

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, MAIN STREET, UPPER POPPLETON AT 8.00 PM ON MONDAY 14 APRIL 2008

PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman)

Councillor Kathie Brydson

Councillor Vivien Crabb

Councillor Peter Hawkins

Councillor Ted Kendall

Councillor Stuart Robson

City Councillor Ian Gillies

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

08.073 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Councillor Pannell was elected Chairman for the meeting and he signed the Chairman's Declaration of Office.

08.074 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

08.075 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richardson and Youngman.

08.076 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

08.077 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Glen Bradley spoke about the proposals for the car park by the White Horse. He said that the Parish Council should be preserving the village atmosphere and not encourage creeping urbanisation. The introduction of yellow lines in the car park would merely divert the problem of parking elsewhere. He said that there would be a problem in enforcing no parking if yellow lines were introduced and cited the school safety zone as an example of where there is a lack of enforcement.

08.078 - TO RECEIVE CITY COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS - for information only

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported:-

- The residents of Greenthwaites have appealed to the Secretary of State against the City Council's ruling on their recent planning application.
- Litter on the roadside verges of the A59 and A1237 is still in the process of being removed.
- Government has promised money for the proposed Park & Ride on the A59.
- First Bus is reducing the No. 10 bus service from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes during the day. This goes against the idea of having a 15-minute bus service after the bollard in Low Poppleton Lane has been installed.

- The value of bus tokens being issued in 2008-09 has been reduced from £40.00 to £20.00. From 1 April 2008 Senior Citizens will be able to travel free on local bus routes at most times of the day. For people not on bus routes the City Council are working on the idea of increasing the dial-a-ride service by utilising the school-run mini-buses outside school times.

08.079 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Progress on the provision for parking bicycles by the shops (Min. 08.056a)

The City Council's Cycling Officer, Andy Vose, had advised the Clerk that he had sent two letters to the manager of the Co-op but had still not had a response. It was agreed that Mr Vose be advised to abandon the idea of cycle racks outside the Co-op. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Progress on Pump fence painting (Min. 08.056b)

The fence still has to be painted. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Progress on Allotment hedge (Min. 08.056d)

The school caretaker is arranging for the hedge to be cut back when the contractors next visit the school. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) Progress on Green racks (Min. 08.056e)

The City Council's Cycling Officer had reported that he hadn't had not yet managed to contact the Conservation Officer about the racks near the bus shelter. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) Progress on Councillor Training (Min. 08.056f)

The City Council is running two Development Control seminars. Councillors Brydson and Kendall have asked to attend.

(f) Progress on determining the ownership of the ditch outside the Poppleton Centre (Min. 08.071a)

The Clerk reported that he has been informed that the ditch is part-owned by the City Council and part-owned by Nether Poppleton Parish Council. The responsibility for keeping the ditch clear is probably that of the Marston Moor Drainage Board and he is endeavouring to find out if this is so. **(Action Clerk)**

08.080 - FINANCE

(a) To receive a financial statement

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the current financial year for the period to 14 April 2008. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 14 April were:

Current			
Account			£200.00
Business	Money		Manager
Account		£11,776.96	

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

1060	CPRE	Annual subscription	£28.00
1061	YNET	Annual subscription	£30.00
1062	YLCA	Annual subscription	£414.00

1063	James Mackman	Clerk's expenses	£9.39
1064	James Mackman	Salary - April	£431.50
1065	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI	£134.42
1066	City of York Council	Skate Boarding sessions	£465.00

(c) To receive a report on income received

Various allotment holders	Allotment rent	£120.00
NEDL	Wayleave	£11.50

(d) To consider making a donation to Poppleton Bowls Club

The Councillors had received detailed financial information from the Bowls Club prior to the meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Bowls Club be granted the sum of £500.00. As it was anticipated that the grant money would be used for a capital project it was agreed that the £500 be taken out of the balance of the Easement money. It was agreed that the Bowls Club be asked to supply a short article for inclusion in the next Parish Council Newsletter. **(Action Clerk)**

