

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 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman)

Councillor Kathie Brydson

One member of the public

Councillor Vivien Crabb

Councillor Peter Hawkins

City Councillor Ian Gillies

Councillor Ted Kendall

Councillor Kate Richardson

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

09.125 – CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that Councillor Eddie Allen had resigned as Councillor on 22 July 2009. The vacancy had been advertised as prescribed by law. No by-election had been called and the Parish Council could now co-opt a new member. No names had been put forward for consideration. Councillor Allen was thanked for the work that he had put in during his time as a Councillor.

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

Councillor Brydson declared a personal interest in agenda item 09.135d regarding the new school fence.

09.127 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stuart Robson and Rae Youngman.

09.128 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2009 having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

09.129 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported on the following:-

- The revised draft Local Development Framework shows that there are sites in Strensall, Haxby and Wigginton, and Poppleton that could be developed by the City Council and that the Parish Council may like to comment on this. Subsequently the Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to the City Council to reiterate the Parish Council's concern that any site developments in the Poppleton villages take due account of the Village Design Statement. **(Action Clerk)**
- A resident in Long Ridge Lane is requesting that a mirror be installed opposite his house to enable him to see if traffic is coming down the lane

- He has received a complaint about the state of the snicket that runs between Bracken Hills and the Green and wonders if the Parish Council would like to accept responsibility for the snicket as happens in some other Parishes in York
- Transdev are talking about re-routing the No 20 bus service so that it misses out Rawcliffe Bar but travels along Main Street instead of Long Ridge Lane

09.140 - TO AGREE THE NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED A59 PARK AND RIDE PROPOSAL.

It was agreed to move this agenda item forward to this point of the meeting so that City Councillor Gillies was available to hear the discussion.

After discussion it was agreed to print and distribute a Newsletter with a return questionnaire on the back to enable Councillors to find out the opinion of residents on the proposed Park and Ride. **(Action Councillors and Clerk)**

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

It was agreed to defer a decision to call a Joint Parish Council meeting to the October meeting.

09.131 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Progress on claiming revenue grants from the City Council for the last financial year (Min. 09.113c)

The Clerk reported that the City Council has now paid the 2008-09 grants. Not only has the City Council paid the grants for the bus shelter maintenance and cutting the grass on the Green but, for the first time, given a £500 contribution to work on the trees on the Green and £250 towards the maintenance of the Parish Council's seats.

(b) Progress on removing nettles along the boundary of Blairgowrie (Min. 09.118(c)iii)

The Clerk reported that the nettles had been removed, the land dug over and the grass seed that had been sown had grown and is flourishing.

09.132 - 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 September 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 14 September were:

Current Account Business Account	Money	£17,280.62	£686.31 Manager
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(b) To agree accounts for payment (net of VAT);

1164	Poppleton Community Trust	First half year's grant	£1,500.00
1165	James Mackman	Salary - August	£444.57
1166	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI - August	£135.57
1167	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire - July	£18.00
1168	Mazars	External audit fee	£135.00
1169	Yorkshire Water	Allotment water	£13.11
1170	Baron Landscape	Grass cutting and Chantry Green work	£1,030.00
1171	James Mackman	Salary - September	£444.57

1172	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI - September	£135.57
1173	James Mackman	Clerk's expenses	£6.31

(c) To receive a report on income received

City of York Council	2008-09 double taxation grants	£2,723.76
HSBC	Bank interest	£2.50

(d) To agree to release the current year's grant to the Youth Club

It was agreed to release the £1,000 grant to the Youth Club as provided in this year's budget.

(e) To consider making a contribution towards the Clerk's new computer

After discussion it was agreed to make a contribution of £100.00 towards the cost of the Clerk's new computer.

(f) To consider making a grant of £2,500 to the Poppleton Junior Football Club

It was agreed that the Junior Football Club be advised that the current year's budget had been set but that the Parish Council will consider the above request in advance of setting the budget for 2010-11. **(Action Clerk)**

09.133 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

- (a) The resignation letter received from Councillor Eddie Allen
- (b) A request from a resident for copies of the application to the Parish Council from the Poppleton Community Trust for the grant that will be given in the current financial year. Also requested were copies of the subsequent correspondence
- (c) A letter from a resident asking for the suckers round the tree opposite the White Horse Inn to be removed
- (d) A poster from the City Council about food waste
- (e) CYC – Review of the Statement of Principles Gambling 2005 consultation

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

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - September 2009, Issue 65
- (b) CYC - Streets Ahead, July 2009
- (c) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 15 June
- (d) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 20 July
- (e) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 22 June
- (f) YOPF - Newsletter August 2009
- (g) York Local Involvement Network - LINKed In, September 2009

09.134 - 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
Ref: 09/01204/FUL – Garage to side at Argent Barn, Burlands Lane by Mr & Mrs Gioiello.	No objections
Ref: 09/01221/FUL – Erection of horticultural plant shade at Wyevale Garden Centre, Northfield Lane by	No objections

Wyevale Garden Centres Ltd.	
Ref: 09/01333/CLU – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the use of land for skip storage and hire at land adjacent to OS Field 6369, Cat Lane by Mr Jonathan Myers.	No objections

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.	No objections
Ref: 09/01385/LBC – Internal alterations and 3no. rooflights to rear at Beechwood House, Hodgson Lane by Mr A Scruton.	No objections
Ref: 09/01478/TCA – Fell Conifer in the Conservation Area at Rosethorn Cottage, Main Street by Dr Brian Fullam.	No objections
Ref: 09/01502/FUL – Infill extension to front of garage at Calderstones, 1 Bracken Hills by Mr & Mrs Capaldi.	No objections
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.	No objections

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 07/01826/FUL – Detached summerhouse and store to rear at 1 Holly Bank, Hodgson Lane by Nigel Crask.

