

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AY 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2009

PRESENT:

Cllr. G A Bradley (Chairman)	
Cllr. J L Craven Cllr. F A Brown Cllr. P H F Powell Cllr. C Robinson Cllr. J Shannon	City Councillor Ian Gillies Four members of the public Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

TO RECEIVE AN ADDRESS ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLUBHOUSE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD FROM VAL DUGGAN

No representative of the Junior Football Club was present

TO RECEIVE AN ADDRESS FROM A TRUSTEE OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

Don Wilson addressed the meeting on behalf of the Trustees of the All Saints Church Hall. He mentioned that:-

- The last time the subject of funding was discussed by the Parish Council the Councillors had asked if the proceeds of the sale of Dodsworth Hall could be used to refurbish the Church Hall. Mr Wilson explained the reasons why this was not possible.
- The Hall was built as a Reading Room for the labouring classes.
- Over the last year £24,000 has been spent on the Hall. Of this, some £10,000 had been given by the Church, £2,700 from Upper Poppleton Parish Council, £1,500 from PACCAST and an anonymous donation of £2,000.
- The Diocese gives up to 10% of the cost of repairs and improvements
- It is intended to change over the office and kitchen at a likely cost of £13,000.
- The Trustees are asking for a grant of £5,000 from the Parish Council.

Mr Wilson answered a number of questions

- Is the cost of the kitchen for new units? – Yes
- Have other sources of funds been investigated? – WREN wouldn't provide funding – Councillor Powell suggested that the City Council's funding Officer be approached to explore other sources

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rod Clark addressed the meeting on the subject of financial support for the Poppleton Centre.

He said:-

- Without financial support from the Parish Councils when the Centre was built there would have been no Centre.
- Financial support in recent years has allowed the Centre to continue to function.
- The Centre is now on a sound financial basis.
- There are more users.
- The Garden Trail raised £7,000 and the Bonfire raised £1,400
- The new Premises License was granted subject to a satisfactory resolution of the question of the need for sound attenuation when amplified entertainment was in progress in the Centre. Consultations were in progress with the City Council local environment office.
- The Trust is asking for a grant of £5,000 this year to be applied towards the cost of sound-proofing

09/001 – DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

Councillor Craven declared a personal interest in agenda item 09.019

09/002 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D M Tomlinson

09/003 – TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2008

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 November 2008, having been circulated, were approved and signed

09/004 – TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Gillies reported that:-

- The holes in Millfield Lane have been filled in.
- Yorwaste's application for the erection of a building to house a biomass power plant with chimney stack at Harewood Whin has been approved by the City Council.
- A representative from Yorwaste will be attending the Ward Committee meeting on 10 February.
- Work on installing the traffic lights at the A59/Beckfield Lane junction will start soon.
- The No 10 bus route will not change until after Easter. There will be a public consultation in February.
- Crimes in the village have increased, especially in the Northfield Lane area.
- Poppleton Tigers would like to use the field next to the new Manor School. The field has now been bought by the City Council.
- At the team meeting the Parish Council's requests for funding for the daffodils, the footpath and tree work on the Common Land was considered and approved.

09/005 – CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Progress on Saxe Dane Lodge's fence (Min. 08/211a)

The Clerk reported that Dan Calvert of the City Council has written to the owners asking them to plant the replacement trees as soon as practical.

The Clerk was again instructed to write to the owner of the property to let him know that the Parish Council has had a number of complaints about the fence being built the wrong way round. The Parish Council considers that the fence should be facing the other way. It needs to be quickly disguised with trees as per the planning application. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) Progress on cutting back the trees from the path between the pumping station and the river

A working party met on 24 November and cut back the trees.

09/006 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

09/006/1 – The Clerk referred to the following items:-

- (a) Correspondence from Colin Wood pointing out that there are no retaining brackets on one of the seats near the War Memorial and that there is a problem with a fence alongside the footpath from Hillcrest Avenue to the Tithe Barn.
- (b) A note from the City Council saying that from 9 February 2009 a permit would be needed to take a trailer to the Council's waste recycling depots. Councillor Powell suggested that the Parish Council looks to obtain a pass for a charity.

