

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 12 April 2004 at 7.00pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman)

Councillor Bill Bunyan
Councillor Pat Gillies
Councillor Anne Hook
Councillor Liz Reese

Councillor Kate Richardson
Councillor Greg Watson

Councillor Janet Hopton (City of York Council)

Mr James Mackman (Clerk).

One member of the public

04.058 - INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Liz Reese was co-opted as a Parish Councillor and introduced to everyone present.

04.059 - CONFIRMATION OF SIGNING DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Reese had signed the Declaration of Office.

04.060 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no declarations of interest.

04.061 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Tomlinson, Richard Walker and Councillor Glen Bradley (City of York Council).

04.062 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Having been circulated and read, the minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

04.063 - MATTERS ARISING

(a) Parish Councils' Open Day - 3 April 2004 (Min. 04. 042a)

The Open Day had not been well attended. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to discuss the Open Day and make recommendations on the timing of any future Open Day. Councillor Watson agreed to be the Parish Council's representative at the meeting to be arranged by the Clerk.

(b) Reinstatement of the Green where is has been damaged by McAlpines (Min. 04.042b)

The repair work should be carried out in April. The Clerk is to contact Philip Baron if the work hasn't started within the next week.

(c) *The feasibility of a Nature Reserve in Upper Poppleton (Min. 04.042c)*

The Land Registry had written to say they had no record of the ownership of the land. It was agreed to delay further progress on this subject for the time being.

(d) *Garage in Grove Gardens (Min. 04.044.2c)*

The Clerk had reported this matter to the City Council who were aware that work had been started.

(e) *Asbestos in Broad Lane (Min. 04.045.bi)*

The Clerk had reported this to the City Council and been informed that the land on which the asbestos has been dumped is in Harrogate District and not within the City boundary. Harrogate have been informed of the location of the asbestos.

(f) *Burnt hedges in Broad Lane (Min. 04.045.bii)*

The Clerk informed the City Council about the hedges having been burnt as a result of a large fire on the grass verge. The hedges are in Harrogate District.

(g) *Parked van in Station Road (Min. 04.045.biii)*

The Clerk had written to the owner of the van since when the van has been parked correctly.

- At this point in the agenda Councillor Richardson arrived

(h) *Jubilee seat (Min. 04.053)*

The Jubilee seat has been bought from Glasdon for the sum of £467.59 and installed on the Green by the side of the "Heidi Meyer" tree. Ken Falkingham installed the seat. His invoice has not yet been received.

04.064 - FINANCE

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the year ended 31 March 2004. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 31 March were:

Current			
Account			£100.00
Business	Money		Manager
Account		£11,738.44	

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

James	Mackman	Clerk's	salary	-
March				£251.20
James	Mackman	Postage,	telephone	and
stationery				£15.22

(c) *Accounts paid (net of VAT)*

Society	of	Local	Council	Clerk's	Annual
subscription					
Poppleton			£36.00		
Club	Donation				Luncheon
				£10.00	

CPRE subscription		Annual £25.00			
York subscription	Open	Planning £20.00	Forum		Annual
CPRE booklet	£3.00	"Village	Speedometer"		-
City of York 04	Council £1,117.80		Dog bin emptying		2003-
Glasdon seat		Jubilee £467.59			

(d) Income Received

HSBC Interest	Bank £0.02
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(e) To consider re-subscribing to YNET - £30

It was agreed that the £30 subscription be renewed.

- (f) It was noted that the invoice for dog bin emptying for the year ended 31 March 2004 had been paid. This led to a discussion on this aspect of double taxation. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact the City Council and ask when the pro forma for claiming items where double taxation occurs would be available.

04.065 - PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

04.065.1 - Plans pending and Planning Committee Comments

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the list of plans and comments made by the members of the Planning Committee on each planning application received. The list is attached as Appendix 1 at the end of these minutes.

04.065.2 - Councillors' comments

None

04.065.3 - To agree to purchase another Planning Aid pack

The Councillors agreed that a Planning Aid Pack should be bought for Councillor Reese.

04.066 - HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

(a) Vandalism

- (i) It was reported that the "Community Centre" directional sign on the Green had been broken and fixed since the March Parish Council meeting.
- (ii) The "Chantry Grove" sign in Bracken Hills has been turned so that it does now point to Chantry Grove.

(b) Other reports

None

04.067 - VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees -

No report

(b) Events

A request by the Children's Sports Day Committee to use the Green on 31 May was approved.