Ref: 09/01221/FUL – Erection of horticultural plant shade at Wyevale Garden Centre, Northfield Lane by Wyevale Garden Centres Ltd.

(c) To receive a report on the Councillors' visit to Haxby Town Council's Planning Committee meeting

Councillor Hawkins gave a report on the proceedings at the Haxby Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 7 September 2009. It was agreed that the Parish Council apply for funding for a projector and a laptop from Awards for All. **(Action Councillor Hawkins and Clerk)**

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

(a) To consider reports on vandalism

It was reported that the fence with the notice board in Dikelands Lane had been damaged.

(b) To consider the installation of the school sign submitted by the Poppleton Ousebank School

The Councillors considered the design of the school entrance sign submitted by the school and agreed that a sign should be installed at each side of the vehicular entrance to the school.

(c) To consider if the Parish Council should contribute towards the cost of employing a "lollipop person" to supervise children crossing the road in the vicinity of Poppleton Ousebank School.

It was agreed that the City Council be asked if it agrees to the principle of having a school crossing supervisor on duty outside the school and if it would be prepared to fund it. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) To consider a response to the installation of the new fence in School Lane

Two letters of complaint had been received with regards to the newly erected school fence in School Lane. Firstly, it was reported that trees and shrubs had been damaged and rose bushes removed when the fence was erected. Secondly, the fence had been painted in a bright red colour and this was contrary to the rural nature of the area and detracted significantly from the view of the householders on School Lane. The use of a green colour would not have reduced the effectiveness of the fence. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the school expressing the Parish Council's disappointment that it hadn't been consulted prior to the fence being erected. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) To receive other reports

- i. The fact that the Main Street sign on the Green is still leaning was reported. The City Council is to be asked to straighten the sign. **(Action Clerk)**
- ii. The collapsed drain opposite the Poppleton Centre entrance has not yet been repaired. **(Action Clerk)**
- iii. It was agreed to keep the subject of the painting of the wooden rails on the agenda for the time being.

09.136 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREENS

(a) Trees –

- i. To consider quotations for the remedial work to the elm tree near the War Memorial*

It was agreed to accept a quotation from Sam Dickson for removing all the dead and dying branches on the elm tree. **(Action Clerk)**

- ii. To consider making a contribution to All Saints Church towards the cost of remedial work to the cedar trees overhanging the car park by the Lord Collingwood*

After discussion it was agreed that the sum of £50.00 be donated. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Events

The incidence of vehicles being driven on to the Green during the Poppleton Gardens Guild show on 29 August was mentioned. It was agreed that the fact that vehicles are not allowed on the Green will be stressed when any future applicant wishes to use the Green.

(c) Maintenance – *To discuss progress with the reimbursement for the cost of clearing Blairgowrie vegetation in Chantry Green*

Ms Bleasdale's agent again reported having had no response from his client. The Clerk was asked to keep pursuing the subject. **(Action Clerk)**

09.137 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- (a) *Councillor Hawkins* reported on the Ward Team meeting held on 25 August 2009.

- (b) *Councillor Richardson* reported that four new leaders were appointed for the Youth Club. Wednesday night meetings have started with 30 youths attending the first night.
- (c) *Councillor Kendall* reported on the Poppleton Community Trust Executive Committee meeting held on 21 July.

09.138 - 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.

13 July	Shop Theft -1 Arrested/Charged	Co-op store, The Green
19 July	Burglary - 1 Arrested/Charged	Beech Grove
25 July	Criminal damage - 3 Youths dealt with. Apologies given and damage being	Hedge in Hodgson Lane,
23 August	Arson - A straw bale set alight	Westfield Lane

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

The Clerk reported that the funding is now in place and that the Poppleton Community Trust Executive Committee has to ratify the location of the shelter at its forthcoming meeting.

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See above.

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

See above.

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

The Chairman reported that the appraisal will be completed soon.

09.143 - TO AGREE REPRESENTATION AT POPPLETON COMMUNITY TRUST EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

In response to a letter from the Poppleton Community Trust the Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should continue its practice of sending observers to Trust meetings and not have a Councillor serving as a representative or Trustee. **(Action Clerk)**

09.144 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
24 Sep	Poppleton Community Trust Executive Committee	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Hawkins, Kendall, Pannell
5 Oct	Poppleton Community Trust AGM	Poppleton Centre/ 7.30pm	All
7 Oct	Ward Committee	Poppleton Centre/ 6.00pm	All

09.145 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA*Minor matters*

The dip in the footpath at the Dikelands Lane end of Footpath No. 4 was mentioned. The dip fills with water when it rains and needs to be filled in. **(Action Clerk)**

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

09.146 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 OCTOBER 2009

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 12 October 2009 at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.35pm.

CHAIRMAN

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