

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2006

PRESENT:

Cllr. P H F Powell (Chairman)

Cllr. G A Bradley (from 7.50pm)

Cllr. G A Bilbrough

Cllr. P Knowles

Cllr. C A Partington

Cllr. C Robinson

Cllr. D Tomlinson

City of York Councillor Mrs J

Hopton (from 9.10pm)

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

06/049- DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

06/050 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

06/051 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2006

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 February 2006, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

06/052 - CLERK'S REPORT

(a) To receive a report on the siting of a Vehicle Activated Sign on Long Ridge Lane (Min. 06/029b)

The sign is now in place. It would appear that it is having the desired deterrent effect and more drivers are staying within the 30mph limit. Bus drivers appear to be an exception and it was agreed that the situation would be monitored for the next month.

(b) To receive a report on progress re dog fouling (Min. 06/041)

The Clerk reported having contacted the City Council and been told that there are no signs available at the moment. It is expected that they will be available in the new financial year and the Clerk has made a note in his diary to contact the City Council again.

(c) To receive a report on action re Broad Lane trees (Min. 06/044)

The Clerk reported having written to the City Council to ask that the £500 awarded to the Parish Council be transferred to the Highways Department with the request that it carries out the tree management required.

***Councillor Bradley arrived at this point on the agenda at 7.50 pm.**

06/053 - TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

06/053/1 - The Clerk read

(a) A note of the AGM of the Northern Branch of the CPRE and a visit to the Central Science laboratory on 18 May.

(b) A letter from Ian Collinson of Long Ridge Lane congratulating those involved in securing the arrival of the Vehicle Activated Sign. It was agreed that other matters he raised should be referred to the City Council.

06/053/2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the February meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Clerks & Council Direct - March 2006, Issue 44
- (b) CPRE - Countryside Voice, Spring 2006
- (c) CPRE - Fieldwork, March 2006
- (d) CYC - Double Taxation resolution report
- (e) CYC - Local Development Framework - Draft - consultation
- (f) NALC - Local Council Review, March 2006
- (g) NYCC - Supplementary Waste news
- (h) Open Space Society - Open Space, Spring 2006, Volume 28 No.5
- (i) SLCC - The Clerk, Vol 36 No. 2 - March 2006
- (j) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 13 February
- (k) Yornews - Issue 15, Winter 2006

06/054 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

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

911	The Clerk	Clerk's salary net- February	£384.26
912	Inland Revenue	Tax and National Insurance	£23.41
914	SLCC	Harrogate conference	£55.00
915	YLCA	Councillors skills course	£85.10
916	SLCC	Meeting fee - 17 March	£10.00
917	PHF Powell	Chairman's Expenses	£5.27
918	The Clerk	Postage, telephone and stationery	£25.05
919	Leeds Metropolitan University	Parish Plan software	£62.50

(c) Income Received

City of York Council	Grant towards tree survey	£250.00
HSBC	Interest	£55.78
NEDL	Wayleave	£3.45

(d) To agree the annual payment for cleaning the bus shelter

It was agreed to pay Mr Illing the sum of £120 for cleaning the bus shelter in Main Street for the last year.

(e) To agree to continue the subscription to Local Council Review

The cost for the next year's subscription is £14. It was agreed to continue the subscription.

(f) To consider sponsoring the YLCA meeting at Tithe Barn on 1 June 2006

Councillor Powell explained that the YLCA is seeking to make itself more available to members and is proposing to hold meetings in different locations away from William House Skelton. One of the locations suggested is the Tithe Barn. The Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should pay the hire of the Tithe Barn for the YLCA meeting to be held on 1 June 2006.

06/055 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: 06/00238/FUL - Installation of 3 windows on east, south and west elevations to match existing at Unit 2 Hudson Court, Great North Way by Red Submarine Ltd.	No objections
Ref: 06/00433/FUL - First floor pitched roof side extension and alterations and single-storey extension to rear at 22 Midway Avenue by Mr F Davidson.	No objections
Ref: 06/00494/FUL - Two-storey pitched roof rear extension (Variation of condition 3 of planning approval 05/02215/FUL to allow windows to the side elevation at 59 Millfield Lane by Mr P Waters).	No objections

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had granted consent for the following two applications:
05/02181/FUL - Non-compliance with condition (i) of the planning permission T/APP/C2741/A/99/1023645 (LPA Ref: 02/02533/FUL) for extension of time period for submission of reserved matters at York Business Park, Millfield Lane by White Rose Development Enterprises Ltd.
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.

It was noted that the following planning application had been refused:
Ref: 05/01005/ADV - Installation of externally illuminated fixed sign at Unit 3, Hudson Court, Great North Way by The Saville Group Ltd.

06/056 TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

The Clerk reported that he had received no reply from the City Council about the grant for grass cutting and would follow up the matter and report to the April meeting.

(b) Willow pollarding - river bank and Wildlife Trust Area

The Clerk reported that the person who had previously pollarded the willows did not wish to do so now. It was agreed that Ryland Horticulture be asked to quote for cutting down to ground level the willows on the river bank and for pruning the willows by the Wildlife Area pond.

(c) Footpaths

No report.