(c) Car parking

No report

(d) Maintenance

No report

04.068 - TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

04.068.1 The Clerk read the following items of correspondence

- (a) A letter from Mrs Corrall of Poppleton Women's Institute asking for help in having the path in the snicket between Main Street and Brackenhills made more level to accommodate wheelchairs. Also to improve the lighting at the Brackenhills end of the snicket. The Clerk was asked to find out who owns the snicket.
- (b) A thank-you letter from Poppleton Luncheon Club for the £10 donation to their funds.
- (c) A letter from Drivers the Solicitors acting for the Gioiellos regarding the application for a licence to sell alcoholic drinks.

04.068.2 The correspondence listed below had been circulated prior to the meeting

Mayfair Group Response - February 2004 report

04.068.3 It was agreed that the remaining correspondence received since the March Parish Council meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) CPRE - Rural Matters - Issue 30, TCG news issue 29
- (b) CPRE - Planning update Issue 2/04 - March 2004
- (c) CPRE - AGM notice
- (d) Martin House - Newsletter No. 41
- (e) Mayfair Group Response - March 2004 report
- (f) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 9 February
- (g) Poppleton Ward Residents Association - Minutes of 25 Feb
- (h) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, March 2004

04.069 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- (a) *Councillor Pannell* reported on his attendance at the York Open Planning Forum seminar held on 23 March. He had found the seminar useful but was disappointed that the YOPF literature hadn't made it clear that the seminar and workshop were complimentary.
- (b) *Councillor Hook* reported on her and Councillor Bunyan's attendance at the York Open Planning Forum planning workshop on 30 March.
"The session used case studies intended to build on the theory learned in a previous session. Unfortunately, we had been unaware that there were two connected sessions and, not having attended the first, were unable to participate as fully as we would have liked. The two case studies were about the extension to a public house and infill

housing at the edge of a village in a conservation area. Views were mixed as to whether planning consent should be given and the trainers emphasised the fact that it was often very difficult to come to the correct conclusion in real life. Often people with lots of experience came to quite different opinions and they could all be justified. Not very reassuring! Nevertheless, we did learn some things, but feel that further training would be useful."

04.070 - TO RECONSIDER SEEKING QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

Councillor Watson asked that this subject be deferred until the May Parish Council meeting.

04.071 - TO CONSIDER THIS SEASON'S GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

It was agreed to let the grass-cutting contract run and not seek quotations for the time being.

04.072 - TO CONSIDER RESEALING THE BRICKWORK IN THE BUS SHELTER

The protective coating on some of the bricks in the bus shelter on the Green was removed when the graffiti was cleaned off. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to remove the new graffiti and reapply the brick sealant.

04.073 - TO AGREE TO SIGN THE DEED OF EASEMENT

The solicitors of the parties wishing to be granted an easement for the water supply pipe to be laid under Chantry Green have sent a draft easement for approval. They have agreed to the payment of £500 for the easement. The Clerk was directed to ensure that all the Parish Council's legal charges would be paid by the other party and then to instruct Denison Till to act on the Parish Council's behalf.

04.074 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PC FICKLING ON CRIME BETWEEN APRIL 2003 AND MARCH 2004

The Councillors discussed the report on crime in Poppleton which had been supplied by PC Fickling. The report covers the period from April 2003 to March 2004. The Councillors agreed that the report would have been more meaningful if a note of the number of crimes solved had been supplied as well. The Clerk was directed to ask PC Fickling if there are any figures available on the crime clear-up rate.

04.075 - TO DISCUSS YORK COMMUNITY PRIDE PROJECTS

The City Council is providing grants of between £100 and £300 for groups including Parish Councils who are willing to do something to improve the look and feel of the city and its neighbourhoods. In most cases the grant would match the funding made by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that funds should be requested for installing a litter bin by the bus shelter opposite the Library and for repainting the maypole on the Green.

04.076 - TO CONSIDER MR CRABB'S OFFER TO RESURFACE THE DRIVE OUTSIDE RUSSETT HOUSE

After discussion it was agreed that Mr Crabb should be given permission to resurface the drive which runs past his house. The proposed tarmac surface should blend in with the surrounding tarmac surfaces. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not provide funds towards the project.

04.077 - TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillor Attending
22 April	Ainsty Group meeting	Community Centre/7.30pm	Richardson
27 April	Ward Committee	Community Centre/7.30pm	All
27 April	YNET	St. Clements Club, Count de Burgh Terrace/7.30pm	
15 May	CPRE - AGM	Golden Fleece Hotel, Thirsk/2.30pm	
20 May	Wheatlands Community Woodland	Educational Walk/ 8.00pm	
3 June	YLCA - York Branch	William House/7.30pm	Walker

04.078 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

None

04.079 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Monday 10 May 2004 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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