

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 10 January 2000 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 E A Parker
Cllr. A J Peck,
Cllr. Mrs K Richardson

Cllr. J D G Thompson
Cllr. Mrs R Watters
Cllr. Mrs J Hopton (City of York Council)

Four members of the public.

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk).

00.00 Before the meeting commenced the Chairman invited PC Williamson to address the meeting and answer questions put by the Councillors. Below is a list of the subjects discussed and PC Williamson's responses. -

(a) Parking at the School/Library

The problem could be alleviated by the introduction of a single line road marking and signs to indicate no parking between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

(b) Gangs of Youths

Some youths have been arrested near the Community Centre.

(c) Muggings

PC Williamson said she had not been advised of either the mugging in November by the Upper Poppleton Post Office or the mugging by the shops in Allerton Drive.

(d) Greater police presence

P C Williamson covers an area from Blossom Street to Hessay. She tries to visit the village as much as possible.

(e) Police response time

The time taken to respond is relative to the urgency. If there is a report of vandalism villagers should make a note of the description of the vandal/s to help the police identify them later.

(f) Parking on footpaths

This should be reported to the police. Ring the Police Help Desk on 01904 631321.

(g) Hodgson Lane - rat run

PC Williamson said she would ask the 'speed police' to measure traffic speed.

(h) Fly tipping

PC Williamson mentioned the incidence of fly tipping in the Broad Lane/Kettlewell Lane area. The police can prosecute fly tippers but need details.

The chairman thanked P C Williamson for her help and advice and for giving her time to be at the Parish Council meeting.

00.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Mrs L R Acomb and Cllr. G B Davies

00.02 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted and signed as a true record.

00.14a POPPLETON MULTIMEDIA MILLENNIUM ARCHIVE DONATION - £500

This item was brought forward on the agenda so that Mrs Susan Major could give an outline of the scheme and answer questions. The equipment for the Archive would be installed in the Library. This had been provided from a grant of £5,000 from the Millennium Festival Awards for All Fund. The equipment consisted of a computer, display stands, digital camera, training, special software etc. Support in kind is being generated from volunteers (archiving, transcribing, technical support and hands on help for computer novices), from Future Prospects (IT training), the Library (premises), the City Council Citizens Support Unit (publicity material) and the Evening Press (archive photography). There was still a need for cash for the security of the equipment. Mrs Major was asking for a one-off financial grant from the Parish Council and would be making a similar request of Nether Poppleton Parish Council.

Councillor Peck asked if the Computer Support Group could help people to use computers and would a Parish Council donation go towards this ideal. Mrs Major assured Councillor Peck that it would.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Major for her presentation and said that her request would be considered later in the agenda. (see Minute 00.14b).

00.03 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Relocation of street light (Minute 99.35.5)

No news on the relocation of the light.

(b) Maypole hooks

Councillor Walker said that this subject was in hand.

(c) Bus service change of route (Minute 99.111c)

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from Terry Walker, the City of York Council's Public Transport Planner. Mr Walker had recently explored the possibility of establishing bus stops on the A59 in the Poppleton area without success. Highway management had judged it unsafe owing to lack of footways and pedestrian crossing points and the volume/speed of traffic. He said he would approach Harrogate and District Travel to see if they would agree to divert bus route 142 through the village. This would overcome the problem with bus stops on the A59.

(d) Blairgowrie trees (Minute 99.111i)

The Clerk reported that he hadn't as yet received a reply from Susan Knowles, the Council's Landscape Architect and was asked to make further contact so that the matter could be resolved.

(e) Dikelands Lane/Montague Walk seat (Minute 99.114a)

The Clerk reported having received no quotations for the repairs to the seat.

(f) 30mph limit (Minute 99.130c)

The Clerk read a letter from Bill Blanchard of the City of York Council in which it was proposed to move the 30mph limit in Hodgson Lane from its present position near Westfield Lane to the A59 side of York House. Whilst being pleased with any movement of the limit the Councillors asked the Clerk to reply that they wished for the limit to be extended back to the Red Lion and that they request the support of Mr Blanchard for this request.