09/006/2- It was agreed that the correspondence received since the November meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2009, Issue 61
- (b) Communities & Local Government – Code of practice consultation
- (c) CPRE – Fieldwork December 2008
- (d) CYC – Streets Ahead – December 2008
- (e) J Parker Dutch Bulbs – Wholesale Catalogue – Spring 2009
- (f) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service – Summary of Accounts 2007-8 leaflet
- (g) NALC – LCR – Volume 60, No 5 – January 2009
- (h) NYCC – Mineral and Waste Development Framework update
- (i) Poppleton Wildlife Trust – Minutes of 11 November

- (j) Rural Action Yorkshire – Country Air Autumn 2008, Issue 109 etc
- (k) Thorp Arch Estate – The Archway – Autumn 2008
- (l) Upper Poppleton Parish Council – Minutes of 10 November 2008
- (m) YOPF – Newsletter January 2009
- (n) York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership – Performance Matters – Issue One, November 2008

09/007 – FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 19 January 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 19 January were:

Current Account	£200.00
Business Money Manager Account	£27,485.38
National Savings Investment Account	£14,044.22

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

1175 James Mackman	Salary - December	£427.38
1176 Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI - December	£132.06
1177 Peter Powell	Travel Expenses	£41.09
1178 Poppleton Community Trust	Room Hire	£36.00
1179 James Mackman	Expenses	£15.91
1180 James Mackman	Salary - January	£427.58
1181 Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI – January	£131.86

(c) Income Received

The Sealed Knot Society	Cartshed Rent	£75.00
HSBC	Bank interest	£125.81

(d) To consider a request from Poppleton Bowls Club for a grant towards new fencing

It was resolved that this subject would be deferred until the February meeting when all applications for capital grants would be considered.

(e) To agree to pay a proportion of the Clerk's SLCC subscription

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £56.83 towards the total of this year's subscription of £149.00.

(f) To consider a request from the All Saints Church Hall Committee for £5,000 funding for a new kitchen

Discussion on this subject was also deferred until the February meeting.

(g) To consider a request for a donation from the Open Spaces Society

After discussion it was resolved not to donate any funds for this request.

(h) To consider the Budget for 2009-10 and set the precept

The Clerk had circulated a proposed budget prior to the meeting. The Councillors considered the budget item by item. After discussion the budget was agreed and it was resolved to set the precept at £21,000 for the financial year 2009-10. The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. A copy of the agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

09/008 – 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:

<p>Ref: 08/02426/FULM – Erection of building to house biomass power plant with chimney stack with external cooling plant at Harewood Whin</p>	<p>Although not consulted on this application the Councillors agreed the following statement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Proposed building impinges on the Green Belt. 2. The planning application ignores the terms of the original planning application. 3. We understand that no environmental impact assessment is being considered 4. With the prevailing wind being a south-westerly and Upper Poppleton lying to the north-west of Harewood Whin we have concerns over the continuous smell of burning wood. 5. Being down wind of the development we have concerns about the potential continuous noise from the proposed development.
<p>Ref: 08/02652/FUL – Alterations to roof including raising ridge height and creation of 2no. Gable ends and 2no. Front dormers and single-storey rear extension (resubmission) at 23 Main Street by Mr & Mrs Jonathan and Victoria Coy.</p>	<p>No objections</p>

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

Ref: 08/02155/FUL – Extension to hotel to provide 21 no. Bedrooms also alterations to landscaping and car park area at The Millfield, White Rose Close by Whitbread Group Plc.

Ref: 08/02289/FUL – Single-storey pitched roof rear extension at Wetherby Whaler, Ings Lane by Wether Whaler Restaurant.

Ref: 08/02379/LBC – Internal alterations in connection with loft conversion and 2no. Roof lights to rear at Fruit Farm, 1 Main Street by Mr & Mrs Kitching.

Ref: 08/02499/FUL – Two-storey pitched roof front extension with dormer and single-storey side extension at 12 Linton Road by Mr Michael Lock.

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had refused the following application:

Ref: 08/02509/FUL – Implement store and open hay storage at Woodhouse Farm, Lords Lane by Mr Charles Chisholme.

09/009 – PARISH COUNCIL LAND – TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

No Report

(b) The Moat Fields

A quotation for £450.00 from Ryland Horticulture for work to three sycamore trees in the Moat Fields was accepted.

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

A quotation obtained by Network Rail from the City of York Council for £7,695 for refurbishing the car park area was accepted with two conditions.

1. That Network Rail contributes 50% of the cost of the work

2. That Network Rail draw up the revised easement which will allow them access across the car park for 17 tonne vehicles providing no expense falls on the Parish Council

It was noted that the contract would be between Network Rail and the City Council.

At this point in the agenda Councillor Robinson arrived.

09/010 – 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.

10 Dec	Autocrime	Travel Inn White Rose Close
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11 Dec	Autocrime	Travel Inn White Rose Close
19 Dec	Burglary Commercial Premises	Volvo Motors, Ings Lane
19 Dec	Sat Nav taken from vehicle	Foss Walk
21 Dec	Criminal Damage to cables	Millfield Lane
6 Jan	Criminal; Damage to windows smashed	Millfield Lane
6 Jan	Damage to building	Westfield House, Millfield Lane
7 Jan	Damage to construction plant vehicles	London Ebor Business Park

It was noted that some incidents do not appear on the list including the theft of money from Cardland. The Clerk is to enquire as to why items are not listed (**Action Clerk**)

09/011 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE PROVISION OF A YOUTH SHELTER AND GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

Councillor Bradley reported that work on the project is still progressing.

09/012 – to agree progress on the circular public footpath

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the City Council’s Director of Strategy, Bill Wooley, giving him the history of the project and what the Parish Council is trying to do and what the Parish Council would like the City Council to do to help. (**Action Clerk**)

09/013 – TO AGREE NEXT STEPS ON THE PROPOSED NEW KISSING GATE

The Clerk read a letter from Meg Jackson who stated that she did not want the Parish Council to carry out any work on the kissing gate and that she would arrange for a new swing gate to be installed. The Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Miss Jackson to indicate to her the Parish Council’s pleasure that the work will be done and to offer any assistance that may be needed. (**Action Clerk**)

09/014 – TO AGREE TO ARRANGE A LITTER PICK

It was agreed not to carry out a litter pick but a working party to clear the garden by the Allerton Drive shops was arranged for 10.00am on Saturday 24 January when some daffodil bulbs would be planted under the hedge.

09/015 – TO CONSIDER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR LONG RIDGE LANE

It was agreed that a working party comprising Councillors Powell, Robinson and Tomlinson would look at the problem of speeding in the village and report back. (**Action Councillors Powell, Robinson and Tomlinson**)

09/016 – TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF CARS PARKED ON THE VERGES ALONG MAIN STREET WHEN THERE ARE FISHING MATCHES.

It was agreed that the cars belong to the anglers taking part in competitions. The Clerk is to contact the Secretary of the local angling society and ask that he informs the members of the problem with parking cars where they can do damage to the grass verges and daffodils. (**Action Clerk**)

09/017 – TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF CARS PARKED ON THE TRIANGULAR GREEN AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF MAIN STREET & OUSE MOOR LANE.

It was agreed that a notice should be produced advising the drivers of cars parked on the triangle that it is Parish Council land where spring bulbs are planed and not to park there (**Action Clerk**)

09/018 – TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CLUBHOUSE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD IN MILLFIELD LANE.

The plans for the proposed clubhouse had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Junior Football organisers be thanked for the plans and that they have been noted. (**Action Clerk**)

09/019 – TO CONSIDER OFFERING NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY TRUST IN ITS PURSUIT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Craven left the room.

After discussion it was agreed that a letter of support be sent to the Trust (**Action Clerk**)

Councillor Craven returned to the meeting.

Councillor Shannon left the meeting at this point in the agenda

09/020 – COUNCILLOR TRAINING. TO DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT A FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SEMINAR.

It was agreed that Councillor Shannon be asked if she would like to attend one of the forthcoming seminars.

9021 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Councillor Robinson reported on

(i.) The School Governors' meetings held on 1 December 2008 and 19 January 2009.

(ii.) The Wildlife Trust meeting held on 2 December 2008 when a small working party met at the Wildlife Area. During the morning paths were cleared of leaves, dead branches were removed for burning and the area generally tidied up before the onset of winter. In addition all the bird boxes were cleaned and replaced except for one that needed repair and another that was beyond repair. The next working party will, among other work, remove the floating moorhen nesting platform from the middle of the pond for repair and cleaning before it is put back in place. The nesting platform has been a great success. In the five or six years it has been in place on the pond it has been in use constantly by the resident moorhens who have raised two or three broods per year using the nesting platform.

(b) Councillor Powell reported that

The York Open Planning Forum now had a website that showed the buildings included in the Local List. This can be found at www.yorklocalist.org.uk

09/022 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/Time	Councillors Attending
5 February	YLCA York Branch	Dunnington 7.30pm	Bradley, Powell
10 February	Ward Committee	Poppleton Centre 6.30pm	All
23 February	School Governors	Poppleton Ousebank School	Bradley, Robinson

09/023 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Minor Matters

It was agreed that Councillors would appreciate a visit to the new Manor School if Councillor Bradley could arrange it.

Items for next agenda

None.

09/024 – TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2009

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm at The Poppleton Centre on Monday 16 February 2009.

The meeting closed at 10.01 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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