

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 13 MARCH 2017

PRESENT

Councillor Stuart Robson (Chairman)

Councillor Graham Buckle

Councillor Kathie Brydson

Councillor Vivien Crabb

Councillor Alan Farnsworth

*Councillor David Johnson

Councillor Roper Langford

City Councillor Ian Gillies

Three members of the public

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

17.044 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

17.045 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Nigel Evans and John Pannell.

17.046 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017, having been circulated and read, were accepted and signed as a true record.

17.047 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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

City Councillor Ian Gillies mentioned that: -

- The appeal against the City Council's refusal to grant approval for the car wash on the Wyevale car park has been turned down by the Planning Inspector
- Plans are in hand for a temporary suspension of the traffic regulations to allow vehicles to be driven through the gap where the bollard has failed between Millfield Lane and Low Poppleton Lane.

17.049- PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Councillors considered the planning application received since the September Parish Council as listed below.

Details of Planning Application	Comments
Ref: 17/00309/FUL – Extension and alterations to roof to increase the height, insertion of rooflights to front and rear, two-storey rear extension, pitched roof over existing flat roof garage, cedar cladding to external walls, insertion of first floor side window and alterations to existing window	No objections

details at 11 Beech Way by Mrs Dawn Simpson.	
Ref: 17/00320/TCA – Fell sycamore tree in the Conservation Area by the Old Forge Surgery, The green by Mr James Mackman	We support the application
Ref: 17/00349/FUL – Conversion of attached garage space into habitable living space with associated external alterations at Black Dyke House, Black Dykes Lane by Mrs Denise Duncan	No objections
Ref: 17/00396/TPO – Reduce crown Lime tree by 30% and thin by 15% protected by Tree Preservation Order No: 2/1991 at 9 Willow Croft by Mrs Mindenhall.	No objections

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved no planning applications since the February Parish Council meeting.

17.050 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREENS AND ALLOTMENTS

(a) Trees -

The Chairman reported that there are a number of large branches growing out of Blairgowrie into Chantry Green. These will make it impossible for the contractor to cut the grass under the branches. It was resolved that the Clerk should make arrangements to have the branches removed from Chantry Green and put inside the Blairgowrie boundary. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Events - To consider participation in the WWI Beacons of Light (Centenary) event on 11 November 2018

The Chairman reported that the Nether Poppleton Parish Councillors had agreed to join a working party to take the project forward. It was resolved that Councillors Robson and Buckle represent the Parish Council on the working party. **(Action Councillors Robson & Buckle)**

(c) Maintenance –

i. To consider the grass-cutting tenders received

The Clerk reported having received two tenders for the grass-cutting contract. A third contractor had declined to tender. The Councillors considered both tenders and resolved to accept the tender from Acer Garden Services. The Clerk is to inform Acer that they have been awarded the contract and the previous contractor that he has been unsuccessful this time. **(Action Clerk)**

*Councillor Johnson arrived at this point in the meeting.

ii. To consider the letter from our solicitor re the request for an easement for vehicular access to Green View

The contents of a draft letter from Graeme Burn, the Parish Council's solicitor, was discussed. The Councillors agreed a number of points which they would like to see implemented. These

were that there should be a note that there was to be no parking on the Green, that the easement would cover the area between the road and the Green View boundary and that the sum of 0.5% of the advertised selling price of Green View be the charge for the easement fee. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would make an appointment to see Mr Burn to finalise the details of the easement including a map of the area. **(Action Chairman & Clerk)**

iii. To note progress on finding a contractor to paint the maypole

The Chairman reported that it was proving difficult to find a contractor who would be able to paint the maypole but that he and the Clerk had met a contractor on the Green on 9th March and it was hoped that a quotation from him would be forthcoming.

iv. To agree to the refurbishment of the village seats

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had emailed photographs of all the village seats to Councillors. At the meeting, Councillor Langford projected all the photographs on to the large screen. It was resolved that all the seats with algae should be pressure-washed and painted. It was also agreed that the broken seat at the corner of Long Ridge Lane and Station Road should be mended and refurbished. **(Action Clerk)**

(d) Allotments - To note progress on letting the vacant allotment

The Clerk reported that both halves of the large vacant plot had now been let to local residents with effect from 1 April 2017.

17.051 – TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TRAINING

It was noted that there are no training courses at the moment.

17.052 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS

(a) To consider reports on vandalism

None.

(b) To receive other reports

It was noted that a manhole in the pavement on A59 on the footpath opposite Wyevale had been damaged and that this had been reported to the City Council.