(g) 7.5 tonne limit (Minute 99.130c)

The Clerk reported no developments with regard to this item.

(h) Moles (Minute 99.132.iv)

The Clerk reported having written to the City of York Council about the incidence of moles and was waiting for a reply.

(i) Weeds in gutters (Minute 99.135.5i)

The Clerk reported that Christine Burnett, the Officer in charge of highway weed had not contacted him so he had nothing to report.

(m) Undulation in road outside garage (Minute 99.135.5iii)

The Clerk reported no progress on this subject. It was pointed out that the undulation had been caused by one of the utility companies that had filled in a trench dug across the road. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council to point this out.

(n) Damage to seat (Minute 99.146a)

The Clerk reported that he had received no quotation for repairs to the seat in Dikelands Lane opposite Montague Walk or the seat at the corner of Long Ridge Lane and Station Road.

(o) Hodgson Lane salting (Minute 99.146.1)

The Clerk read a letter from the City of York Council's Highways Department confirming that Hodgson Lane would not be included in the list of roads to be salted this winter.

(p) Broken fence post by the pump (Minute 99.148d)

The Clerk reported that he was to receive a quotation from Ken Falkingham for mending the fence by the pump.

(q) Poppleton Internet website (Minute 99.151)

The Clerk reported that the minutes of the November Parish Council meeting had been put onto the Parish's space on the Poppleton website. The Councillors expressed their satisfaction.

(r) Report on the Yorkshire Planning Seminar (Minute 99.153)

Councillor Thompson reported that he had found the course very useful. He had made several contacts. The Clerk gave out booklets just received from Yorkshire Planning Aid for the three Councillors who had attended the course.

(s) Resurfacing Footpath No. 1 (Minute 99.158)

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Robin Carr, the City of York Council's Public Rights of Way Officer in which Mr Carr agreed to carry out the surfacing of the path from Bankside Close to Riversvale. The work is to be scheduled in the next financial year's works programme.

(t) Easement (Minute 99.159)

The Clerk reported the receipt of £250 for the easement signed by two Councillors

(u) Report from the dog warden (Minute 99.161.2b)

The Clerk was directed to write to the dog warden to ask for advice on what to do about the reported dog mess on the road from Westfield Lane to the School.

00.04 FINANCE

(a) Financial Report;

The Clerk presented the Councillors with a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the period to 10 January 2000. The report showed that the bank balances at 10 January were: -

Current Account	£50.00
High Interest Account	£8,122.00

(b) Accounts to pay (net of VAT);

Audit Commission audit fee	£185.25
Clerk's salary	£571.75
Clerk's expenses - stationery/postage/phones	£22.96

(c) Accounts paid (net of VAT);

York Waterworks. Allotments water	£6.00
Northern Electric. Annual charge for the bus shelter light	£18.11

(d) Capital Items;

The chairman outlined the difficulties in arranging for the village signs to be erected before the 31 March 2000 deadline. The Councillors agreed to defer the construction of signs until the next financial year.

It was agreed that new notice boards for All Saints Church should be provided at a cost of £224. It was also agreed to ask the City of York Council to install a new metal seat in the Community Centre play area and a wooden seat in both Dikelands Lane opposite Montague Walk and by the bus shelter opposite the Library in Main Street.

(e) Budget 2000-2001

The Clerk presented a suggested budget for the financial year commencing 1 April 2000. The budget incorporated the wishes of the Councillors and was accepted. The budget called for a precept of £4,500 that included a provision of £1,500 for the Community Centre. See minute 00.07. The Clerk was asked to notify Ron Hansell, the

Clerk of Nether Poppleton Parish Council, of the provision of £1,500 for the Community Centre.

00.05 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

00.05.1 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: 99/02080/GRG3 - Formation of new pedestrian access at Poppleton Primary School by York City Council.
- (c) Ref: 99/02729/FUL - Erection of pitched roof conservatory to rear at 2 Apple Garth by Mr & Mrs Bullock.
- (d) Ref: 99/03009/FUL - Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage at the Joinery Works to rear of Westville, Black Dykes Lane by Simmons House Builders.
- (e) Ref: 99/03032/FUL - Erection of pitched roof two storey side and single storey rear extension and canopy to front at 4 Dikelands Lane by Mrs Louise Davies.

