

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 18 AUGUST 2008

PRESENT:

Cllr. D M Tomlinson (Chairman)

Cllr. F A Brown

Cllr. J L Craven

Cllr. P H F Powell

Cllr. C Robinson

Cllr. J Shannon

Upper Poppleton Parish Councillor, Peter Hawkins

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

08/163 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

08/164 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G A Bradley and City Councillor Ian Gillies.

08/165 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2008

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 July 2008, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

08/166 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2008

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 August 2008, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

08/167 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Gillies was unable to be present but had supplied the Clerk with the following information prior to the meeting:-

- He had taken and read the Parish Council's file on the Figure of Eight footpath and would pursue the subject with the City of York Council on the Parish Council's behalf.
- Agreement had been reached to relocate the proposed bus stop outside the new Manor School.
- He has been in contact with City Council Officers regarding the verges in Ousemoor Lane which have not been cut despite promises that they would be.

08/168 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) News about the handrail painting (Min. 08/128)

It was noted that the City Council had been painted the handrail without consulting the Parish Council. After a short discussion it was agreed that the subject of the handrail would now be closed.

(b) Progress on tree works on the Common Land (Min. 08/141a)

The work on the trees has been completed.

(c) Progress on Saxe Dane Lodge's fence (Min. 08/141c)

The Clerk reported having received no response from the City Council on this subject.

(d) Progress on trimming the vegetation at the end of the Main Street end of Footpath No. 4. (Min. 08/141d)

The vegetation below the handrail has been cut down.

(e) Progress on the production of the Summer Newsletter (Min. 08/151)

The Newsletters have been printed and were given to the Councillors present at the meeting for distribution.

08/169 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

08/169/1 - The Clerk read or referred to the following items:-

- (a) A letter from Arty Farty Kids Co asking if the Parish Council has vacant land for a community enterprise to which the answer is "no"
- (b) Notification from CYC of the items previously claimed under Double Taxation and a request for new items. It was agreed there are no new claims to be made
- (c) A letter from Mencap asking for a donation – this will appear on a future agenda
- (d) A letter from the Poppleton Wildlife Trust thanking the Parish Council for its donation
- (e) Correspondence from Val Duggan of Poppleton Junior Football Club asking if the Parish Council would like a presentation prior to the formal planning application for the proposed Club House. It was agreed that the plans submitted and circulated were sufficient and that no presentation was needed

08/169/2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the July meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) CYC - Streets Ahead - July 2008
- (b) CYC - York Local Development Framework - Action Plan details
- (c) Poppleton Wildlife Trust - Minutes of 22 July

08/170 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 18 August 2008. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 18 August were:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Money Manager Account	£23,826.22
National Savings Investment Account	£14,044.22

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

1150	Moat Fields Management Group	First instalment of grant	£500.00
1151	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – July	£16.00
1152	James Mackman	Expenses	£26.77
1153	James Mackman	Salary – August	£418.33
1154	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI – August	£126.34

(c) Income Received

The Sealed Knot Society

Cartshed rent

£150.00

08/171 - 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 applications:

Ref 08/01710/FUL – Single-storey rear extension, demolition of flat roof to shop and internal alterations at 14 Main Street by Mr Chris Cook.	No objections
Ref: 08/01734/FUL – Alterations and extensions to existing wash bay to create three-bay area at Alexander’s, Great North Way by Alexander’s Saab.	No objections
Ref: 08/01768/ADV – Display of 2No. internally illuminated lettering signs at Alexander’s, Great North Way by Alexanders.	No objections
Ref: 08/01907/FUL – Erection of one and a half storey pitched roof dwelling on land adjacent to Woodside (resubmission) at Woodside, Riversvale Drive by Mr & Mrs T Ayres.	Objections – see short essay
Ref: 08/01913/FUL – Single-storey side extension at 7 Severn Green by Mr & Mrs Glynn Brookes-Humphrey.	No objections

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 08/01273/FUL – Two-storey pitched roof side extension with rear offshoot and mono-pitched roof to front porch at 17 Easthorpe Drive by Mr David Pownall.

Ref: 08/01656/TPO – Remove low limb Ash (T1), Crown thin by 20% and reduce from boundary Sycamore (T2,T3), Trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 14/1996 at 3 Fox Garth by Terry Doyle.

It was noted that the following application had been refused:

Ref: 08/01232/FUL – Two-storey side extension and single-storey side and front extensions after the demolition of existing porch at 12 Linton Road by Mr Michael Lock.

