

UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, MAIN STREET, UPPER POPPLETON AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman)

Councillor Kathie Brydson

19 members of the public

Councillor Vivien Crabb

Councillor Peter Hawkins

City Councillor Ian Gillies

Councillor Ted Kendall

Councillor Kate Richardson

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

Councillor Stuart Robson

09.147 – CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

No names had been put forward for consideration.

09.148 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

09.149 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rae Youngman.

09.150 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2009 having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

09.151 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms Brompton had registered to speak to the Councillors. She asked that Quentin Macdonald speak for her.

Quentin read out some of the items contained in Ms Brompton's response to the appeal letter from Poppleton Medical Services. He said

- After 22 years of service an excellent pharmacy is being challenged
- Poppleton Medical Services had made disparaging remarks about Ms Brompton's pharmacy but supplied no supporting evidence
- They had said that the current pharmacy was a Spartan shop offering a minimum range of goods when it was, in fact, a modern, well-fitted unit offering a variety of products
- Ms Brompton offers a special order service
- The annual pharmacy patient survey shows a 100% satisfaction rate

Dr French from the Old Forge Surgery said that

- The level of basic services offered by Ms Brompton is reasonable but life has moved on. The White Paper on pharmacies suggests that they offer more services. These services are being offered outside the Poppleton Area and people have to travel for them. The Poppleton Medical Services application is about choice

- The pharmacy will be a separate service from the Surgery. The doctors will own it but it will be administered by a pharmacist

The question of whether or not the doctors had approached Ms Brompton about providing extra services was asked. They hadn't

Dr Billings on behalf of Ms Brompton said that:

- She didn't see the reason for extra services because of the proximity of the Old Forge Surgery
- The pharmacy is well stocked
- Ms Brompton has the experience and personal knowledge of patients.

Ms Brompton said that:

- She doesn't wish to lose her independence.
- She had asked the doctors to talk to her but they haven't.
- The average pharmacy dispenses between 5,000 and 6,000 prescriptions a month. She averages 3,000 a month. It is reckoned that the minimum number of prescriptions needed to keep a pharmacy viable is 2,800 a month

09.165 - TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE POPPLETON MEDICAL SERVICES LTD'S APPEAL RE THE PROPOSED PHARMACY AT THE OLD FORGE SURGERY

It was agreed to bring this subject forward to this part of the agenda to enable the residents present to witness the Councillors discussion.

The Councillors made several points and observations and after a short discussion resolved that the Parish Council was unable to support the Poppleton Medical Services appeal against the decision of the NHS North Yorkshire and York not to allow them to have a pharmacy at the surgery.

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported on the following:-

- Plans to develop the Tear Drop site at the back of Leman Road have been abandoned.
- He has objected to Poppleton being designated a Service Centre under the Local Development Framework.
- The School is willing to take responsibility for the building that houses the Youth Club. The School could use the building during the day. Details have to be worked out.
- 42 people attended the Ward Committee meeting when the main topic of discussion was the projected A59 Park & Ride Scheme. It is anticipated the Park and Ride planning application will go to Committee in February 2010.

09.162 - TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE PROPOSED A59 PARK AND RIDE

It was agreed to bring this subject forward to this part of the agenda.

Councillor Kendall reported on the results of the questionnaire that had been contained in the Newsletter delivered to all households in the village. The table below shows the main points made by the 111 people who returned the questionnaire.

MAIN REASONS SUPPORTING PROJECT	No.	MAIN REASONS AGAINST PROJECT	No.
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Reduce traffic in the City	11	Rat Run" through Poppleton village roads will increase	33
Safer access to / from Station Road	5	More congestion will result on A1237 / A59	26
Upgrade of roundabout beneficial	4	More delays with new traffic lights system	20
More accessible than Rawcliffe	4	Rawcliffe P & R is sufficient	18
A1237 / A 59 not up to the job now – need upgrading	2	Alternative location would be better - (Further out on A59 / close to Poppleton station)	12
An alternative to Rawcliffe	1	No proper survey of traffic flows undertaken. Lack of understanding of village needs	11
A convenient location	1	Land is green belt. \Site will be an eyesore	9

After discussing the results of the survey it was resolved that a response be written by Councillors Kendall and Brydson and the Clerk would send it to Paul Thackray, the Project Manager. **(Action Councillors Kendall and Brydson)**

The Chairman and the Clerk would write a Press Release to be sent to the York Press. **(Action Chairman and Clerk)**

09.153 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Progress on repairs to the collapsed drain in Main Street (Min. 09.136e ii)

The Clerk reported that a City Council Officer is going to look at the problem drain on 13 October.

