

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2007

PRESENT:

Cllr. D M Tomlinson(Chairman)

Cllr. J L Craven

Cllr. F A Brown

Cllr. P Knowles (from 8.10pm)

Cllr. P H F Powell

Cllr. C Robinson.

City Cllr Ian Gillies

City Cllr Ben Hudson

City Cllr Paul Healey (from 8.15pm)

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

07/108 - RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Tomlinson had signed the Chairman's Declaration of Office.

07/109 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

There were no declarations of interest.

07/110 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

07/111 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2007

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2007, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

07/127 TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was agreed that this item be brought forward to this point in the agenda.

Councillor Tomlinson welcomed City Councillors Ian Gillies and Ben Hudson to the meeting and congratulated them on their election.

Councillor Gillies said that:-

- For the next year the new administration of the City Council will require that any idea put forward will need two-party support before it can be progressed.
- He will attend future Parish Council meetings in Poppleton.
- He chairs the City Strategy Committee
- Future editions of "Your Ward" will have space for Parish Councils to give news and notices of events.
- He was proposing that No Waiting signs be put along Station Road for the duration of The Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate.

The Councillors were invited to ask questions of the City Councillors.

- i. Councillor Powell mentioned the continuing flooding of the road outside the Allerton Drive shops every time there is heavy rain. He also mentioned a problem with a hedge which is growing over the pavement at the corner of Allerton drive and Ebor Way.
- ii. Councillor Tomlinson mentioned the Parish Council's unhappiness with the City Council's attitude to the service grant that Poppleton Community Centre is receiving and the fact that it is to be phased out over the next four years. It appeared to the Parish Council that it was being asked to make good this reduction and that this was, in fact, double taxation. Councillor Tomlinson pointed out that many of the users of the Community Centre and its facilities were not residents of the village and that the

Community Centre caters for people from all over York. A recent survey shows that of 80 cars parked at the Junior Football Club, 65 were from outside the village.

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

*** City Councillor Healey arrived at this point on the agenda.**

07/112 - CLERK'S REPORT

(a) CYC response to NPPC letter re PCT (Min. 07/091a)

The Clerk read two letters from the City Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council's point had been missed. Councillor Gillies asked for a copy of the original letter from the Parish Council. Councillor Powell reminded the meeting that the City Council has signed a Charter with the Parish Councils, one of the points of which is to eliminate double taxation.

(b) Progress on Footpath No.4 problems (Min. 07/091b)

We are still waiting to hear what the City Council's plans are for providing, at the Main Street end, a hand rail and a surface to help prevent people sliding when the ground is icy.

(c) Progress on replacing the litter bin by the Millfield Lane bus stop (Min. 07/091c)

The bin has not been replaced. The City Council are to be asked to replace the bin immediately.

(d) Progress on replacing the broken concrete rails above the beck in Main Street (Min. 07/091d)

The broken concrete rail has been removed but not yet replaced.

*** The City Councillors left at this point in the meeting.**

07/113 - TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

07/113/1 - The Clerk read or referred to the following items of correspondence

(a) A letter explaining the reasoning behind the alterations to the kerb in front of Dodsworth Hall.

(b) An invitation to the CPRE's forthcoming visit to Askham Bog.

(c) A letter from the City Council regarding the ownership of a piece of three pieces of land.

07/113/2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the May meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

(a) CPRE - Fieldwork, June 2007

(b) Festival Lighting - Advert

(c) Open Spaces Society - Open Space, Summer 2007

(d) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 14 May

(e) YRCC - Guide to Planning for Parish Councils

07/114 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 18 June 2007. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 18 June were:

Current Account	£385.98
Business Money Manager Account	£18,504.67
National Savings Investment Account	£13,494.03

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

1027. 1 James Mackman	Clerks expenses	£13.58
1028. YPO	Litter picking equipment	£102.39
1029. Allianz Cornhill	Insurance premium	£820.34
1030. Dean Landscapes	Grass cutting – April & May	£735.00
1031. James Mackman	Clerks expenses - May	

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

1032.	James Mackman	Salary – June	£393.93
1033.	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI	£135.39
1034.	YRCC	Subscription	£30.00

(c) Income Received

HSBC	Bank interest	£79.03
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(d) To consider donations for the year

It was agreed that the following donations be made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972: 1st Poppleton Scout Group £100; 2nd Poppleton Guides £100; 3rd Poppleton Brownies £100; Poppleton Luncheon Club £50; Poppleton Under Fives £100; Poppleton Wildlife Trust £200 and PopSOC £100. It was agreed that under Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972 £150 be given to the Church for the upkeep of St Everilda's churchyard and that under Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 £50 be given to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

07/115 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) 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: 07/01110/ADV – Illuminated pylon sign at Brecks Garage, Great North Way by Brecks.	No objections
Ref: 07/01150/FUL – Conservatory to rear after demolition of existing at 1 Riversvale Drive by Mr & Mrs S Hepworth.	No objections
Ref: 07/01183/FUL – Conservatory to rear at 55 Hillcrest Avenue by Mr & Mrs Halland.	No objections

Ref: 07/01242/TPO – Crown clean and crown lift to 15' Copper Beech (T1, T2, T3); reduce canopy from dwelling Copper Beech (T4), trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO 1/1970) at 36 Church Lane by Miss Jackson.	No objections
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(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved the following applications:

Ref: 07/00757/FUL – Two-storey pitched roof side extension following demolition of garage at 4 Poppleton Hall Gardens by Mr & Mrs J R Dunning.