(c) To consider writing to the Ombudsman regarding Parish Council input into planning applications

The Councillors discussed the correspondence received from a resident in which it was stated that Principle Authority Planning Officers did not need to refer planning applications to the Planning Committee Councillors even when objections were made by a Parish Council. The resident had requested that the Parish Council write to the Ombudsman about this. It was agreed that the

Chairman and the Clerk would draft a letter for the Ombudsman which would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. **(Action Councillor Tomlinson and Clerk)**

08/172 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

The Clerk showed photographs of the river bank showing that most of the vegetation obscuring the view of the river consisted of Himalayan Balsam. It was agreed that Councillor Craven would consult with Dr Gerry Jackson to find out what steps the Moat Fields Management Group had taken to eradicate Himalayan Balsam from the riverbank in the Moat Fields. **(Action Councillor Craven)**

(b) The Moat Fields

There was a discussion as to who exactly has access to the Moat Fields through the large gate by St Everilda's Churchyard. Recently, several large trailers carrying hay have been seen exiting through the Moat Fields. It was thought that these belong to the farmer who rents the ings area on the other side of the railway line. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the City Council who own the land in question to ask if the lease to the farmer includes access through the Parish Council-owned land. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Progress on resurfacing the car park next to St Everilda's in Church Lane and grant funding application

Councillor Craven reported his dealings with Network Rail whose vehicles travel over the car park area to gain access to the Moat Fields through which they have an easement giving them vehicular access to the railway line. It was agreed that the Parish Council should send Network Rail a letter and copies of the easement granted to Network Rail's predecessor and request that Network Rail give advice and financial support for the upgrading and repair of this access. **(Action Clerk)**

08/173- TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

The following report on incidents in Nether Poppleton had been received from PC 937 Anna Tyldesley, Dedicated Police Officer, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fulford, Rural West, Bishopthorpe and Wheldrake Wards.

12 Jul	Neighbour dispute - 1 arrested	Severn Green
15 Jul	Theft of cable- 1 arrested	New Manor School site
16 Jul	Van broken into and keys stolen from inside	Poppleton Hall Gardens
18 Jul	Commercial burglary - power tools taken	Former British Sugar site
18 Jul	Attempted break in of van	Poppleton Hall Gardens
19 Jul	Mobile phone stolen from table	Millfield Pub.
23 Jul	Lead stolen - 2 arrested at scene	St Everilda's Church
23 Jul	Lights stolen from top of van	Westminster Business Park
25 Jul	Theft of cable - 2 arrested	Millfield Lane
28 Jul	Attempt burglary - dwelling	Nursery Road
1 Aug	Construction site broken into - tools taken	Millfield Lane
3 Aug	Theft from shop - 1 arrested	BP Garage

08/174 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE PROVISION OF A YOUTH SHELTER AND GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

There was no report on the progress on this project other than to note that the application for funding submitted to YORKASH had been rejected.

08/175 – TO AGREE PROGRESS ON THE CIRCULAR PUBLIC FOOTPATH

The Clerk reported having spoken to Angela Pease at Yorventure who had said that the payment of legal fees would be considered to be part of a feasibility study and would not prejudice any grant claim for the actual construction of the footpath.

08/176 – TO AGREE NEXT STEPS ON THE PROPOSED NEW KISSING GATE

It was reported that Brent Sledmore of Poppleton Fabrications had attended a site meeting when the resiting of the kissing gate was discussed. He had subsequently submitted a quotation of £700 for taking away the existing kissing gate and constructing a brand new gate and fence. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to the owner of the land and ask for permission for the Parish Council to replace the kissing gate.

08/177 - TO AGREE TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS FOR YORK

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the proposition that York seek World Heritage status for the city. The Clerk was asked to write to Janet Hopton to convey the Parish Council's decision.

08/178 – TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS ON UPDATING THE PARISH COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Chairman said that he, the Vice-Chairman and Clerk had met to review the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. It had been revealed that the National Association of Local Councils is about to release a new set of Standing Orders. It was agreed that work on the subject be deferred until the new Standing Orders are available.

08/179 – TO CONSIDER METHODS OF HELPING CE ELECTRIC TO IDENTIFY 'PRIORITY' CUSTOMERS IE. THOSE ON DIALYSIS OR OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS WHOSE LIVES DEPEND ON AN UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY.

CE Electric had written to ask the Parish Council for help in identifying people described above. It was agreed that the local doctors would be better able to answer the question and the Clerk was asked to write to the three surgeries that residents attend. **(Action Clerk)**

08/180 – TO CONSIDER INVESTIGATING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed that all Councillors would read the book "The Law of Allotments" by Paul Clayden prior to the next meeting when the subject of allotments would be discussed in more detail. **(Action – All Councillors)**

08/181 – TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A "NO COLD CALLING ZONE"

The Councillors discussed the possibility of introducing a No Cold Calling Zone for the village. Whilst it was agreed this would be a good idea there was little information available as to how such a zone could be created. Councillor Robinson produced a document showing a contact at Consumer Direct. It was agreed that this person should be contacted and asked for details which would be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

08/182 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

No reports.

08/183 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
2 October	YLCA York Branch	William House/ 7.30pm	Powell, Bradley
15 October	Rural West York Ward Committee	TBA	All
TBA	Ainsty Group	TBA	Tomlinson, Powell

08/184 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

(a) Minor Matters

- i. The Clerk was asked to write to the would-be sponsors of the purchase of the field in Millfield to thank them for their kind offer. **(Action Clerk)**
- ii. Chairman David Tomlinson announced that, for personal reasons, he was giving notice that he would be resigning as Chairman with effect from the beginning of the September meeting. He stated that he intended to continue as a Parish Councillor. He thanked the Parish Councillors for their support during his period as Chairman. The Councillors were unanimous in thanking David for his work as Chairman.

(b) Items for next agenda

Election of Chairman, purchase of a wreath, autumn bulb planting and grass cutting contract 2009-2011.

08/185 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm at the Poppleton Centre on Monday 15 September 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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