

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, MAIN STREET, UPPER POPPLETON AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 9 JUNE 2008

PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman)

Councillor Kathie Brydson

Councillor Vivien Crabb

Councillor Peter Hawkins

Councillor Ted Kendall

Councillor Kate Richardson

Councillor Stuart Robson

Councillor Rae Youngman.

City Councillor Ian Gillies

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

08.115 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

08.116 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies.

08.117 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2008, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

08.118 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Janet Hopton spoke on behalf of the Poppleton Youth Action Group (PYAG). She said that PYAG:-

- Wants to stabilise the Youth Club's income
 - Has new workers
 - Has insurance cover
 - Is looking for steady funding. In the past funding has been hand to mouth with money coming intermittently from the City Council, the Ward Committee and the Parish Councils
 - Would like to open a Wednesday Club
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- The City Council is giving £4,000 this year, the third year in a row it has given this sum
 - The Youth Club costs £8,000 per year to run so there is a shortfall of £4,000 a year
 - Please would the Parish Council discuss the subject of Youth Club funding prior to setting the budget and the precept for the next financial year

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported:-

- That Michael Hawtin has replaced Graeme Dawson
- Police Liaison meetings are being dropped
- Transdev from Harrogate have acquired the Veolia bus group but there are no plans at the moment to change any of the bus routes

- Covert cameras are being place in Northfield Lane as there have been several incidences of fly tipping recently
- The flags outside the Co-op and the White Horse Inn are in need of attention
- First Harrogate Trains is planning to run four trains a day from Harrogate to London. The trains will stop at Poppleton Station.

08.120 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Progress on Green racks (Min. 08.101c)

The City Council's Conservation Assistant had written to say she would have no objection to the Parish Council's proposal for a cycle rack adjacent to the bus shelter. It was agreed that the Conservation Assistant be asked to attend a meeting with the Councillors to discuss the exact siting of the proposed cycle racks (**Action Clerk**)

(b) Progress on cleaning out the ditch outside the Poppleton Centre (Min. 08.101e)

The Clerk reported that he had been given yet another name of a City Council Officer who may be able to assist in having the ditch cleaned and he was pursuing this contact.

(c) Progress on the payment of the insurance premium (Min. 08.102h)

The Clerk reported that he had approached Zurich Insurance for a quotation for the Parish Council's insurance but had been unable to get a quotation before the current insurance expired. In consultation with the Chairman he had paid Allianz Cornhill the premium for 2008-09 (which was less than the budgeted figure). It was agreed that other quotations be obtained three months before the renewal date in 2009.

(d) Progress on repainting the crossing gates in Station Road (Min 08.111)

No progress.

08.121 - 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 9 June 2008. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 9 June were:

Current Account		£200.00
Business Account	Money	Manager
	£18,048.15	

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

1074	YRCC	Annual subscription	£35.00
1075	Allianz Insurance plc	Annual insurance premium	£877.86
1076	Baron (Landscape Contractors) Ltd	Grass cutting - May	£270.00
1078	Grayfin Computer Systems	Computer repairs	£76.60
1079	Yorkshire Water	Allotment water	£7.99
1080	James Mackman	Clerk's expenses	£157.02
1081	James Mackman	Salary – June	£431.50
1082	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI - June	£23.82

(c) To receive a report on income received

HSBC	Interest	£104.14
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Inland Revenue

Part Filing Online Grant

£110.60

(d) To consider donations for the year

After discussion it was agreed that there would be no donations paid at the present time. Organisations that had received Parish Council donations in previous years would be asked to write to the Parish Council to ask for grant money.

08.122 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

- (a) A letter from Anne McIntosh MP together with a copy of the letter she had sent the City Council regarding the proposed A59 Park and Ride
- (b) A letter from John Cooke, the secretary of the Beech Grove Self-Management allotments outlining the proposals for dealing with the two allotments held by the late Raymond Hall. The Councillors agreed with the proposals
- (c) An invitation for Councillors to go on the CPRE summer visit to Drax Power Station
- (d) A letter from Poppleton Bowls Club thanking the Parish Council for the £500 grant

08.122.2 – The Clerk confirmed that the following item had been circulated prior to the meeting

A booklet entitled “Planning: A Guide for Households”

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

- (a) CPRE - Fieldwork, June 2008
- (b) YLCA - White Rose Update etc, May 2008

08.123 - 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

It was reported that car maintenance work is still being carried out at the Stack Yard in Black Dike Lane contrary to the City Council’s ruling. The Clerk was asked to write to the City Council’s Enforcement Officer to ask that he deal with the matter forthwith. **(Action Clerk)**

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

(a) To consider reports on vandalism

None reported.

(b) To receive other reports

- i. It was reported that the nettles in Footpath No 4 which runs from Dikelands Lane to Riversvale Drive are causing a problem for pedestrians. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to cut back the nettles as soon as possible. **(Action Clerk)**
- ii. It was reported that the “Black Dike Lane” sign at the corner of Black Dike Lane and Station Road is still missing. **(Action Clerk)**
- iii. It was noted that the trailer with the Wilkinsons sign on the A59 has been removed.

08.125 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees

It was resolved that the City Council be reminded that it had suggested replacing the tree removed from Chantry Green. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Events

No report.

(c) *Car parking*

No report.

(d) *Maintenance*

- i. Dissatisfaction was expressed over the state of the grass outside the White Horse Inn at the Children's Sports Day. It was also noted that only half the area of grass had been cut in Chantry Green. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractors and complain about the situation. **(Action Clerk)**
- ii. It was reported that some mole hills had appeared in Station Road. The Councillors agreed to ask the mole catcher to deal with the moles. **(Action Clerk)**

08.126 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

No reports.

08.127 - 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.

7 May	Catalytic convertors	
7 May	Burglary Other	Gardeners Guild at Community Centre
10 May	Fly Tipping	Broad Lane
20 May	Commercial burglary	Northminster Business Park
23 May	Car broken into - sat-nav plus holder, sunglasses, and CDs stolen	Bankside Close
25 May	Commercial burglary	Northminster Business Park
28 May	Unattended phone taken from table	White Horse Inn

08.128 – TO AGREE THAT POPPLETON OUSEBANK SCHOOL BE PERMITTED TO PUT A SIGN ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND NEXT TO THE ALLOTMENT HEDGE

The Councillors considered a revised request from the Chairman of the School's Health, Safety and Premises Committee for permission to erect a sign indicating the rear entrance to the school. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council would not give permission for the sign to be erected.

08.129 – TO DISCUSS THE PROS AND CONS OF HAVING ONE WARDED PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE WHOLE OF POPPLETON

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject until the July meeting.

08.130 – TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF A PARK & RIDE ON THE A59

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject until the July meeting.

08.131 – TO APPOINT CYCLE/FOOTPATH REPRESENTATIVES

The Clerk explained that several of the local villages are actively pursuing the creation of cycle paths in the area. Sustrans are likely to put money into new cycle paths as they would be part of their network of east/west cycle routes. Councillor Pannell agreed to be the Parish Council's representative at cycle/footpath meetings.

08.132 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
2 July	Ward Committee	Poppleton Centre/ 6.30pm	All
9 July	PCT Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Pannell, Youngman
14 July	Joint Police Liaison	To be agreed	Youngman, Robson, Hawkins
14 July	Poppleton Youth Action Group	Janet Hopton's house, Church Lane/ 7.30pm	Richardson
19 July	YLCA Joint Annual AGM	Poppleton Centre/ 1.30pm	Pannell

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

None.

08.134 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14 JULY 2008

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 14 July 2008 at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.57pm.

CHAIRMAN

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