

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TITHE BARN, CHURCH LANE, AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2003

PRESENT:

Cllr. P H F Powell (Chairman)

Cllr. A T Acomb

Cllr. G A Bradley

Cllr. C W Chisholm

Cllr. J Lloyd

Cllr. J S Hopton, City of York Council

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

2 Members of the public

03/024 - APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. K Horner.

3/0025 - MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 January 2003 were approved and signed.

03/026 - WORK OF THE CPRE: SLIDE PRESENTATION (Min. 02/241)

It was agreed that the CPRE give their slide presentation at the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16 April

03/027 - SECTION 106 DEVELOPMENTS - POPPLETON PARK (Min. 03/005)

Councillor Hopton reported that all the Section 106 money can be applied to the purchase of railings round the play area in Poppleton Park. There has been a long delay in obtaining the Section 106 payment. Councillor Hopton is still actively pursuing the money and hopes it will be in the Parish Council's hands soon.

03/028 - RESTORATION OF BUS TERMINUS TO LORD NELSON INN (Min. 02/231)

It was reported that the new timetable for the No.10 bus shows the Lord Nelson stop as being the terminus. There were reports of several instances of buses not stopping at the terminus. The Councillors agreed to keep a watchful eye on the subject.

03/029 - IMPROVING THE USE OF YORK'S RIVERS AND RIVER BANKS

No progress had been made on the provision of a footpath along the river bank from the moatfield, under the A1237 and returning as the City Council's Public Rights of Way Department had been short staffed for some time. It was hoped that an increase in staff would enable the footpath to be restored. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the City Council expressing the Parish Council's wish that the footpath be restored.

03/030 - CITY OF YORK LOCAL PLAN: 3RD SET OF CHANGES

The large pack of changes had been received from the City Council. It was agreed that Councillors Powell, Acomb and Bradley would meet to discuss the Local Plan, make propositions, produce a draft to be circulated and that the Clerk would make a formal response for the Parish Council.

03/031 - SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

The chairman read a letter from Roper Langford giving details of an article in a recent Sunday Times Drive section about a radar speed gun which is available for hire. A copy of the article was available and was to be circulated round the Councillors together with a letter from the Chief Constable to Peter Evely of the City Council. The speed gun has been used by volunteers in the South of England with some success. The Councillors discussed the idea and deputed the Clerk to write to Mr Langford to thank him for his letter. Councillor Hopton also agreed to write to Mr Evely. Interactive display signs

were considered and it was agreed to keep these under consideration.

03/032 - POST BOX IN POPPLETON PARK (Min. 03/014)

The Post Office had written to say that they will not be putting a post box in Poppleton Park. Councillors could not accept this decision and it was agreed to keep the subject under review.

03/033 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 12 February 2003. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 17 February were:

Current Account	£5.48
Business Money Manager Account	£5,837.15

(b) Accounts for payment (net of VAT);

The Clerk	Salary - January	£234.17
Ken Falkingham	Repairs to bus shelter	£35.00

(c) Income Received

Nil

(d) Revision of Parish precept

After discussion it was agreed to increase the precept for 2003-04 to £11,000 from the £7,365 agreed at the Parish Council meeting in January. It was agreed that the increased precept was needed to fund the budgeted increase in expenditure. The revised precept would see a £1,000 reduction in reserves if the forecasted budgeted income and expenditure proves to be accurate.

03/034 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the following new applications:

Location David Fisher, 24 Church Lane
Reference 03/00255/FUL
Development Erection of pitched roof two storey extension and conservatory to rear.
Observations Members had no objections providing that Conservation Area regulations are not contravened.

Location David Fisher, 24 Church Lane
Reference 03/00259/FUL
Development Demolition of existing green house to rear.
Observations Members had no objections providing that Conservation Area regulations are not contravened.

Location Mrs K Nicholson, Lime Tree House, Hillcrest Avenue
Reference 03/00309/TPO
Development Crown clean and crown lift to 4m lime (T1) protected by Tree Preservation Order 1/1970
Observations Members did not object but stated that the work should be carried out by a competent tree surgeon.

