

Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 9 February 2004 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

PRESENT

Councillor Paul Tomlinson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Bill Bunyan
Councillor Pat Gillies
Councillor Anne Hook

Councillor Kate Richardson
Councillor Richard Walker
Councillor Greg Watson

Mr James Mackman (Clerk).

One member of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of 42 Station Road gave a brief history of the drainage problems he has experienced at his home. The Councillors agreed that the Parish Council minutes from 1965 to 1968 should be searched to see if there was any reference to the drainage problem.

04.021 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no declarations of interest.

04.022 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Pannell, Councillor Janet Hopton (City of York Council) and Councillor Glen Bradley (City of York Council).

04.023 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

04.024 - MATTERS ARISING

(a) Reinstatement of the Green where is has been damaged by McAlpines (Min. 04.004a)

The repair work will be carried out as soon as the weather allows.

(b) The feasibility of a Nature Reserve in Upper Poppleton (Min. 04.004b)

No progress on this subject.

(c) Missing signs (Min. 04.004c)

The Brackenhill and Chantry Grove signs had still not been replaced. The Clerk was directed to chase the City Council and ensure the work was carried out as soon as possible.

(d) Lime Garth notice board (Min. 04.004d)

The work had been completed and an invoice from David Palmer for £80.00 had been received. Payment was approved by the Councillors.

(e) Lime Garth lime tree works (Min. 04.0xx)

The City Council has pruned the lime tree at the corner of Lime Garth and Main Street.

04.025 - FINANCE*(a) Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 9 February 2004. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 9 February were:

Current Account	£100.73
Business Money Manager Account	£13,764.14

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

James Mackman	Clerk's salary - January	£260.37
James Mackman	Postage, telephone and stationery	£26.54
David Palmer	Repairs to Lime Garth notice board	£80.00
All Saints Church	Purchase of Christmas Tree	£90.00

(c) Accounts paid (net of VAT)

Poppleton History Society	Donation	£50.00
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(d) Income Received

HSBC	Bank Interest	£0.01
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There was a discussion on the form of presentation of the monthly financial statement. Councillor Hook agreed to present a revised statement.

04.026 - PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT*04.026.1 - 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.

04.026.2 - Councillors' comments

No comments. Councillor Tomlinson mentioned that alterations had been made to the roof of a house in Station Road. As the Parish Council had received no planning notification from the City Council the Clerk was directed to find out if planning permission was needed and had been sought.

04.027 - HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS*(a) Vandalism*

Youths had been seen on the flat roofs of the Library and the School.

Cars had been broken into in various streets in the village

Several burglaries had taken place recently

Notice had been received from the Neighbourhood watch of a burglary by men claiming to have been directed to prune trees.

(b) Other reports

Councillor Watson had obtained details of various "variable message signs". He said he would continue to look into the subject and try to obtain some costings.

04.028 - VILLAGE GREENS

(a) *Trees* -
No report

(b) *Events*
No report

(c) *Car parking*
No report

(d) *Maintenance*

It was reported that the No Parking sign outside the Methodist Chapel had been knocked over and that the base needed to be made more secure. The Clerk was directed to ask Ken Falkingham to make the appropriate repair.

04.029 - TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

04.029.1 The Clerk read the following items of correspondence

- (a) Learning + Skills Council - a poster and information about Bite Size Intros giving details of opportunities to learn new skills and develop new hobbies.
- (b) A letter from the City Council giving the opportunity for an officer to attend a Parish Council meeting and listen to the Councillors' views on local transport issues. The Councillors agreed that this would be a good agenda item for the next Joint meeting scheduled for 29 March.
- (c) A letter from the Marston Moor Internal Drainage Board asking for permission to use the Parish Council's notice board

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

- (a) Details of the City Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan launch at the Royal York Hotel on 30 January.
- (b) Various documents from the Wheatlands Community Woodland

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

- (a) Askham Bryan College Training Services advert
- (b) CPRE - TCG news, Issue 28 - December 2003
- (c) CPRE - planning update, issue 1/04 - January 2004
- (d) Mayfair Group Response - January report
- (e) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 17 November
- (f) Ward Committee - schedule of grants awarded
- (g) WaterVoice - a leaflet entitled "Are You Being Served"
- (h) YCVS - Voluntary Voice, February 2004
- (i) YLCA - Schedule of meetings for 2004
- (j) YLCA - White Rose Update, January 2004
- (k) York Hospitals NHS Trust - Foundation Trust, Consultation Document

04.030 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- (a) *Councillors Tomlinson and Watson* reported on their attendance at the Ward Committee meeting on 5 February.
- (b) *Councillor Hook* reported on her attendance at the City Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan Launch Event on 30 January. She suggested that Councillors should set an example and not use their cars on short trips within the village.

(c) *The Clerk* reported on the Ainsty Group meeting held on 27 January. The next meeting will be held on 22 April at the Poppleton Community Centre.

04.031 - TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

No name was put forward for consideration. The Councillors agreed to continue to look for a suitable candidate. It was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised on the village notice boards

04.032 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR PANSELL'S REPORT ON HIS VISIT TO THE STATION ROAD RESIDENT WITH A DRAINAGE PROBLEM

As Councillor Pannell was on holiday it was agreed to defer his report for another month. The resident addressed the meeting and told the Councillors about his problem. For details, see the minute above.

04.033 - TO CONSIDER THE CITY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO AN INSTALL AN ANTI-SKID SURFACE ON THE A59 JUNCTION WITH HODGSON LANE

The Councillors looked at the information supplied by the City Council. This showed that over the last three years there had been eight accidents at the junction of Hodgson Lane and the A59, five of which occurred when the road was wet. In order to reduce the risk of accidents the City Council is proposing to put down an anti-skid surface on the A59. The Councillors agreed that this was a good idea.

04.034 - TO CONSIDER SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE YRCC PARISH GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE AT SCARBOROUGH FROM 5-7 MARCH 2004

After discussion it was agreed that no Councillors would attend the conference.

04.035 - TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillor Attending
12 February	Community Trust Exec	Community Centre/7.30pm	Tomlinson
24 February	YNET	St Clements Club/7.30pm	Hook
24 February	York Open Planning Forum	Denham Room, Priory Street Centre/7.30pm	Pannell
30 March	Quality Status Seminar	Priory Centre, Priory Street/ 10.00am to 4.00pm	Watson, Clerk
3 April	Parish Councils' Open Day	Methodist Church Hall/ 9.30am to 3.30pm	All
22 April	Ainsty Group meeting	Community Centre/7.30pm	Pannell
3 June	YLCA - York Branch	William House/7.30pm	Walker

04.036 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE MEETING IN APRIL

It was confirmed that the April Parish Council meeting would be held on Easter Monday.

04.037 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Councillor Walker advised the meeting of the recent death of Noel King. Mr King had been, until a couple of years ago, a regular attender at Parish Council meetings. He would enter through the side door on his electric buggy. At the close of each meeting he would, when asked, make comments on the concluded proceedings and communicate his extensive

knowledge of village affairs. The Councillors observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr King. It was agreed that a condolences card should be obtained and signed on behalf of all the Councillors and given to Noel's widow, Mrs Cath King, who had served as an Upper Poppleton Parish Councillor and had been its Chairman for many years.

04.038 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING -
Monday 8 March 2004 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.47pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE