

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7. 30PM ON MONDAY, 18 JULY 2005

PRESENT:

Cllr. P H F Powell (Chairman)

Cllr. C Robinson

Cllr. D Tomlinson

Cllr. G A Bilbrough

Cllr. C A Partington

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

05/116- DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

05/117 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Knowles, Bradley and City of York Councillor Janet Hopton.

05/118 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 20 JUNE 2005

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 June 2005, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

05/119 - CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Mill Bank House easement (Min. 05/102a)

The Clerk reported a recent conversation with the new owner of Millbank House. Also that Graeme Burn is currently on holiday but when he returns the Chairman and the Clerk will arrange an appointment to seek his advice on the subject.

(b) Parish Council's Standing Orders (Min. 05/102b)

The Chairman reported that he had made no more progress on this subject.

(c) The siting of a vehicle activated sign in Long Ridge Lane (Min. 05/102d)

It was reported that the City Council does not agree that the site chosen by the Parish Council is the best place for a sign. It may be that the sign will be put on a newly erected post in another location. Consultation with residents is likely before a decision is made on the new site.

(d) War Memorial insurance (Min. 05/104e)

The Clerk reported that it would cost 1.03% plus 5% insurance premium to insure the War memorial. It was agreed that the War Memorial be insured for the sum of £10,000.

(e) Parish Plan development (Min. 05/110)

Following the discussion on a Parish Plan at the recent Joint Parish Council Meeting it was agreed that this should be an item on the agenda for the September meeting.

05/120 - TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

05/120/1 - The Clerk read or referred to the following item of correspondence

(a) A schedule of revised fees for the Community Centre

(b) A letter from the Standards Board acknowledging receipt of the Parish Council's comments on the Code of Conduct

05/120/2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the June meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Clerk & Council Direct - July 2005, Issue 40
- (b) CPRE - University expansion stuff
- (c) Graham Wood - Political stickers reply
- (d) Local Council Review - Volume 57, No. 3
- (e) Mayfair Group Response - June report
- (f) North Yorks Police - Special Constables campaign
- (g) Npower - Electricity price change
- (h) NY Fire & Rescue Authority - Performance Plan 2005/06
- (i) NYCC - Minerals & Waste Development Framework Draft
- (j) Poppleton Ward Residents Association - Minutes of 25 May
- (k) Poppleton Ward Residents Association - Minutes of 29 June 2005
- (l) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 13 June
- (m) York Open Planning Forum - Newsletter June 2004

05/121 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 18 July 2005. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 18 July were:

Current Account	£100.00
Business Money Manager Account	£14,759.57
National Savings Investment Account	£12,611.40

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

The Clerk	Salary - June and back-dated pay to 1 April 2005	£984.18
The Clerk	Postage, telephone and stationery	£67.66
Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance	£73.75
P H F Powell	Chairman's expenses	£28.06
Lowfield School	Newsletter and crime survey	£53.29

(c) Income Received

Allianz Cornhill	Insurance premium refund	£25.54
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(d) To confirm that the parish Council has now registered with the Inland Revenue as an employer

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has now registered with the Inland Revenue and that the first cheque for income tax and National Insurance had been paid.

(e) To receive and approve the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2005

As the books have not been returned by the Internal Auditor it was agreed to defer the approval and signing of the accounts until the August meeting.

(f) To agree the sale of Tithe Barn keys to the Trustees

The Parish Council had bought a set of keys for the Tithe Barn when it hired the building for its monthly meetings. Meetings are now held at the Community Centre. The Tithe Barn Trustees have asked for the keys. It was agreed to sell the keys to the Trustees at the cost price of £22.00.

05/122 - TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Consideration was given to the following new applications:

Ref: 05/01261/FUL - Extension of existing access road at Plot 13, Great North Way by White Rose Development Enterprises Ltd.	No objections
Ref: 05/01281/FUL - Single-storey pitched roof side and rear extension including new boundary fence and gates at 5 Easthorpe Drive by Mr & Mrs Walker.	No objections
Ref: 05/01295/TCA - Crown clean and reduce Limb overhanging neighbour garden Ash (T1); Crown clean and formatively prune Thorn (T2); Remove crossing limbs and formatively prune Oak (T3) in the Conservation Area at Town Farm, 27 Church Lane by Dr & Mrs Jackson.	No objections
Ref: 05/01304/FUL - Single-storey pitched roof side extension at 41 Nursery Road by Mr & Mrs Garner.	No objections but this proposal does reduce the garden area still further. Already there is a double garage with driveway and sun lounge. This is all reducing the area which would otherwise absorb ground water and not cause run-off.
Ref: 05/01338/TCA - Various tree works inc. Fell Sycamore, Ash x 4, Willow and remove Blackthorn in the Conservation Area at the River Ouse Manorial Land, Main Street by Mr J Mackman.	We support the application
Ref: 05/01349/FUL - Conservatory to rear at 12 Severn Green by Mr & Mrs Franklin.	No objections
Ref: 05/01409/FUL - Two-storey single and single-storey rear extension at 46 Calder Avenue by Mr & Mrs D Monkman.	No objections

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

Ref: 05/01037/FUL - Conservatory to rear at 29 Nether Way by Mr Kimpton.

Ref: 05/01142/FUL - Single-storey pitched roof side extension to garage to form car port at Lime Tree House, 15a Hillcrest Avenue by K Nicholson.

The following application had been withdrawn:

Ref: 05/01060/REMM - Reserved matters application to which planning application 99/01777/OUT relates for development of distribution unit and ancillary offices with associated external works (B1 and B8 uses) at Plot 13, Great North Way by White Rose Dev Ltd/Geopost UK Parcelline Ltd.

05/123 - COMMON LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS ON WORKS IN HAND

(a) Grass cutting

The Clerk reported that the City Council had agreed to give £543.90 towards this year's grass cutting charge. It was agreed that this figure did not reflect the cost that would be incurred if the Main Street verge was cut with the same regularity that the City Council cuts the other verges in the village. Councillor Powell agreed to work out the area of verge that should be cut on a regular basis and the Clerk would ask the City Council for increased funding.

(b) Boulders

Two boulders had been put in place to block vehicular access to the riverbank. The Councillors agreed that they served the purpose.

(c) No Parking signs

Now that the boulders are in position it was agreed that the Clerk should order the two No Parking signs.

(d) To agree to crown reduce sycamore on Common Land adjacent to Woodside

It had been reported that the sycamore adjacent to Woodside had recently shed a couple of branches. The Clerk reported a conversation with Dave Gregory who had said that the sycamore had signs of squirrel damage and should be crown lifted to prevent further incidents of falling branches. It was agreed that Mr Gregory be instructed to crown lift the tree.

05/124 - TO CONSIDER TRAFALGAR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

It was agreed that bona fide requests for contributions towards Trafalgar events would be considered nearer the date.

05/125 - TO AGREE REPRESENTATION AT THE TRAINING WEEKEND IN SCARBOROUGH

It was agreed that Councillor Powell attends the Saturday function and the dinner on Saturday night as a Parish Council delegate. The Parish Council would pay for his attendance at both events and travelling expenses.

05/126 - TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE SECTION 106 BALANCE

The Clerk circulated a schedule showing the Parish Council minutes from 1998 which referred to the Section 106 payments for Millfield Gardens. It was agreed that the Clerk should confer with Councillor Hopton to make sure that the Parish Council has current information. It was also agreed that no action with regards to the Section 106 balance at the moment.

05/127 - TO NOTE THE TRUSTEES OF DODSWORTH HALL APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

This was duly noted.

05/128 - TO AGREE QUESTION/S FOR THE LEADER OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH REGARDS TO CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

It was agreed to defer a decision until the August meeting.

05/129 - TO AGREE THE RESPONSE TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

There were no responses to this item. The Clerk was deputed to write a letter to the City Council to say that the questionnaire is difficult to understand and doesn't appear to apply to rural areas.

05/130 - TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- (a) Councillor Robinson reported that the Poppleton Wildlife Trust had had a pond clearing session on 13 July when an audience of eight people watched the event. The moorhens have had three broods this year.
- (b) Councillor Bilbrough reported that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is now up and running in Poppleton Park.
- (c) Councillor Powell reported on:
 - i. The Ward Committee meeting held on 6 July. Vicki Burkett of the City Council gave an update on the proposals for Youth provision in the Ward. As a result of an Ofsted inspection, staffing at Youth Centres will be changed. Building stock will be reduced and buildings retained will be refurbished to a higher standard. The City is divided into five areas of which our local area building will be at Dringhouses. She could not comment on the proposals for the Poppleton building. There was a discussion about the recently installed Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in Rufforth but no news on the proposed Long Ridge Lane VAS.

ii. The YLCA AGM held in Leeds on 16 July.

05/131 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No reports

05/132 - FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
21 July	Millennium Green AGM	Poppleton Community Centre/ 7.30pm	Powell, Partington
28 July	Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber	Cairn Hotel, Harrogate/ 10.00am	Powell

05/133 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting would be held at 7.30pm at the Community Centre on Monday 15 August 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman.....2005

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