

## NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 20 JULY 2009

#### PRESENT:

Cllr. G A Bradley (Chairman)

Cllr. J L Craven

City Councillor Ian Gillies

Cllr. E M Jones

Cllr. P H F Powell

Ms R Egan, Head of Transport Planning, City of  
York Council

Cllr. C Robinson

Cllr. J Shannon

Cllr. D M Tomlinson

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

Ruth Egan, the City Council's Head of Transport Planning, gave a résumé of the difference between 20mph zones and 20mph limits.

- The Department for Transport's (DfT) guidance is for 20mph limits on A and B roads, not for residential roads
- The DfT is currently consulting on a new road safety strategy and is looking at speed limits. This includes whether 20mph limits/zones are appropriate
- A 20mph zone must include traffic calming measures
- A 20mph limit is marked by repeater signs 200 metres apart
- A speed limit would be self-enforcing and would, under current legislation, be introduced where the current average speed is no more than 24mph
- Research shows that the introduction of a 20mph limit reduces average speed between one and two miles per hour
- Portsmouth is currently testing a city-wide 20mph limit on residential roads. This had been phased in over a two-year period and has cost about £500,000. Results are being assessed by the DfT and are due to be published at the end of September
- The police do not object to the introduction of 20mph limits providing they are self-enforcing
- Other authorities are thinking about 20mph limit schemes. The City of York Council received a petition in 2008 and is introducing a 20mph pilot scheme in Fishergate. It will take a year to assess the scheme
- One of the benefits of a scheme is the possible reduction in the severity of casualties
- York does not have many casualties. There are no clusters of casualties
- A wider benefit of a scheme is that it gives a better community feel to an area. Priority moves from cars to other road users. This could encourage more people to walk or cycle leading to a reduction in car usage and less pollution.

The Councillors asked Ruth a number of questions

Councillor Robinson said that a scheme in Poppleton would not necessarily reduce the speed of vehicles but may alter drivers' priorities

Councillor Craven asked what sanctions could be taken against a driver who continuously breaks the speed limit. Only the police can take enforcement action

City Councillor Gillies said that the City Council had looked at York. There are no accident black-spots. The police aren't happy about 20mph schemes as they haven't the manpower to enforce them. Some City Councillors have been organising petitions for their areas and about ten petitions have been produced to date.

The Chairman thanked Ruth for her presentation.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

## **09/118 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS**

None.

## **09/119 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Councillors being present there were no apologies for absence.

## **09/120 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2009**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2009, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

## **09/121 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JUNE 2009**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 June 2009, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

## **09/122 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported on the following:-

- The planning application by Poppleton Tigers for a clubhouse has been approved
- Litter bins are to be provided outside Manor School
- The litter bin by the Millennium Green has been replaced
- The possibility of the Parish Council asking for a barrier to be installed on the A1237/Millfield Lane roundabout to help prevent lorries leaving the road and ending up in the field with the horses as has happened on a couple of occasions
- A consultation about the proposed A59 Park and Ride is being arranged for 19 August at the Poppleton Centre but the date has yet to be confirmed
- PC Daniels has been trained on the use of a speed gun. The Police set the priorities for the use of the gun

## **09/131 – TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATION OF 20MPH SPEED LIMIT IN THE VILLAGE**

It was agreed to bring this item forward to this point on the agenda.

There followed a discussion on the possibility of having 20mph limits and 20mph zones. It was agreed that residents would be consulted about the subject by means of a Parish Council Newsletter. It was resolved that the Parish Council requests the City of York Council to implement a 20mph safety zone to be installed to cover the entrance and exit to the football field (OS 6031) in Millfield Lane. Discussion on the introduction of a 20mph zone in the village was deferred until a later date.

## **09/123 - CLERK'S REPORT:**

*(a) Progress on the proposed memorial seat near the War Memorial (Min. 09/098a)*

It was reported that the seat has now been installed.

*(b) Progress on cutting back the vegetation on footpath no. 4 (Min. 09.098b)*

The Clerk reported having received an email from the City Council saying that the vegetation will be cut this week. The Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction that the vegetation hadn't been cut since the June meeting. It was agreed that the subject be considered at the next meeting.

*(c) Progress on the repairs to the Cartshed (Min. 09/102f)*

The Clerk reported that Ken Falkingham had replaced the broken gutter and tiles at the Cartshed.

