

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, UPPER POPPLETON
AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 10 APRIL 2006**

PRESENT

Councillor Anne Hook (Chairman)

Councillor Richard Bramall

Councillor Ted Kendall

Councillor John Pannell

Councillor Liz Reese

Councillor Stuart Robson

City of York Councillor Janet Hopton.

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

06.068 - CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

There were no new Councillors.

06.069 - CONFIRMATION OF SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE

There was no-one to sign a declaration.

06.070 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no declarations.

06.071 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kate Richardson.

06.072 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2006, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record after two amendments had been made.

06.073 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

None

06.074 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Progress on the portfolio (Min. 06.053a)

No more at the moment.

(b) Bus shelter on the Green (Min. 06.053.d)

No news.

(c) The directional sign on the Green (Min. 06.057a)

The sign had been fixed into an upright position shortly after the March meeting.

06.054 - FINANCE

(a) To receive a financial statement

The Clerk presented an unaudited schedule of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2006. Since the year end expenditure had been incurred and income received as shown in the tables below. Taking all the income and expenditure into consideration the bank balances at 10 April were:

Current		
Account		£200.00
Business	Money	Manager
Account	£19,198.47	

(b) To agree accounts for payment (*net of VAT*);

903	YRCC	Annual subscription	£25.00
904	City of York Council	Culvert cleaning	£2,867.00
905	YLCA	Annual subscription	£383.00
906	CPRE	Annual subscription	£26.00
907	SLCC	Training course	£40.00
907	SLCC	Books	£48.85
908	James Mackman	Postage & phones	£27.60

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

899	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI	£27.67
900	Poppleton Community Trust	Contribution to Manager's salary - March	£750.00
901	James Mackman	Salary - March	£396.18
902	Nether Poppleton Parish Council	Half share of Compass program for the Parish Plan	£62.50

(d) *To receive a report on income received*

Allotment holders	Allotment rents	£115.00
NEI	Wayleave	£11.50

06.076 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

06.076.1 - The Clerk either read or referred to the following items of correspondence

- Notice of a Development Control seminar on 11 May from the City Council. Councillors Pannell and Reese agreed to attend
- A letter from the City Council asking for support with regards to the capping of the Council Tax. It was resolved not to reply to the letter
- A letter from All Saints Church requesting an increase in the donation towards grass cutting in the churchyard. It was agreed to include this on the June agenda when all donations will be considered.
- Letters from two residents applying for allotment. Their names will be put on the waiting list. application

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

- Bartlett Tree Expert Company - Leaflet
- CE Electric UK - Phone line news
- Community Watch Office - Community Watch, March 2006
- City of York Council - Notice of the closure of the Foss Islands Recycling Hazel Court Recycling Centre opening

- (e) Local Works - Broadsheet, Spring 2006
- (f) Martin House - Newsletter, March 2006
- (g) Mazars - Year end audit papers
- (h) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 20 February
- (i) A copy letter from Paul Whitehead regarding the Hessay/Poppleton path
- (j) Poppleton Ward Residents Association - Minutes of AGM and meeting held on 22 February
- (k) YCVS - York Voluntary Voice, April 2006

06.077 - TO RECEIVE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

06.077a - Plans pending and Planning Committee Comments

The Clerk circulated a list of planning applications which superseded the list he had circulated prior to the meeting. The list showed the 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.

06.077b - Councillors' comments

It was noted that the City Council's Planning and Transport (West Area) Sub-Committee is to make a visit on 19 April to the site of the proposed bungalow in School Lane which would be built in the garden behind Chantreys in Chantry Green.

06.078 - TO CONSIDER ITEMS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS

(a) Vandalism

The seat opposite the bus stop on the Green has been vandalised again. It was ripped off its pedestal and another piece of wood has come loose.

(b) Other reports

None

06.079 - VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees

No report

(b) Events

No report

(c) Car parking

No report

(d) Maintenance

i. To consider the quotation for repainting the maypole and the weather vane

A quotation had been received from Graham Wood for £740 for painting the maypole and £330 for gilding the weather vein. After discussion it was agreed that Woods be asked to carry out a survey of the maypole to see if any remedial work should be carried out before the maypole is painted.

The Clerk reported that it could be possible to claim a grant from Yorventure for some of the cost of refurbishing the maypole. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk should pursue a grant claim.

ii. *To confirm the repairs to the pump*

The Clerk reported that the pump on the Green had sustained damage and that he had asked Ken Falkingham to repair the damage as soon as possible. The Councillors agreed this course of action.

06.080 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

The Clerk reported a successful attendance at the SLCC Conference at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate on 29 March when a variety of speakers gave talks on subjects related to Parish Councils.

06.081 - TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP

Councillor Kendall gave a PowerPoint presentation of the way in which "Compass" works. The program has 1,400 pre-set questions to choose from. The questions can be altered. The program will print the questionnaires. When the results are entered into the program they can be analysed in many ways

06.082 - TO REVIEW THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE SPRING NEWSLETTER

Various topics for the Newsletter were suggested. Councillor Hook is hoping to produce the Newsletter before the May meeting.

06.083 - TO CONSIDER THE CITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE REMOVAL OF THE "UPPER POPPLETON" SIGN IN HODGSON

The City Council had said that the Hodgson Lane sign is reflective whereas the sign by the Red Lion is not. The sign is to be straightened, refurbished and the adjacent hedge cut back so all the sign is visible.

06.084 - TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE CITY COUNCIL CHARGING FOR EMPTYING THE DOG BINS FOR THE WHOLE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2006

The City Council has agreed to fund the dog bin emptying for the whole of 2005-06 so there will be no charge to the Parish Council.

06.085 - TO NOTE THE RESPONSES FROM THE WINTER NEWSLETTER

The Councillors discussed the fourteen responses received. The Clerk was asked to write to each of the respondents with a suitable worded reply. Subjects where the Parish Council has power to act will be included on future agendas.

06.086 - TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT THE LOCAL COUNCILS: LOCAL VISION CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON 1-2 JUNE

It was resolved that no Councillor would attend the Conference.

06.087 - TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillor Attending
11 April	YLCA Councillors Skills	William House, Skelton/ 7.30pm	Bramall, Kendall, Robson
25 April	Ainsty Group	Methodist Church Hall, School Lane, Copmanthorpe/ 7.30pm	Clerk
26 April	Ward Committee	The Institute, Rufforth/ 7.00pm	All

11 May

Development Control

Guildhall/ 7.00pm

Pannell, Reese

06.088 - TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- (a) *Councillor Reese* remarked that the surrounds of the 30 mph signs in Hodgson Lane are a garish yellow and asked if it would be possible to have signs which were more in keeping with a village.
- (b) *Councillor Robson* asked who is the owner of the litter bin near the Post Office as he thinks that a more substantial bin would be appropriate.

06.089 - TO RECEIVE CITY COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Councillor Hopton made the point that the Parish Council should be consulted over the way that the Section 106 contribution from any newly-built house should be spent.

06.090 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 8 May at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.02pm.

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