It was noted the Local Planning Authority had granted consent for the following:

Mr D Appleton, 44 Calder Avenue: - 02/03595/FUL - Pitched roof first floor and single storey rear extension

Mrs Dawn Elaine, 6 Severn Green: - 02/03601/FUL - Pitched roof two storey side, single storey front and rear extension.

Mr C Almack, 39 Severn Green: - 02/03719/FUL - Two storey pitched roof extension to side and conservatory to rear.

Mr & Mrs Lennox, 15 Main Street: - 02/03804/LBC - Replacement of french windows to rear and insertion of small window at first floor in gable end.

Mr A Johnson, 6 Linton Road: - 02/03876/FUL - Pitched roof one and a half storey extension

It was noted that the following planning application had been withdrawn

Mr & Mrs Finning, Saxdane Lodge, Main Street: - 02/00417/FUL - Ground level replacement and landing stage.

03/035 - REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Poppleton Community Trust

Councillor Powell reported the proceedings at the Executive Committee meeting held on 6 February 2003-02-27

- It was agreed that the Trust should apply to the Charity Commission for a Certificate of Incorporation. This would enable the Trust to own property and sign contracts in its own right without the legal responsibility resting with individual Trustees.
- Revised copies of the Constitution and Standing Orders were tabled for confirmation.
- The Treasurer reported current balances totalling under £7,000. Extreme caution on further expenditure was requested. Section levies, wages, insurance were items to be considered at the next finance meeting.
- Fund Raising. It was noted that both Parish Councils had agreed to give £500 to the Trust. No response had been received about future arrangements.
- A Garden Trail was proposed for Summer 2003.
- Skateboard Park. A poor response at the meeting to discuss this provision has left matters in the air. Insurance will be a major problem.
- Centre Maintenance. Concerns were expressed regarding the car park surface near the entrance. Attempts were to be made to obtain some filling as a temporary measure.

Councillor Powell reported on the proceedings at the Community and Police Group meeting on 22 January.

- Superintendent John Lacey, Chief Superintendent Kevin Doyle and Chief Superintendent Gary Barrett spent the first hour stating how successful the present force was and provided copious statistics to prove it.
- The second hour was given to a presentation by Chief Constable Della Cannings who outlined in detail the options if contributions did not increase. This has been widely publicised and sufficient to say that she got her way. The additional monies should provide extra police and civilian support officers, more investment in intelligence led policing, free up officers from bureaucracy and provide additional Police Officers through Crime Fighting Fund. We wait to see how successful she will be!!

Councillor Acomb reported that he had attended a presentation at the Guildhall on 27 January entitled "The City of York Council's Vision of the Future for the Ouse, Foss and Derwent".

03/036 - FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

There is to be a Yorkshire Rural Community Council Parish Government Conference at Scarborough from 28 February to 2 March. No Parish Councillor would be attending.

03/037 - RECEPTION FOR RON HANSELL

It was suggested that a reception be held on Friday 25 April at the Tithe Barn at 7.30pm. Councillor Powell agreed to obtain a price for a finger buffet. It was expected that there would be about 70 guests on the evening. Councillor Lloyd agreed to look into the provision of invitations and report back. Councillor Hopton agreed to provide a list of those people who had signed the nomination form. Councillor Powell offered to help with addresses for these names. Councillor Powell agreed to confirm that the date was suitable for RH and that the Tithe Barn was available.

03/038 - PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY 22 MARCH

It was reported that Upper Poppleton Parish Council is holding an Open Day in the Methodist Church Hall to advertise the fact that there will be Parish Council Elections on 1 May 2003. UPPC will be displaying various aspects of the work of the Parish Council with the aim of attracting candidates for the election. Many local organisations have been written to advising them that they can have free space in the Church Hall. UPPC had asked if Nether Poppleton Parish Council would like to take part in the Open Day. The Councillors agreed that they would like to take part. The Councillors agreed to prepare various displays and attend the Open Day.

03/039 - ACCESS OVER COMMON LAND

Discussion on this subject was deferred until another meeting.

03/040 - A59 CORRIDOR

The fact that unofficial development has been taking place along the A59 was discussed. It was agreed that this subject was allied to the Local Plan and that the sub committee would review the situation.

03/041 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17 March 2003 at 7.30pm.

To avoid Easter Monday the April meeting will be on Tuesday 22 April 2003.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm

Chairman

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