who apologised for the inconvenience that the black bin bags blocking the pavements had caused. He said that the Supervisor would continue to monitor the situation and that instructions had been given to make sure that the bags did not cause an obstruction.

(n) Brackenhills street lighting column and 'No Cycling' sign

It was reported that the loose lighting column had been replaced with a base hinged column and that the 'No Cycling' sign had now been secured.

(o) Junior football

The Clerk confirmed that he had written a letter to Mr Vaughn conveying the Councillors' unqualified support to the proposed 10-acre sports field in Millfield Lane.

99.112 FINANCE

(a) Financial Report;

The Clerk presented the Councillors with a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the period to 13 September 1999. The report showed that the bank balances at 13 September were: -

Current Account	£200.00
High Interest Account	£9,322.21

(b) Accounts to pay;

York Waterworks - Allotment water	£7.04
Chairman's expenses to YLCA AGM at Ripon	£11.00

(c) Accounts paid;

None

(d) Capital Items;

No further news.

99.113 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

99.113.1 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: 99/00930/FUL Erection of pitched roof storage and auction building at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (d) Ref: 99/01179/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof business unit building C at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane for Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (e) Ref: 99/01255/TCA Felling of Lawson Cypress and Leylandii trees in a Conservation Area at 1 Beech Grove for Mr & Mrs J Hook.
- (f) Ref: 99/01594/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof business building to form 5 units - Building D at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane by Northminster Properties Ltd.
- (g) Ref: 99/01608/FUL Erection of pitched roof two storey side and first floor extensions at 6 Apple Garth for Mr & Mrs Evans.
- (h) Ref: 99/01714/HRN Removal of hedgerow, OS Field 9965 Hodgson Lane by Parker Brothers.
- (i) Ref: 99/01534/ADV Display of non illuminated signs on various roundabouts and planting beds throughout the city at various Roundabouts and Planting Beds York by York In Bloom Committee.
- (j) Ref: 99/01901/TCA Fell 11 Leylandii Conifer trees in Conservation Area at Upper Poppleton Post Office, Station Road by Mr A D Farnsworth.
- (k) Ref: 99/01932/FUL Erection of pitched roof first floor side extension at 15 Fairway Drive for Mr & Mrs C Whitaker.
- (l) Ref: 99/01944/FUL Installation of 3 roof lights to front elevation at New Manor, The Green by Thomas Peter.
- (m) Ref: 99/02025/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to side and rear at 1 Dikelands Close by D Appleton.

The Clerk pointed out that since the July Parish Council meeting several planning applications had been submitted and approved by the City of York Council. All applications processed since the July meeting were listed on then schedule presented to the Councillors together with a précis of the comments made by members of the Parish Council Planning Committee.

99.113.2 Plans accepted by the City of York Council

- (a) Ref: 99/00760/TCA Felling of Leylandii tree in a Conservation Area at Copper Beech, Hodgson Lane by Richard Cantrell.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.

- (d) Ref: 99/01412/FUL Change of use of garden to vehicle hard standing and access to lock up garage at Wills & Ellis Garage, Boroughbridge Road
- (e) Ref: 99/01452/FUL Erection of mono pitched car port to side at The Bungalow, Westfield Lane by Mr & Mrs Ward.
- (f) 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 by Mrs Eyre.
- (g) Ref: 99/01659/FUL Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension at Tupsey Garth, Beech Way by Mr & Mrs Latta.
- (h) Ref 99/01805/FUL Erection of conservatory to rear at 21 Station Road by Mr Ritchie.

99.113.3 Plans refused by the City of York Council

None

99.113.4 Easement

Councillor Smith reported that he had spoken to Philip Ashworth & Co the solicitors for Mr Simmons who is building the two new houses in Black Dyke Lane. It had been agreed that, subject to approval by the Parish Council, Mr Simmons would pay the sum of £250 as an easement to take mains services across the Village Green. The Councillors discussed the proposition voted to accept it. The Clerk was asked to write to Philip Ashworth & Co to confirm the Parish Council's decision.