00.05.2 Plans accepted by the City of York Council

- (a) 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.
- (b) Ref: 99/02444/FUL - Erection of pitched roof detached garage and canopy at 10 Beech Grove by Marilyn Watt.
- (c) Ref: 99/02447/FUL - Erection of pitched roof single storey garage extension at Cherry Garth, Black Dykes Lane by Mr & Mrs L Cook.
- (d) Ref: 99/02471/FUL - Erection of two storey pitched roof rear extension at 143 Long Ridge Lane by Mr G Gittus.
- (e) Ref: 99/02638/FUL - Formation of internal access road at Northminster Business Park, Northfield Lane by Northminster Properties Ltd.

00.05.3 Plans refused by the City of York Council

- (a) Ref: 99/02241/FUL - Retention of detached dwelling and boundary wall at York House, Hodgson Lane for Mr S Morgan.
- (b) Ref: 99/02241/FUL - Retention of detached dwelling and boundary wall at York House, Hodgson Lane by Mr S Morgan (Amended plans).

00.06 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

(a) Vandalism;

It was reported that several street signs had been damaged i.e. Dikelands Lane/Orchard Road, Chantry Gap/Main Street and Lime Garth/Main Street. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council and request that the signs be repaired.

Graffiti was reported in the bus shelter on The Green. Councillor Walker said that he would have a go at removing it.

(b) Lampposts.

It was reported that a replacement lamppost had been erected in the snicket between Bracken Hills and Main Street. The old lamppost was still in place and needed to be removed. After discussion it was agreed that another lamppost should be erected in order to light the Bracken Hills end of the snicket. Councillor Smith agreed to accompany the Clerk to the site so that the Clerk could write to the City Council to inform them of the Parish Council's request.

00.07 POPPLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE TRUST

(a) Report from the Council's Representative

Councillor Peck reported a meeting between himself and Councillor Thompson of Upper Poppleton Parish Council, Councillors Batty and Acomb of Nether Poppleton Parish Council and representatives of the Community Centre Trust. There was a discussion about the need to pay off the loan to the brewery (see Minute 99.147a). The Community Centre representatives said that they would like to raise money to improve the bar, make kitchen improvements and build a conservatory for cricket match spectators. Councillor Peck had pointed out that the Community Centre was a positive draw to prospective newcomers to the Poppletons and its presence helped maintain village house prices, which was a benefit to all village residents.

00.08 VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees;

No report.

(b) Parking;

No report.

(c) Signs;

No report

(d) Maintenance.

No report

(e) Events

No report

00.09 TURN ENGINES OFF SIGNS

Councillor Smith reported a conversation he had had with Peter Eveley of the City of York Council. The Council were planning to install turn engine off signs at Bootham crossing in York in the new financial year and would include signs for Upper Poppleton to their list. Councillor Peck expressed his satisfaction at this turn of events.

00.10 YOUTH CLUB

No report.

00.11 REVIEW OF EXISTING CONSERVATION AREA

The Councillors examined a copy of the proposed amendments to the existing Conservation Area. Attached to the plan of the amendments was a "Schedule of Amendments to Existing Conservation Area in Upper Poppleton"

- A *Extension to include an area of charming early 20th Century suburban housing, together with the historic Ivy House which stands well in the streetscene.*
- B *Deletion of Grove Gardens - pleasant recent housing, but which does not really form part of the village streetscene; it is difficult to justify inclusion in the Conservation Area.*
- C *Extension along Long Ridge Lane, to include attractive Edwardian houses set in mature gardens, with the quite striking mid-20th century house (No.141) that encloses the view along the lane. Long Ridge Lane curves gently and makes a pleasing entry to the more historic village core.*
- D *Extension to include paddocks alongside Black Dike Lane, which are important in keeping a rural edge coming up to the south side of the lane.*
- E *Extension to include Beech Grove, and adjoining garden/paddock areas which help to form the important edge between the village and the open countryside beyond. A copse of trees is an important landscape feature. Beech Grove is a pleasing example of early 20th century housing in a rural style.*
- F *Inclusion of the field and paddock areas to the rear of Model Farm and Dene Holm. Again these form part of the important edge between the village and the open countryside. Groups of mature trees are an important feature.*
- G *A small extension to include both sides of School Lane, which is lined by hedges.*

The Councillors agreed to accept the plans without comment.