## **09/124 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

*09/124/1-* The Clerk referred to the following items:-

- (a) CYC - Wick-kid Mobile 2009 posters – displayed on notice boards
- (b) J Parker Dutch Bulbs - Wholesale Catalogue - Autumn 2009
- (c) Marston Moor Internal Drainage Board - Audit Notice – displayed on the notice boards

09/124/2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the June meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - Issue 64, July 2009
- (b) CPRE North Yorkshire - Issue 1 - summer 2009
- (c) CYC - Development Control Seminar - 11 July, details
- (d) CYC - LDF - Core Strategy papers
- (e) CYC – Monthly planning report including the Poppleton Junior Football Club’s proposed clubhouse
- (f) CYC - Streets Ahead, July 2009
- (g) NALC - LCR, Summer 2009
- (h) Poppleton Community Trust – papers for meeting on 21 July 2009
- (i) SLCC - Conference 8 September 2009 notice
- (j) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 8 June
- (k) YLCA - Annual Report 2008-9 etc
- (l) YOPF - Newsletter, July 2009

## 09/125 - FINANCE

### (a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 20 July 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 20 July were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£21,226.68
National Savings Investment Account	£14,513.65

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

1216	M Drury	Moat Fields weed spraying	£200.00
1217	Dean Landscapes Ltd	Grass cutting	£378.50
1218	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire	£27.00
1219	LexisNexis	Local Council Administration	£59.05
1220	NALC	LCR subscription	£13.50
1221	James Mackman	Salary – July plus back-dated pay	£484.46
1222	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI – July	£35.79
1223	James Mackman	Expenses	£98.14

### (c) Income Received

Nil

### (d) To consider donations for the current financial year

It was agreed that the following donations be made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:

1 <sup>st</sup> Poppleton Scout Group	£100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Poppleton Brownies	£100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Poppleton Guides	£100
Poppleton Luncheon Club	£60
Poppleton Wildlife Trust	£200
PopSOC	£100

It was agreed that under Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972 £150 be given to the Church towards 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.

It was also agreed to release the £2,500 revenue grant to the Poppleton Community Trust and £1,000 to the Poppleton Youth Action Group.

### (e) To agree to part fund the cost of the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of Charles Arnold Baker's Local Council Administration

It was agreed to pay the invoice for this publication. When the yearly administration cost adjustment is made the charge to the Parish Council will be reduced accordingly.

## 09/126 - 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 application:

Ref: 09/01132/TCA – Fell Conifer (T1-T2) and Sycamore (T3), Reduce several side branches by 20% Cherry (T4) Trees in the Conservation Area at 2 Hillcrest Avenue by Mrs Stott.	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 four applications:

Ref: 09/00474/FUL (revised design) – Erection of one and two-storey club house, extended car parking, cycle park and bin store. Retention of 1 no. storage building at OS Field 6031, Millfield Lane by Mr Val Duggan.

Ref: 09/00640/FUL – Single-storey pitched roof side and rear extensions, block paving to front, after demolition of existing garage at 70 Millfield Lane by Dr A Mountford.

Ref: 09/00828/FUL – Implement store and open hay storage (resubmission) at Woodhouse Farm, Lords Lane by Mr Charles Chisholm.

Ref: 09/01033/FUL – Erection of brick wall on the west boundary line at Town Farm, 27 Church Lane by Dr G Jackson.

(c) *To note arrangements for the Councillors' visit to Haxby Town Council's Planning Committee meeting*

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for Councillors to attend the Haxby Town Council Planning Committee meeting to be held at Haxby Council Offices at 7.30pm on Monday 7 September 2009. Councillors Bradley and Powell agreed to attend the meeting. (**Action Councillors Bradley & Powell**)

## 09/127 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) *Grass cutting*

No report.

(b) *The Moat Fields*

Councillor Craven reported the following from the recent Moat Fields Management Committee meeting.

**Notices and gates** - It was reported that there had been persistent damage to all notices recently placed at the entrance to the field, both those related to the temporary closure caused by spraying the Balsam and nettles and those requesting that dogs be on a lead. In addition the chain had been levered off, out of its containment with strong staples. This has been reported to the police but no one has seen the miscreant(s). Future signs under the name of the Parish Council insisting that dogs be on a lead will be securely attached to the main gate and adjacent to the entrance from the Millennium field and these will be of cast metal.

**Parking** – cars have been seen parked too close to the main gate to allow access by large vehicles to the field. To prevent this 3 small 'No Parking' notices will be attached to the 3 car parking spaces nearest to the gate on the wall of the churchyard (subject to the permission of the church).