08.081 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

08.081.1 - The Clerk read or referred to the following item of correspondence

- (a) Audit Commission - External auditor information
- (b) SLCC - Harrogate Conference details, to be agreed at the May meeting

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

- (a) CPRE - Countryside Voice, Spring 2008
- (b) CPRE - Fieldwork, Mar 2008
- (c) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 18 February
- (d) Standards Board - Town & Parish Standard, March 2008
- (e) Thorp Arch Estate - The Archway
- (f) YOPF - Newsletter - April 2008

08.082 - TO RECEIVE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

(a) 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.

(b) Councillors' comments

None.

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

(a) To consider reports on vandalism

It was noted that the coating of white paint had been removed from the Ebor Way sign.

(b) To receive other reports

None.

08.084 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees

No report.

(b) Events

It was noted that the dates for the Garden Trail had been moved from 5-6 July 2008 to 14/15 June 2008. Permission to have musicians located on the Green in front of the Methodist Church Hall was again granted.

(c) *Car parking* - City Council's proposals for the White Horse car park

The Councillors considered a proposal from the City Council which stated "To introduce "No Waiting at any time" restrictions within the lay-by area in Main Street Service Road, Upper Poppleton providing:

(i) a 24 hour disabled parking place (2 spaces facing kerb) within the lay-by in an area extending from the projected northern property boundary of the White Horse Hotel north for the remainder of the lay-by's length;

(ii) a car parking place (13 spaces facing kerb for motor cars and motor cycles) between the proposed Disabled Parking Place and the southern extremity of the lay-by area, that parking place to operate from 9am to 5pm daily with a 60 minutes maximum stay and a 60 minutes 'No Return' period;

except as provided in the preceding sub-paragraph, 'No Waiting at any time' restrictions on both sides, in its whole length including its access/exit links with Main Street and Station Road."

After discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council objects to the proposals on the grounds that they are contrary to the spirit and text of the Village Design Statement which has been accepted by the City Council. The Parish Council does not wish to see any creeping urbanisation in the village. The City Council is to be advised of the resolution. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) *Maintenance* -

No report.

08.085 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Councillor Hawkins reported on the Ward Committee meeting held on 9 April 2008.

08.086 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

The following report on incidents in Upper Poppleton had been received from PC 937 Anna Tyldesley, Dedicated Police Officer, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fulford, Rural West, Bishopthorpe and Wheldrake Wards.

9 Mar	Poppleton Ousebank School	Damage and Theft of CCTV camera
15 Mar	Poppleton Ousebank School	Damage of wooden bench and gate
15 Mar	White Horse Pub	Sneak in burglary from office, money taken
27 Mar	Station Road	Lead stolen from property
28 Mar	Red Lion Pub	Car broken into overnight.
23-30 Mar	Hodgson Lane.	Lead stolen
20-27 Mar	Hodgson Lane	Lead stolen

08.087 – TO CONSIDER NEWSLETTER RESPONSES

There had been four more responses from the Winter Newsletter. Each response was considered and suitable replies were agreed for each of the four residents. **(Action Clerk)**

08.088 – TO CONSIDER A LETTER REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR A PETITION AGAINST THE REDUCTION OF THE VALUE OF SENIORS' TRAVEL TOKENS

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not support the petition and a letter to this effect be sent to the organiser of the petition.

08.089 - TO CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD ON THE ISSUE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE VILLAGE

The Rufforth with Knapton Housing Needs Survey Report had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that no action be taken at this stage.

08.090 - TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
12 May	Police Liaison	Poppleton Centre/ 2.00pm	Hawkins, Robson
15 May	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Hawkins, Kendall

08.091 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

(a) It was observed that whilst the signal box at Poppleton Station had been refurbished recently the crossing gates in Station Road were in need of paint.

08.092 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 MAY 2008

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.00pm at the Poppleton Centre, Main Street.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

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