Ref: 07/00841/FUL – Pitched roof dormer window to front roof slope at 4 Nursery Road by Mrs E Bilton.

Ref: 07/00914/TPO – Fell Sycamore (T8-T9); Fell Holly (T10-T13) trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 14/1996 at 5 Fox Garth by Jason Coleman Ref: 07/00915/TPO – Fell Willow (T14-T17) protected by Tree Preservation Order 14/1996 at Rivers Edge, 6 Fox Garth by Jason Coleman.

Ref: 07/00917/TPO – Fell Willow (T1); Fell Sycamore (T2-T6); Prune Holly (T7); Trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 14/1996 at Sandham House, Main Street by Jason Coleman.

07/116 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

- i. Mr Dean has apologised for cutting the whole of the area by Saxe Dane Lodge and not a metre-wide strip parallel to the path.
- ii. The grass verge in Main Street near Ousemoor Lane is long and needs to be cut. **(Action Clerk)**.
- iii. It was agreed that a working party meet at 10.00am on 13 July to trim the branches of the trees along the verge in Main Street to enable the grasscutter to have access to all the grass. **(Action Councillors)**

(b) To consider the report of Moat Fields Management meeting of 7 May

It was agreed that a separate Parish Council meeting be arranged for Monday 30 July when the only topic on the agenda would be the future management of the Moat Fields. The Moat Fields Trustees would be invited to address the meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Progress on acquiring stones for the seats on the Moat Fields

Councillor Craven had found a supply of suitable stones. These were 2 metres long, 18 inches high and 2 feet wide and cost £150 each. He is to check to see if the stones can be delivered directly to the sites chosen by the Parish Council. **(Action Councillor Craven)**

(d) Bluebell planting by the riverside

Councillor Brown agreed to research the number of bluebell bulbs needed for planting and the cost of buying them. **(Action Councillor Brown)**

07/117 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

Special Constable Jerry Holland had produced a list of incidents in Poppleton which had been reported to the police during the period from May to June. The figures exclude all road traffic offences and collisions and only include incidents where an offence was found to have been committed. There had been twenty-six incidents in Nether Poppleton. These were: one case of arson, one of attempted burglary dwelling, one burglary-shed/garage, one theft of vehicle, one theft from vehicle, one other theft, one act of fraud, six acts of criminal damage, three cycle thefts, one drug offence (one arrest), six nuisance youths/behaviour and three nuisance vehicles.

The Clerk produced a spreadsheet showing all the monthly figures from August 2006 to date.

07/118 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CIRCULAR PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO THE BUSINESS PARK

Councillor Tomlinson produced a report. It was agreed that a meeting on 4 July should be arranged with the City Council's Public Rights of Way Officer who would walk the route with Parish Councillors.

07/119- TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM POPPLETON OUSEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR FUNDING FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL POND

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject.

07/120 – TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR THE PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM FIELD.

The Clerk reported that the Millennium Green Committee were happy with the Millennium Green. The Parish Councillors expressed their concerns about the appearance of the Millennium Green and agreed that they would submit any suggestions for the future of the Green to the Clerk for discussion at a future meeting.

07/121 - TO AGREE NEW PROCEDURES FOR ENSURING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT

It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk meet to discuss the implications of the new internal audit procedure and report back. **(Action Councillor Tomlinson and Clerk)**

07/122 - TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR TRAINING

It was agreed that Councillors Craven and Brown attend a Councillor training course at Dunnington on 12 July at a cost of £25.00 each.

07/123 – TO DISCUSS FOOTPATH NO 4

It was noted that the grass along side the footpath had been cut on one side only. This was considered to be acceptable but the Councillors would have preferred the grass at the other side to be cut.

07/124 – TO DISCUSS IMPROVING ACCESS THROUGH THE KISSING GATE ADJACENT TO THE WILDLIFE POND

It was agreed that the City Council be asked to install a gate at the end of the footpath to Church Lane that would enable people to take pushchairs all the way down the footpath. (Action Clerk)

07/125 - TO AGREE THE LISTING OF COUNCILLOR'S NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES IN POPPLETON.NET, LOCAL CHANNEL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

It was agreed that only Councillors names and addresses would be shown in the locations mentioned above. No telephone numbers or email addresses would be shown.

07/126 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Powell reported on the YLCA meeting held on 7 June. He said that the minutes would be available in due course.

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See above.

07/128 - TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
21 June	Community Trust Executive	Community Centre/ 7.30pm	Tomlinson
4 July	Ward Committee	Community Centre/ 7.00pm	All

07/129 TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 16 JULY 2007

It was agreed the next meeting would be held at 7.30pm at the Community Centre on Monday 16 July 2007.

The meeting closed at 10.32 pm.

Chairman.....2007

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