**Keyholders** – it was accepted that Andrew Sykes was a legal keyholder. A new lock, apparently owned by the Environment Agency, has been noted on the daisy-chain of locks. This would be investigated.

**Dog control** – see notices referred to above. The Millennium field gate would be closed for one month with a notice explaining this was in order to persuade dog owners of their responsibilities.

The Councillors noted the report.

*(c) Update on car park*

The Clerk reported that the solicitor had said that Network Rail have not signed the easement. Neither have they billed the Parish Council for its share of the cost of refurbishing the car park. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not pay the bill until Network Rail have signed the easement.

*(d) Update on claim for damages to the hawthorn*

The Clerk reported having sent an insurance claim to the insurers of the driver whose car demolished the hawthorn hedge in Main Street.

*(e) To agree to request a quotation for work to the ash tree at Ash Keys, Main Street*

It was agreed to seek a quotation for remedial work needed to this tree. The question of ownership of the tree will be discussed at the August meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

**09/128 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING**

The following schedule of incidents in Nether Poppleton had been received from Nigel Colley PCSO 5642, Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

16 June	Criminal damage - Play equipment damaged in a garden	Millfield Lane
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**09/129 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROGRESS ON THE PROVISION OF A YOUTH SHELTER AND GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION**

The Clerk reported that Yorventure had asked for some more photographs of the area where the proposed youth shelter will be built which he had taken and sent.

**09/130 – TO AGREE PROGRESS ON THE CIRCULAR PUBLIC FOOTPATH**

Councillor Craven reported having spoken to Richard Hoyland, the City Council's Assistant Public Rights of Way Officer in an endeavour to have the City Council move forward on implementing the circular footpath. He is waiting for Mr Hoyland to supply him with information which may enable the project to move forward.

**09/131 – TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATION OF 20MPH SPEED LIMIT IN THE VILLAGE**

See minute above.

**09/132 – TO CONSIDER THE PRODUCTION OF A SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed to produce an autumn Newsletter. There was a discussion about what articles should appear in the Newsletter. Amongst those discussed were 20mph zones and 20mph limits, St Everilda's car park resurfacing, the planter by the Allerton Drive shops and the proposed youth shelter. Councillor Shannon agreed to write an article about the Common Land. Councillor Bradley is to put the Newsletter together from articles supplied to him. **(Action all Councillors)**

**09/133 - TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE SLCC REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN WAKEFIELD**

It was agreed that Councillors Jones and Robinson and the Clerk should attend the conference at a cost of £125 plus travelling expenses. **(Action Clerk)**

**09/134 - TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE SCARBOROUGH YLCA CONFERENCE**

It was agreed that Councillor Powell attend this conference and that the Parish Council would fund the cost plus his travelling expenses.

**09/135 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

(a) *Councillor Bradley* reported on the Poppleton Youth Action Group meeting held on 13 July. Minutes of the meeting are to be circulated.

(b) *Councillor Powell* reported on:-

- (i) The Ward Committee meeting held at Askham Bryan College on 1 July.
- (ii) The YLCA AGM held on 18 July.

**09/136 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
21 July	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Tomlinson
18 August	York Open Planning Forum	Denham Room, Priory Street/ 7.30pm	Tomlinson, Powell
19 August?	Ward Committee – A59 Park & Ride consultation	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	All
8 September	SLCC “One Day” Conference	Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield/ 10.00am to 3.45pm	Jones, Robinson and Clerk

**09/137 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

*Minor Matters –*

The City Council had offered to provide a free bench between two planters providing the Parish Council agreed to accept it by 21 July. It was agreed to accept the City’s offer and that the bench/planter would be installed behind the bollards on the pavement at the corner of Allerton Drive and Ebor Way.

*Items for next agenda –*

- To agree the treatment of Himalayan Balsam on the Common Land between Riverside Gardens and Riversvale Drive
- To consider asking the City Council to agree that the Parish Council takes responsibility for clearing the vegetation on Footpath No.4 providing that funds are made available
- To consider work to the Common Land at the corner of Riversvale Drive and Main Street
- To consider the future of the Millennium Green
- To consider asking the Highways Authority to install a barrier to prevent lorries from leaving the road on the roundabout at the Millfield Lane/A1237 junction

**09/138 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2009**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm at the Poppleton Centre on Monday 17 August 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chairman.....

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