

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 14 June 2004 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman)

Councillor Anne Hook
Councillor Richard Kirby-Brown

Councillor Paul Tomlinson
Councillor Greg Watson

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

Councillor Glen Bradley (City of York Council)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Neil Hildreth addressed the Councillors on the subject of the new Co-op on the Green which had recently opened for trading. He said he was being disturbed by the noise of early morning deliveries and trolleys being pushed in front of the shop. There is an increased amount of litter on the Green outside the shop. He said he was having a problem with cars being parked in front of his driveway.

Unfortunately, the subject of Mr Hildreth's complaint had been received too late to be included on the agenda for the June meeting. It was agreed that the subject be included on the agenda for the July meeting.

04.103 - CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Richard Kirby-Brown was co-opted as a Parish Councillor and introduced to everyone present.

04.104 - CONFIRMATION OF SIGNING DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Kirby-Brown had signed the Declaration of Office.

04.105 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no declarations of interest.

04.106 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bill Bunyan, Pat Gillies, Liz Reese and Kate Richardson and Councillor Janet Hopton (City of York Council).

04.107 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

04.108 - MATTERS ARISING

(a) *Reinstatement of the Green where is has been damaged by McAlpines (Min. 04.086a)*

The work to the Green has still not been done. Councillor Watson agreed to speak to the contractor.

(iii) Income Received

City of York Council	first half year's
precept	£5,500.00
HSBC Bank	
interest	£49.17
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance premium
refund	£210.30

(b) To receive and approve the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2004

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2004. It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the latter.

(c) To sign the Annual Return

The Clerk also presented the Annual Return and explained the significance of Section 2 the "Statement of Assurance". Each Councillor had been given a list of the eight statements making up Section 2. The Councillors agreed with all eight items and the Chairman and Clerk signed the document.

(d) To agree to accept the quotation of £125 for reducing the height of the hedge at the Main Street allotments.

It was agreed that the quotation from Ryland Horticulture be accepted.

*** Councillor Bradley arrived at this point on the agenda.**

(e) To discuss the Main Street allotments water supply

A tenant who has an allotment near the Garden Guild building had requested that a water tap be installed. The Councillors were informed that Yorkshire Water would charge over £400 for installing a water meter to which would be added the cost of installing the tap. It was agreed not to proceed with this request.

(f) To consider buying the latest SLCC Clerk's Manual

The SLCC has stopped supporting the old Clerk's Manual and has produced a new, more user friendly manual. As a member of the SLCC and having a copy of the old manual the new Clerks Manual is available for £24 including postage and packing. The cost to a non-member would be £69. It was agreed that the Parish Council should buy the new manual.

04.110 - PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

04.110.1 - 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.

04.110.2 - Councillors' comments

None

04.111 - HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

(a) Vandalism

Concern was expressed about the effectiveness of Mayfair Security. It would appear that Mayfair's drivers are friendly with the youths who congregate in the village. Problems

occur when Mayfair is not in the village. The use of mobile phones is believed to be a factor in warning youths that Mayfair are travelling round the village so little unsociable behaviour occurs at these times.

*Councillor Tomlinson retired from the meeting at this point in the agenda

(b) Other reports

It was requested that the subject "to discuss traffic calming measures" be put on to the next agenda.

04.112 - VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees -

The City Council has said that it would not be possible to graft branches on to the flowering cherry tree in Station Road.

(b) Events

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Children's Sports Day Committee to express the Parish Council's appreciation on a successful event.

(c) Car parking

Two problems with the car park outside the White Horse were reported.

- i. The kerb is much higher than it used to be before the car park was resurfaced. Many drivers have complained that they have hit the kerb when parking.
- ii. Two pools of water occur whenever it rains. The Clerk was directed to contact the City Council to ask if work could be carried out to remedy these problems.

It was agreed that the subject of car parking on the Green should appear on the next agenda.