00.12 LOCAL PLAN

Councillor Smith reported that the City of York Council agrees with the Parish's opinion against development at Blairgowrie and will put that view to the Local Plan Enquiry. The Councillors asked for assurances that this was the case and were given them by the Chairman.

00.13 SPORTS FIELD DONATION

The Chairman reported an approach for a donation to the proposed new sports/football field in Millfield Lane. Councillor Peck said that the Council should be given a properly costed and presented scheme before consideration was given to a possible donation. The Clerk was asked to write to Peter Shaw to ask for this.

00.14b POPPLETON MULTIMEDIA MILLENNIUM ARCHIVE DONATION - £500

The Councillors, having listened to the presentation from Mrs Susan Major, as minuted in 00.14a above, agreed to donate the sum of £500 to Poppleton History Society for the

Millennium Archive. Councillor Peck said that the Group would be providing a genuine service.

00.15 BARN APPEAL DONATION - £500

Councillor Hopton said that the Parish Council had donated the sum of £500 several years ago and that the provision in the Parish Council's budget was no longer required.

00.16 PROPOSED HAREWOOD WHIN EXTENSION

The chairman reported a meeting between himself, the Clerk and Jenny Morris of Yorwaste. Mrs Morris gave details of proposals of an extension to the waste disposal area at Harewood Whin. The proposals were tentative at the moment. Yorwaste were contacting all interested parties in the local area prior to engaging consultants and applying for planning permission. The meeting was the first approach and was to give Parish Councils an idea of the outline proposals so that there could be discussion within the Council and dialogue with Yorwaste. The Councillors raised the problem of the Foss Beck which runs through Harewood Whin. The Chairman advised the Councillors that Foss Beck would be culverted so there should be no problem of contaminated surface water.

00.17 CORRESPONDENCE

00.17.1 There was no correspondence to read to the Councillors other than that mentioned above or circulated as per the minute below.

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

- (a) Minutes of the Poppleton Ward Residents Association Meetings on 27 October and 24 November 1999.
- (b) CPRE Newsletter, Autumn 1999.
- (c) Copy of a letter from Dr Roman sent to David Young of the City Council.
- (d) YLCA items for November including White Rose Update.
- (e) YLCA items for December including White Rose Update.
- (f) City of York's Neighbourhood Watch Association's Guardian, November 1999.
- (g) City of York's Neighbourhood Watch Association's minutes of Executive Committee meeting on 8 November.
- (h) Details of the Yorventure Landfill Tax Credit Funding for Community and Environmental Projects.
 - (i) City of York Council's Economic Bulletin No. 17.
 - (j) YNET - minutes of meeting held on 30 November 1999.
 - (k) Details of Free Nursery Places for Older Three Year Olds from the City Council.
 - (l) Letter and Statement of Priorities regarding Public Rights of Way.
 - (m) Review of the definitive map of Public Rights of Way - Comments needed by 31 March 2000.
 - (n) A leaflet about 'Creative Communities 2000' from the City Council.
 - (o) Details of the York Pedestrian Route Network. Comments needed at the February Parish Council meeting.

00.18 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

00.18.1 Councillor Walker

Commented on wheelie bins and that there is a delay in implementing their use.
Reported damage to the grass in Chantry Green by an unknown vehicle.

00.18.2 Councillor Peck

Read a letter from Audrey Cobley asking for drop kerbs to be installed by the Post Office in Station Road so that she could use her motorised wheelchair to visit the Post Office. The Clerk was asked to write to the City of York Council to ask them if they would install the drop kerbs.

00.18.3 Councillor Hopton

Reported that result of the York Business Park appeals. The Leisure complex will go ahead. The retail proposals had been rejected.

00.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14 February 2000

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.52pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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