99.114 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

(a) Vandalism;

A letter from Mr Ron Jones, together with a list of signatures of local residents, in which Mr Jones complained about unsociable behaviour in the vicinity of the junction of Dikelands Lane and Montague Walk. Mr Jones requested the removal of the park type bench and the adjacent litter bin. The Councillors discussed the problem. Councillor Smith reported a conversation with the Leisure Services Department of the City of York Council whose advice was that the removal of the seat would merely move the perceived problem to another area with the possibility that eventually all village seats would have to be removed. The Councillors agreed that the seat should remain where it is but that it should be repaired. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the repairs to the seat.

(b) Lampposts.

No report.

99.116 VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees;

Councillor Parker advised the Council that three oak trees were to be planted on Parish Council owned land at the corner of Hodgson Lane and Westfield Lane in memory of S B Parker.

(b) Parking;

No report.

(c) Signs;

No report

(d) Maintenance.

- i. It was reported that quotations are being received for sorting out the grass under the maypole, the edging of the grass around the Green and the repairs to the rings on the maypole.
- ii. It was reported that Mr Gregory of Ryland Horticulture & Garden Service would like to replace, at no charge to the village, the lime tree at the end of Lime Garth. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Gregory to thank him for his offer and the Council's acceptance of it.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to a new resident on the Green to explain about the Conservation Area and the parking regulations.

(e) Events

No report.

99.117 BUILDING PRESERVATION ORDER

Councillor Hopton said that she would have a word with Tony Dennis of the City of York Council's Department of Environment & Development to enquire about the way forward with regards to this item

99.118 TURN ENGINES OFF SIGNS

Discussion on this subject was deferred until the October meeting

99.119 YOUTH CLUB

The Clerk reported that the attendances at the Youth Club were steadily increasing.

99.120 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

It was reported that all Councillors had seen the draft Newsletter and had made comments and amendments. The Clerk agreed that he would make the appropriate alterations to the draft and send the artwork to the printer.

99.121 YORK LOCAL PLAN

Councillor Hopton explained that the land at the rear of Blairgowrie is a field, not a garden, and should, therefore, be designated Open Space. This point was agreed by Harrogate Borough Council prior to the boundary change in 1996. The field is in a Conservation Area. It is not designated for housing.

99.122 CORRESPONDENCE

99.122.1 The following correspondence was read to the Councillors

- (a) A letter from Mrs Nora Fulton advising the Parish Council that 'Planting Day' for the crocus carpet in Chantry Green is to be Sunday 10 October 1999. 2,000 bulbs have been ordered and Mrs Fulton hopes that 'the Poppletons' will respond by coming, buying and planting.
- (b) A letter from Leslie Richardson asking for the Coronation seat to be returned to its site opposite the Public Library in Main Street.
- (c) A letter from R M Major thanking the Parish Council for its support in the Millennium Green Project and advising that a grant of £17,029 had been awarded by the Countryside Agency.
- (d) A letter from Mrs Cathy Wordie advising the Parish Council that there will be meetings of the Governing Bodies of both schools in the village on 27 September 1999 when nominations submitted by the relevant Parish Councils will be considered for the vacancy of 'Minor Authorities Representative'.

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

- (a) Martin House Newsletter - Autumn 1999.
- (b) St Leonards Hospice News - Summer 1999, No. 57.
- (c) Notice of National Convention for Market Towns in the new millennium on 24/25 September 1999.
- (d) Notice of the City of York Council's Resurfacing and Reconstruction Programme 1999/2000 with information leaflets.
- (e) City of York Neighbourhood Watch Association minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on 13 July.
- (f) City of York Council Economic Bulletin - September edition (No. 16).

- (g) Poppleton Ward Residents Association minutes of meetings on 23 June and 28 July.
- (h) City of York Council's First Annual Report from the Public Rights of Way Unit.
- (i) Letter from the York Natural Environment Trust inviting the Parish Council to become a corporate member.
- (j) The White Rose Update and papers from YLCA.
- (k) Nether Poppleton Parish Council minutes of meeting on 19 July.
- (l) Glasdon advert.
- (m) City of York Council's Housing Strategy, Action Plan and Investment Proposals.

99.123 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

99.123.1 Councillor Thompson

- i. Asked that the subject of the loss of two food shops in the village be put on an agenda for future discussion.
- ii. Asked if there had been assurances that provision would be made for the elderly and disabled to have their wheelie bins emptied. Councillor Smith said that there would be such provision when the bins were issued in the near future.

99.124 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11 October 1999

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.58pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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