(d) Maintenance

It was reported that one of the downpipes on the bus shelter is missing. It was agreed to ask Ken Falkingham to carry out the necessary repair.

04.113 - TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

04.113.1 The Clerk read the following item of correspondence

- (a) A letter from Ian Collinson expressing concern at the increasing amount of vandalism in the village and that there appeared to be no visible action by the law enforcers to curb the escalation of the problem. He asked for the Parish Council to call a meeting in the village to explain the current situation, seek views of the residents and discuss possible courses of action to re-establish peace and tranquillity. He mentioned the introduction of CCTV into a village in Hampshire and suggested a similar scheme could be introduced in Poppleton. The Councillors agreed that the subject of Mr Collinson's letter should be on the agenda for the July Parish Council meeting.
- (b) A letter from Mrs Routledge advising that All Saints Church Hall has been booked by Poppleton Players in March 2005 so will not be available for the March 2005 Parish

Council meeting. The Clerk was directed to book a room at the Methodist Church Hall.

04.113.2 The correspondence listed below had been circulated since the Parish Council meeting in May

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - May 2004, Issue 33
- (b) CPRE - Countryside Voice, Summer 2004
- (c) CPRE - Details of a visit to The Old Vicarage at Tadcaster
- (d) Mayfair Group Response - April report
- (e) Poppleton Ward Residents Association - Minutes of 28 April
- (f) YLCA - White Rose Update April 2004 etc

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

- (a) CPRE - Village Speedometer
- (b) CPRE - Fieldwork - June 2004
- (c) CYC - Information about the Licensing Act 2003
- (d) A letter from CYC -requesting the names of organisations who may be able to provide volunteers to deliver 'Your Ward/Your City' leaflets on a quarterly basis for 6.6p per household.
- (e) Mayfair Group Response - May report
- (f) YCVS - Voluntary Voice June 2004

04.114 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Councillor Pannell reported on the proceedings at the YLCA York Branch meeting held on 3 June 2004. All officers were re-elected after which there were discussions on York Pride, planning protocol, crime reports, double taxation and cemeteries.

04.115 - TO RECONSIDER SEEKING QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

Discussion on this subject was again deferred.

04.116 - TO HAVE A NEW PHOTO TAKEN OF THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

As four Parish Councillors were absent from the meeting it was agreed to postpone the photo session until another meeting.

04.117 - TO AGREE THE CONTENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that the Newsletter which had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting should be printed by the Printing Department at Lowfield School and distributed by the Councillors.

04.118 - TO CONSIDER THE POLICE RESPONSE REGARDING CRIME REPORTS

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a letter received from Chief Inspector Andy Bell received in response to his letter to the Chief Constable in which he had complained that clear-up statistics on crime were not available. CI Bell had written to say that District Commanders and senior managers receive daily crime statistics and that clear-up rates have increased over the last eight months. The Councillors were delighted to learn that the statistics were being produced and directed the Clerk to write to CI Bell to ask that they be

made available to the Parish Council. The Councillors expressed their concern that petty crime and vandalism appears to be on the increase.

04.119 - TO CONSIDER THE SUBJECT OF DOUBLE TAXATION

After discussion it was agreed that two areas where residents are suffering double taxation are the emptying of dog bins and the bus shelters. Dog bins and bus shelters are provided by the City Council in unparished areas of the city. Poppleton residents pay for these in the Council Tax and for the dog bin emptying and bus shelters in the Parish Council precept.

04.120 - TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillor Attending
29 June	YNET - AGM	St. Clements Club, Count de Burgh Terrace, South Bank/ 7.30pm	Hook
8 July	Ainsty Group of Parishes	Elvington Village Hall/ 7.30pm	Richardson
14 July	Ward Committee	Askham Bryan Village Hall/ 7.30pm	Pannell

04.121 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Councillor Bradley reported that 15 tonnes of garden waste had been collected during the recent green waste collection.

04.122 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Monday 12 July 2004 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.17pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE