

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7. 30PM ON MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2006

PRESENT:

Cllr. P H F Powell (Chairman)

Cllr. G A Bradley (from 8.20pm)

Cllr. G A Bilbrough

Cllr. C A Partington

Cllr. C Robinson

Cllr. D Tomlinson

Two members of the public

City of York Councillor Mrs J
Hopton

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

06/026- DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

06/027 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P Knowles

06/028 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2006

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 January 2006, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

06/029 - CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Action taken regarding seats, gates and other street (Min. 06/004b).

Andy Williams of the City Council's York Pride section has authorised repairs to some of the street furniture. It was agreed that the subject of seat repairs should be on the March agenda.

(b) Vehicle Activated Sign on Long Ridge Lane (Min. 06/014)

The City Council has written to the owners of houses in Long Ridge Lane in the area of the proposed sign.

(c) Repairs to Allerton Drive Notice Board (Min. 06/015)

The repairs have been completed. There was an extra charge of £20.00 for renewing the frame as the old one was found to be in poor condition.

(d) HM Customs & Revenue online filing

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council is now able to file tax and National Insurance details online. This will give the Parish Council the sum of £250. This sum will be offset against income tax due to the Inland Revenue.

06/030 - TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

06/030/1 - The Clerk read

A letter from the City Council confirming a grant of £250 from the Ward Committee towards the Common Land tree survey

06/030/2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the January meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

(a) CPRE - North Yorkshire Voice - January 2006

(b) Hambleton District Council - Development Plan document

- (c) NYCC - Scrutiny News - February 2006
- (d) Poppleton Ward Residents Association - Minutes of 30 November
- (e) Poppleton Ward Residents Association - Minutes of 25 January
- (f) SLCC - The Clerk, Vol 36 No. 1 - January 2006
- (g) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 9 January
- (h) YLCA - White Rose Update etc., February 2006
- (i) YOPF - Newsletter, January 2006

06/031 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 20 February 2006. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 20 February were:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Money Manager Account	£12,191.51
National Savings Investment Account	£13,052.75

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

The Clerk	Clerk's salary net- January	£384.26
Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance	£134.73
The Clerk	Postage, telephone and stationery	£119.67
SLCC	Subscription	£46.38
Poppleton Youth Action Group	Donation	£600.00
Ken Falkingham	Notice board repairs	£86.80
CPRE	Subscription	£26.00
PHF Powell	Chairman's Expenses	£37.94

(c) Income Received

National Savings	Annual interest	£441.35
Main Street households	Common Land rent cheques	£20.00

06/032 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: 06/00057/TPO - Crown thin by 15% and crown lift and balance over garage Sycamore protected by Tree Preservation Order No.1/1970 at 33 Hillcrest Avenue by Mr T Jones.	No objections
Ref: 06/00142/FUL - Single-storey rear extension at 46 Calder Avenue by Mr & Mrs D Monkman.	No objections
Ref: 06/00301/TCA - Various tree pruning works including Fell Elder x 4 in the Conservation Area at St Everilda's Church, Church Lane by Mr A Bell.	No objections

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had granted consent for the following three applications:
 Ref: 05/02541/FUL - Single-storey pitched roof garage and store room to replace existing at 1

Riversvale Drive by S Hepworth

Ref: 05/02644/FUL - Proposed pitched roof first floor side extension at 18 Esk Drive by Mr & Mrs Oxtoby.

Ref: 06/00057/TPO - Crown thin by 15% and crown lift and balance over garage Sycamore protected by Tree Preservation Order No.1/1970 at 33 Hillcrest Avenue by Mr T Jones.

It was noted that the following two planning applications had been withdrawn:

Ref: 98/02375/REM - Five pitched roof industrial/warehouse buildings (Classes B1, B2 and B8) with associated access and landscaping - outline application 6/116/164Q/OUT refers - revised plan at Plot 13, Great North Way by White Rose Development Enterprises Ltd.

Ref: 05/01261/FUL - Extension of existing access road at Plot 13, Great North Way by White Rose Development Enterprises Ltd.

06/033 TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

The Clerk reported that he had met Dave Meigh from the City Council and walked the length of the Common Land with him. Mr Meigh will be making a decision on the number of cuts the City Council will fund taking into account the City Council's policy on similar grassed areas in the City. It may well be that funding for the verge in Main Street will be based on 14 cuts a year. The grassed area bordering the river bank may attract a lower level of funding.

(b) Re-dressing the stone surface of the bridleway

It was noted that the City Council has resurfaced the bridleway.

06/034- TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the grass alongside the footpaths in Church Lane and Hillcrest Avenue has been trimmed back. The grass in Millfield Lane is being cut back at the moment.

*** Councillor Bradley arrived at this point on the agenda.**

06/035 TO DISCUSS MAKING A DONATION TO OPEN SPACES SOCIETY

It was agreed that no donation should be made.

06/036 - TO AGREE WHICH COUNCILLORS CAN ATTEND A COUNCILLORS SKILLS COURSE

It was agreed that Councillors Knowles, Powell, Robinson, Tomlinson and the Clerk should attend the course at a cost of £17.02 each.

06/037 - TO AGREE TO FUND ATTENDANCE AT THE SLCC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

It was agreed that Councillor Robinson would attend the SLCC Regional Conference in Harrogate on 29 March at a cost of £55.00 plus travelling expenses.

06/038 - TO AGREE TO FUND THE CLERK'S ATTENDANCE AT THE SLCC BRANCH MEETING ON 17 MARCH

It was agreed to fund the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Branch meeting in Easingwold on 19 March at a cost of £10.00 plus travelling expenses.

06/039 - TO AGREE ACTION TO CLEAR THE OBSTRUCTION IN FRONT OF THE CARTSHED DOORS

It was agreed that Ken Falkingham be asked to quote for removing the earth and making good with chippings the area in front of the Cartshed doors.

06/040 - PARISH PLAN

(a) To receive a progress report

Councillor Tomlinson reported that he and Councillor Ted Kendall from Upper Poppleton had attended the Parish Plan briefing held by the YRCC on 11 February. The problem of collecting completed

questionnaires had been discussed. One Parish Council had used the Royal Mail at a very reasonable cost. Analysing the returned questionnaires was a time consuming operation. The benefits of a software program developed by the Leeds Metropolitan University and called "Compass" were discussed. Whilst this can be borrowed on a laptop computer for one month it is possible to buy it outright for £127. The program would be valuable not only for the Plan but also for any future event when an analysis of responses or results might be necessary and where questions could be developed from scratch if required.

(b) To agree to the purchase of a software program called "Compass".

Based on the recommendation of Councillor Tomlinson it was resolved to "go halves" with Upper Poppleton Parish Council in purchasing this program.

06/041 - TO AGREE ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING DOG FOULING IN PUBLIC AREAS

It was agreed that, except for the areas where dogs are let off their leads such as the Millennium Green and the Moatfield, the incidence of dog fouling is much less than it used to be. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Dog Warden service of the City Council if it would supply posters about dog fouling and the law for the parish notice boards and for lampposts.

06/042 - TO CONSIDER A REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL BRIDLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS BETWEEN MILLFIELD LANE AND THE RIVER OUSE

A map showing the "figure of eight" footpath and bridleway between the Moatfield and Poppleton Park had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the City Council's Public Rights of Way Department be asked to investigate the possibility of making the path along the riverbank from the Moatfield to the flyover accessible. Councillors Bilbrough and Tomlinson agreed that they would walk the footpath with the Public Rights of Way Officer, Paula Dunn.

06/043 - TO AGREE MANAGEMENT OF BROAD LANE TREES

The Ward Committee has awarded the Parish Council a grant for the trees in Broad Lane. As these trees are now considered to be highway trees Councillor Bradley agreed to take the matter up with the City Council and will report back at a later date.

06/044 - TO DISCUSS HAVING ANOTHER LITTER PICK

It was agreed that there should be another litter pick in the village. This would take place at 1.00pm on Saturday 1 April. The Clerk will produce posters and notify the City Council of the event.

06/045 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

(a) *Councillor Powell* gave a report on

- i. The Poppleton Community Trust Executive meeting held on 24 January. Items discussed included the Youth Club building where works will start just prior to the school's summer holidays. The premises will then be available to hire out when PopSOC, Youth Clubs etc. are not using them.
- ii. The footpaths meeting at Rufforth Chapel held on 25 January. Various items of business were covered including the fact that the Leeds & District Amalgamated Angling Club has taken the fishing rights in the River Ouse from the railway bridge to the ring road even though this is not a public footpath. The question was asked if Nether Poppleton Parish Council could identify if there was a requirement for the "figure of eight" bridleway and footpath to be established.
- iii. The YLCA York Branch meeting held on 2 February. Items of business included discussion on the setting up of Village Design Statements and Parish Plans.
- iv. The Rural West York Ward meeting held on 15 February. Items covered were the setting up of a city-wide road safety initiative and the re-siting of Manor School. The new school is to be built on a plot bounded by the A59, the A1237 and Millfield lane. There were no strong objections to the scheme but concerns were expressed about access to the school from Millfield lane, possible drop off points and the proposed suggested building.

(b) *Councillor Bilbrough* reported that the Poppleton Park Residents Group are waiting for feedback on the problem with the lighting where eight of the lampposts have never been wired. Six Neighbourhood Watch street signs are due to be delivered soon.

(d) *Councillor Partington* reported on a meeting of the Trustees of Dodsworth Hall. David Hopton has retired as chairman. A local resident has said that he would like to turn the Hall into a residential property for his family to live in.

(e) *Councillor Robinson* reported on the proceedings at the last School Governors meeting.

06/046 TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No reports.

06/047- FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
28 February	YOPF	Denham Room, York CVS, Priorsy Street/ 7.00pm	Tomlinson
1 March	Rural West York Ward Team	Guildhall/ 2.30pm	Powell
1 March	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Community Centre/ 7.00pm	Tomlinson
3 March	Chairmen of YLCA Branches	Poppleton Community Centre/ 12.00pm	Powell
17 March	SLCC North Yorks Branch	Galtres Centre, Easingwold/	Clerk
29 March	SLCC Conference	Cairn Hotel, Harrogate/ 10.00am	Robinson, Clerk
11 April	Councillor training	William House/ 7.30pm	All

06/048 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 20 March 2006.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman..... 2006

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