

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 11 October 2004 at 7.00pm in All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton, York.

PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman) Councillor Richard Kirby-Brown

Councillor Bill Bunyan
Councillor Pat Gillies

Mr James Mackman (Clerk) Councillor Janet Hopton (City of York Council)

Mr Neil Hildreth

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Neil Hildreth addressed the Councillors on subjects relating to the opening of the Co-op and incidents on the Green.

04.164 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no declarations of interest.

04.165 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hook, Reese, Richardson, Tomlinson and Watson.

04.166 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2004

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated and read were accepted and signed as a true record.

04.167 - MATTERS ARISING

(a) *Reinstatement of the Green where it has been damaged by McAlpines (Min. 04.127a)*
No action has yet been taken by Baron Landscape.

(b) *Brackenhills/The Green snicket (Min. 04.127b)*
One reply is still outstanding.

04.168 - FINANCE

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 11 October 2004. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 11 October were:

Current Account		£100.00
Business Account	Money	Manager
	£19,526.52	

i. Accounts to pay (net of VAT);

James Mackman	Clerk's salary - September	£267.51
James Mackman	Postage	£19.70
Baron Landscape	Grass cutting - August & September	£375.00

ii. Accounts paid (net of VAT)

None

iii. Income Received

HSBC	Interest	£3.40
City of York Council	Second half year precept	£5,500.00

04.169 - TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

04.169.1 The Clerk read the following item of correspondence

- (a) Ainsty Group of Parishes, Agenda for 21 October
- (b) CYC, Karen Long - Station Road indentations update
- (c) CYC, Making Space for Water
- (d) CYC, Youth Service meeting notice - Councillor Kirby-Brown to attend
- (e) defra, Clean Neighbourhoods advice
- (f) Denison Till, *Chantry*s land ownership enquiry
- (g) npower business, notice of change of supplier for bus shelter electricity
- (h) Poppleton Ward Residents Association, Minutes of 25 August
- (i) Susan Wright, Green tree pruning request - Chairman and Clerk to cut back growth
- (j) YLCA, Notice of Standards Board visit - no Councillor will attend
- (k) York Open Planning Forum, Newsletter October 2004

04.169.2 It was agreed that the correspondence received since the September Parish Council meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Martin House, Christmas Leaflet 2004
- (b) Mayfair Group Response, September report
- (c) A Fair Grant for York
- (d) Yorkshire & Humberside County Training Partnership, Quality Council booklets

04.170 - PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

04.170a - 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.

04.170b - Councillors' comments

Under the recently introduced City Council's delegation scheme objections to planning applications by Parish Councils do not necessarily go to City Councillors. Councillor Hopton asked that any plan objected to by the Parish Council should be notified to one of the City Councillors so that they are made aware of the parish Council's decision.

04.171 - HIGHWAYS FOOTPATHS & LAMPPOSTS

(a) Vandalism

Vandalism to the phone box on the Green was reported. After discussion the Councillors directed the Clerk to write to BT to ask for the usage figure for the phone box so that the Councillors can decide whether or not to support the continued presence of the box.

(b) Other reports

- i. More fly tipping in Newlands Lane was reported. The City Council is to be informed.
- ii. The level of fines for dropping litter was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council should ask Andy Williams for his opinion that the City Council and Parish Council should split fines on a 50:50 basis.
- iii. The incidence of speeding cars was discussed. The Clerk was directed to ask PC Fickling if he had used a speed gun since he undertook training.

04.172 - VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees -

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs Wright who asked if the branches on the tree opposite her house could be cut back. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would undertake the task.

(b) Events

No report

(c) Car parking

See agenda item 04.174

(d) Maintenance

The "Clive Railton" seat had been removed to prevent the possible injury to any resident who sat on it.

04.173 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- (a) Councillor Kirby-Brown reported on the Youth Service Restructuring meeting that he and Councillor Reese had attended on 20 September. It was agreed to put the subject on the November meeting agenda.
- (b) Councillor Pannell reported on the YLCA York Branch meeting held on 7 October. Councillor Steve Galloway had attended the meeting and he and Councillor Peter Powell had signed the Charter. Councillor Galloway explained why York is short of cash.

04.174 - TO CONSIDER THE POLICE RESPONSE REGARDING CRIME REPORTS

Commander Bell's address to the Joint Parish Council meeting was reported. Police resources are concentrated on crime hotspots in York. York itself is a relatively low crime area. The crime figures for Rural West York Ward of which Poppleton is a part are not easily available.

04.175 - TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CRIME AND DISORDER IN THE POPPLETONS

It was agreed that the way forward was to hold a Neighbourhood Watch Awareness Day when the police, Neighbourhood Watch and Mayfair Security would be invited to attend. Councillor Kirby-Brown expressed interest in organising the Day. The Clerk was asked to send details of PC Fickling to Councillor Kirby-Brown who said he would consult with Councillors Hook and Tomlinson.

04.176 - TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A59 BETWEEN TRENCHARD ROAD AND NORTHFIELD LANE.

It was agreed that the City Council's proposal to introduce a 40-mph limit was to be supported. However, the Councillors agreed that the limit should be extended to include all the A59 up to Hodgson Lane.

04.177 - TO DISCUSS CAR PARKING IN THE VILLAGE IN GENERAL

It was agreed that the Parish Council should investigate what rights it possesses to restrict parking in the car parks on the Green.

04.178 - TO AGREE TO REPLACE THE "CLIVE RAILTON" SEAT IN HODGSON LANE

Before making a decision on replacing the seat it was agreed that Councillor Gillies ask Mrs Railton if she would like to have another seat installed in place of the "Coronation Seat" which was recently removed.

04.179 - TO AGREE THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE GREEN BELT WORKING GROUP'S PROPOSALS

It was agreed that the Parish Council accept the working group's proposals as amended by Councillor Hopton.

04.181 - TO AGREE ACTION ON COUNCILLOR WATSON'S REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE SEATS IN THE VILLAGE

It was agreed that Ken Falkingham be asked to quote for carrying out the repairs outlined in the schedule of the condition of the village seats prepared by Councillor Watson.

04.182 - TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillor Attending
13 October	Local Plan - footpaths	Methodist Chapel meeting room, Rufforth/ 4.30pm	Tomlinson, Kirby-Brown
14 October	Ward Committee	Copmanthorpe Primary School/ 7.00pm	All
20 October	CYC Youth Service	Methodist School Room/ 7.30pm	Kirby-Brown
21 October	Ainsty Group of Parishes	Askham Richard Village Hall/ 7.30pm	Pannell
26 October	YNET	St. Clements Club, Count de Burgh Terrace, South Bank/ 7.30pm	Hook

04.183 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Councillor Hopton mentioned that, given that the litter bin by the bus shelter was to remain where it was, two more litter bins would be considered by the Ward Committee.

04.180 - TO DISCUSS THE CO-OP'S OPENING HOURS AND DELIVERY TIMES

Councillor Bunyan declared prejudicial interest in this subject and retired from the meeting. The Clerk had sent a letter inviting the Area Manager of the Co-op to the meeting. Unfortunately, owing to a mix up of dates he was unable to attend.

04.185 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Monday 8 November 2004 at 7.00pm

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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