17.053 – TO CONSIDER ADDING ITEMS TO THE LOCAL LIST, HERITAGE ASSET LIST AND COMMUNITY ASSET LIST

The Councillors considered a list of houses and facilities in Upper Poppleton and agreed that the City Council be asked to register the following as Assets of Community Value. The allotments in Main Street, the Library in Main Street, the Poppleton Centre including the tennis courts, bowling green and football field, the scout hall, Poppleton Ousebank School and the land at Blairgowrie. **(Action Clerk)**

17.054 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Cricket Club

Councillor Farnsworth, the Secretary of Poppleton Cricket Club (PCC), reported that indoor cricket coaching for 7-11 year olds has now started on Thursdays, 5.00pm to 6.00pm, and the Club will be formally launched with a Family Cricket Day at the centre on 7 May, from 11.00am to 3.00pm with a junior cricket competition. After some discussion, it was agreed to release £1,000 to the PCC to meet ongoing expenses relating to coaching courses etc. It was noted that a grant from the Rural West Ward Committee £2,000 been approved

(b) Poppleton Community Trust

It was noted that the minutes of the Trust meeting of 7 March had been circulated to the Councillors.

(c) Village Show 19 August

No news on this subject.

(d) Any other meeting

No reports.

17.055 - 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.

1 Feb	Theft	Items taken from store - 2 arrests	BP Garage, A1237/A59
3 Feb	Violence	2 persons assaulted – 1 summonsed to court	The Green
23 Feb	Theft	Theft by employee – 1 arrest	Harwood Road

17.056 - FINANCE

(a) To receive a financial statement

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 13 March 2017. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 13 March were: -

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£28,316.47

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

1811	Poppleton Community Trust	Grant for 2016-17	£5,000.00
1812	Npower	Guild hut electricity	£24.41
1813	Vision ICT Ltd	Annual website charge	£200.00
1814	Yorkshire Water	Allotment water	£3.14
1815	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – February	£21.40
1816	James Mackman	Salary – March	£488.46
1817	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – March	£122.00
1818	James Mackman	Expenses	£42.27

(c) To receive a report on income received

City of York Council	Double Taxation Allowance (bus shelter)	£163.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£2.39

17.057 – TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE LOCAL PLAN

There was no relevant news reported on this subject.

17.058 – TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FROM COUNCILLORS BRYDSON, CRABB AND LANGFORD

Councillor Brydson reported

- The Consultation letter on the SEA has been distributed by City of York Council to all those who have responded to the previous consultations and the Statutory Bodies and developers. A copy was circulated to the Chairman of each Parish Council.

- The closing date for responses is 21 April, a further 6 weeks of consultation. You will recall that 8 weeks of consultation took place prior to Christmas the additional weeks were requested to ensure that the holiday period was considered.
- The responses to the previous consultation were for the most part positive and are still registered.
- The additional consultation is due to an error in moving between two sets of documents. Two lines were omitted during the transfer and for completeness in process and to avoid any legal challenges the City Planners felt it wisest to go through the consultation process again.
- During the development of the plan other issues that have arisen are firstly the SINC (Sites of Interest for Nature Conservation) on York Business Park have been abolished without consultation by the City of York
- Secondly due to the presence of Tansy Beetles on Rawcliffe and Clifton Ings Natural England have now named the sites as SSSI. This information only came through during the development of the plan and the unpublished Local Plan.
- The Committee have done a sterling job of keeping going against this series of strategic changes.
- The Committee have provisionally book a space at the Village Sports Day so that anyone who might like a paper copy of the plan can register their interest. The plan will be available after the examiner's report for all residents and developers on line.
- The Examiner's report may make some suggestions on amendments. What is not clear is if it then has to go through consultation again. We are lead to believe that it is the City of York Councillors who will decide if the plan goes forward to be made.

17.059 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING: -

(a) The obscured light in Long Ridge Lane (Min. 16.214e)

The Clerk reported that the resident had cut down the tree that was blocking the light and that there is now no problem.

17.060 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

17.060.01 - The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence

- (a) A request to add another commemorative plaque to the "Regan" seat on the Green to which the Councillors agreed
- (b) A letter of thanks for the grant from the Poppleton Community Trust

17.060.02 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the February Parish Council meeting, as listed below, had been circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Explore York Libraries & Archives - Yortime March 2017
- (b) Two E-Bulletins from Julian Sturdy MP

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

Clerk & Councils Direct - March 2017, Issue 110

17.061 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
14 Mar	Neighbourhood Planning	Garforth /9.30am	Brydson
18 Apr	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.30pm	Brydson

17.062- TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

None.

17.063 - TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Rubbish on the Co-op forecourt

The Slimming World sign on the railings at All Saints Church Hall

17.064 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 10 April 2017 at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

CHAIRMAN

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