(b) Progress on filling in the dip at the end of Footpath No. 4 (Min. 09.145)

The City Council had reported having filled in the dip but when it rained last week a large puddle appeared. The Clerk reported that he had taken a photograph of the puddle and sent it to the City Council. Remedial work is to be carried out. **(Action Clerk)**

09.154 - 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 12 October 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 12 October were:

Current Account Business Account	Money	£1,000.00	Manager
		£24,167.70	

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

1174	James Mackman	Contribution to new computer	£100.00
1175	All Saints Church	Grant towards tree work	£50.00
1176	Poppleton Youth Action Group	Grant to Youth Club	£1,000.00
1177	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – September	£19.00
1178	James Mackman	Salary – October	£471.95
1179	James Mackman	Clerk's expenses	£7.50
1180	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI – September	£153.28
1181	Peter Turpin Associates	Newsletter	£164.00

1182	Baron Landscape	Grass cutting – September	£290.00
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(c) To receive a report on income received

City of York Council	2 nd half year's precept	£9,500.00
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(d) To agree the implementation of the NALC/SLCC pay award for the Clerk

The Clerk reported that NALC/SLCC had agreed a 1% rise in clerks' salaries for 2009-10. It was agreed to implement the increase as from at 1 April 2009.

(e) *To agree to acquire a wreath for Remembrance Sunday*

It was agreed to acquire a wreath for the Chairman to lay on the War Memorial at the Service to be held on 8 November. **(Action Clerk)**

09.155 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

- (a) A letter from Poppleton Ousebank School asking for details of the Parish Councils nominee for School Governor
- (b) A letter of thanks for the £50 grant towards the tree work at All Saints Church
- (c) A letter of thanks from the Poppleton Junior Football Club for the Parish Council's response to its request for funds
- (d) 24 letters of support for Pam Brompton's pharmacy

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

- (a) CYC - Streets Ahead - September 2009
- (b) Thorp Arch Estate - The Archway - Summer 2009

09.156 - TO RECEIVE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

(a) To consider Planning Applications

The Clerk had circulated a detailed list of current outstanding planning applications prior to the meeting.

Details of Planning Application	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ref: 09/01729/FUL – Single-storey side extension at 8 Brackenhills by Miss Judith Levy.	No objections
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ref: 09/01736/FUL – First floor extension to bungalow to form 2-storey house with rooms in the roof (resubmission) at 60 Station Road by Mr Paul Tomlinson.	No objections. It was noted that the resubmission takes into account the Parish Council's comments on the previous application

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved the following six applications:

Ref: 09/01204/FUL – Garage to side at Argent Barn, Burlands Lane by Mr & Mrs Gioiello.

Ref: 09/01370/FUL – Erection of boundary railing and replacement gravel of path with paving at Toft Garth, Main Street by Mr L P Bean.

Ref: 09/01385/LBC – Internal alterations and 3no. rooflights to rear at Beechwood House, Hodgson Lane by Mr A Scruton.

Ref: 09/01478/TCA – Fell Conifer in the Conservation Area at Rosethorn Cottage, Main Street by Dr Brian Fullam.

Ref: 09/01502/FUL – Infill extension to front of garage at Calderstones, 1 Brackenhills by Mr & Mrs Capaldi.

Ref: 09/01632/TCA – Crown reduce and clean, remove cross limbs Cedar x 3 in the Conservation Area at All Saints Church, Hodgson Lane by Mr D B Wilson.

It was noted that the following application had been withdrawn:

Ref: 09/01172/FUL – Single-storey side extension (with rooms in roof) after demolition of existing garage at 2 Beech Grove by Mrs Theresa Mulchrone.

(c) To receive a report on progress on the Awards for All application

Councillor Hawkins reported that he had been informed that several Parish Councils have had their application for funds for equipment refused. A City Council Planning Officer has said that the Planning Portal is working on a draft application which is based on successful applications. It was agreed to wait until the Planning Portal's draft application becomes available before applying for an Awards for All grant. It was agreed to check in two weeks to see if the draft application form has been made available. **(Action Clerk)**

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

(a) To consider reports on vandalism

No reports.

(b) To consider the City Council's response to the idea of employing a "lollipop person" to supervise children crossing the road in the vicinity of Poppleton Ousebank School.