06/057 - TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PARISH PLAN

Councillor Tomlinson confirmed that the Compass software had been bought. A list of volunteers for a Steering Committee is being drawn up. He said that it is important that the Steering Committee is independent of the Parish Council.

06/058 - TO AGREE ACTION TO TAKE ON SEAT REPAIRS

It was agreed that quotations be obtained for repairing and repainting all the Parish Council's seats.

06/059 - TO DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS

All the verges in the village have now been trimmed back by the City Council. In places the removal of the grass has revealed holes in the pavement. These fill up with rain water. It was agreed that the holes be reported to the City Council for remedial action to be taken. Councillor Bradley said he would

arrange for the gully at the bottom of Church Lane to be cleaned so that the road no longer flooded.

06/060 - TO AGREE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN FRONT OF THE CARTSHED DOORS

In the absence of a quotation from Ken Falkingham no further action could be taken.

06/061 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON ADDITIONAL BRIDLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

No report.

06/062 - TO AGREE THE RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

It was agreed that Councillors would submit their own responses.

06/063 - TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF POPPLETON WILDLIFE TRUST

Councillor Robinson, the Parish Council's representative on the Trust, explained that the average age of the members who do the work is increasing and that some are not able to carry out the more physical tasks that they used to do. It was agreed that a call for new members should be made through the school, the scouts and the next newsletter.

06/064 - TO CONSIDER AUTHORISING EXPENDITURE TO RESTORE THE VILLAGE POND

Councillor Robinson explained that the vegetation in the pond was steadily spreading and filling the pond. Steps needed to be taken to cut back the vegetation and also to remove some of the silt that had built up over the years. A quotation had been received from BTCV of £1,178 for cleaning the pond. There was another quotation of £320 for the construction of six bird boxes for the wildlife area. It was agreed that the work should be done, preferably at the end of the bird breeding season in late September. It was agreed that steps should be taken to obtain grants to help pay for the work to be done.

*** Councillor Hopton arrived at this point on the agenda, 9.10 pm.**

06/065 - TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF RISING BOLLARDS AT LOW POPPLETON LANE

Poppleton is currently served by the No. 10 bus at 20-minute intervals. The current bus route excludes Poppleton Park. After discussion it was resolved that the City Council be asked to install a rising bollard in Low Poppleton Lane to enable buses to include Millfield Lane on their route. It is hoped that a 15-minute service will be introduced. This should encourage more residents to use public transport.

06/066 - TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that representatives of each of the groups to which the Parish Council makes donations should be asked to address the Annual Parish Meeting for five minutes. Invitations are also to be given to the new vicar Rev. Jeremy Sylvester and the new minister Susan Swires.

06/067 - TO AGREE ATTENDANCE AT A PARISH PLAN SEMINAR ON 24 MARCH

No one is available to attend this meeting.

06/068 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

(a) *Councillor Tomlinson* gave a report as the Parish Council's representative on the Poppleton Community Trust of the meeting held on 1 March.

- The number of day time bookings and Training Days is increasing
- New room hire charges were agreed
- The cost of using in-house cleaners instead of contractors is being investigated
- A No Smoking policy is to be enforced following damage to the fabric of the building
- The next Open Day will be on 15 July
- There is to be a "Renaming Day" on 14 October

Councillor Tomlinson also reported that the Table Top Sale on 5 March raised £1005 and the Poppleton Evening on 12 March raised £750.

- (b) *Councillor Robinson* reported on the Poppleton Wildlife Trust meeting held on 22 February.
- The Chairman Michael Fife is wanting to stand down this year after 10 years as Chairman and more than 20 as an active member of the trust.
 - Other items are minuted above at **06/063 and 06/064**.

(c) *Councillor Bilbrough* reported that the Poppleton Park lighting saga continues.

(d) *Councillor Partington* reported that a questionnaire has been sent by the Friends of Dodsworth Hall to all residents of Nether Poppleton to determine if there is support for retaining the Hall for community use.

(e) *Councillor Knowles* reported that there is to be a meeting of the Youth Action Group in two weeks.

(f) *Councillor Bradley* reported as a School Governor on the meeting in March

- Prior to the curriculum evening the School Governors held a social event with the school staff. the governors provided a finger buffet and soft drinks for the event and made the most of the opportunity to learn more about the staff.
- At the curriculum evening the theme was being healthy, included displays presentations on healthy diet, drugs, smoking, exercise. etc.
- Attendees were invited to taste the school dinners and examples of healthy pack ups
- It was very well attended and feedback was good.

(g) *Councillor Powell* reported on The Rural West Ward Team meeting held on 6 March when items discussed included forthcoming changes in neighbourhood policing, parking problems in Station Road, Upper Poppleton

06/069 TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Hopton reported that City Councillors Bradley, Macdonald and herself had seen Network Rail about the uneven state of the level crossing in Millfield Lane.

06/070- To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
29 March	SLCC Conference	Cairn Hotel, Harrogate/ 10.00am	Robinson, Clerk
11 April	Councillor training	William House/ 7.30pm	All
12 April	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton House/ 7.00pm	Tomlinson, Powell
26 April	Rural West Ward	TBA	All

06/071 To agree the date of next meeting as Monday 24 April 2006

It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at 7.00pm at the Community Centre on Monday 24 April 2006 followed by the Parish Council meeting 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Chairman..... 2006

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