The Clerk read an email received from the City Council's Road Safety Officer with overall responsibility for School Crossing Patrols. She will look into any request for a school crossing patrol and has asked her colleague to get in touch directly with the school to begin the process of looking at this. There are set guidelines that are provided by the Association of Local Authority Road Safety Officers. The process can take some time and they will need the school co-operation in establishing where the main catchments areas are. They will also be required to do survey counts of traffic and children to determine the numbers and if this qualifies the school for a patrol post.

They do point out that currently there are very big problems with recruitment to School Crossing Patrol Posts. Although they have just started five new patrollers, there are a number of schools that meet the criteria for a patrol, but where they still cannot find a suitable person to fill the post.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would now let the City Council pursue the matter directly with the school.

(c) To receive other reports

None.

09.158 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees

No reports.

(b) Events

No report.

(c) Maintenance –

i. *To discuss progress with the reimbursement for the cost of clearing Blairgowrie vegetation in Chantry Green*

The Clerk reported that Ms Bleasdale's agent has now heard from his client. He has forwarded all the Parish Council's correspondence to Ms Bleasdale and is awaiting a reply.

ii. *To discuss the presence of the tables on the Green outside the Lord Collingwood*

It was agreed that the licensee of the Lord Collingwood is to be asked to remove the tables by the end of this October. He will be asked to write to the Parish Council for permission to put picnic tables on the Green next year. **(Action Clerk)**

iii. It was noted that the crocus bulbs have now arrived and need to be planted. Councillors Crabb and Brydson are to arrange this. **(Action Councillors Crabb & Brydson)**

iv. A local resident had offered the Parish Council 100 crocus bulbs which were surplus to her requirement. The Councillors gratefully accepted the offer. **(Action Clerk)**

v. It was noted that the newly planted grass that borders Blairgowrie had grown quite long. Philip Baron is to be asked when he will arrange for the grass to be cut. **(Action Clerk)**

09.159 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) *Councillor Hawkins* reported on the PCT Executive meeting held on 24 September 2009.

(b) *Councillor Richardson* reported on the Poppleton Youth Action Group AGM. Youth leaders have to attend courses to set merit awards or the Ward Committee will not give funds. The Group is financially healthy but having difficulty retaining leaders.

(c) *Councillor Pannell* reported on
 i. the YLCA York Branch meeting held on 1 October.
 ii. the Ward Committee meeting held on 7 October

(d) *Councillor Kendall* reported on the Poppleton Community Trust AGM held on 5 October

09.160 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

The following schedule of incidents in Upper Poppleton had been received from Nigel Colley PCSO 5642, Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

14 Sep	Auto crime	Insecure car stolen	Main Street
17 Sep	Attempt Burglary	Attempt made on shed.	Hodgson Lane
17 Sep	Theft	Insecure cycle taken.	Dikelands Lane
18 Sep	Auto crime	Car window smashed, search made nothing taken.	Northfield Lane
23 Sep	Auto crime	Door on car prised back.	Beech Grove
27 Sep	Arson	Hay bales set on fire.	Main Street
29 Sep	Theft	Several items taken.	Wyevale

PCSO Colley reported that “crime on the area remains 33% down on last year. Poppleton and the Business Parks do appear to be suffering a bit of a blip at the moment. We do have " known criminals” frequenting the area but we are targeting them. Anti-Social Behaviour remains a problem on the area but this too is being targeted.”

09.161 – TO NOTE PROGRESS ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE PROPOSED YOUTH SHELTER

The Clerk reported that the Poppleton Community Trust Executive Committee has agreed to the location of the shelter. We are now waiting for a stakeholder meeting when youths, residents and other interested parties are to meet.

09.162 - TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE PROPOSED A59 PARK AND RIDE

See above.

09.163 - TO CALL A JOINT MEETING OF THE POPPLETON PARISH COUNCILS

It was agreed not to call a Joint Parish Council meeting.

09.164 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON THE PROGRESS WITH THE CLERK’S APPRAISAL

The Chairman reported that progress on the Clerk’s appraisal is ongoing.

09.165 - TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE POPPLETON MEDICAL SERVICES LTD’S APPEAL RE THE PROPOSED PHARMACY AT THE OLD FORGE SURGERY

See above.

09.166 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
28 Oct	York Open Planning Forum	Clementhorpe Room, Priory Street/ 7.30pm	Robson
11 Nov	Poppleton Community Trust Executive Committee	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Pannell, Youngman

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

No *Minor matters* were raised.

No items were put forward for the *Next agenda*.

09.168 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 NOVEMBER 2009

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 9 November 2009 at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

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