

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2009

PRESENT:

Cllr. P H F Powell (Chairman)

Cllr. J L Craven

Cllr. E M Jones

Cllr. C Robinson

Cllr. J Shannon

Cllr. D M Tomlinson

One member of the public

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

As the Chairman, Councillor Bradley, was on holiday the Councillors agreed that Vice Chairman Councillor Powell should act as Chairman for the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

09/139 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

09/140 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. G A Bradley.

09/141 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2009

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 July 2009, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

09/142 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

No report.

09/143 - CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) *Progress on cutting back the vegetation on footpath no. 4 (Min. 09.123b)*

The vegetation alongside the footpath has been cut back

(b) *Progress on the installation of the planter/bench by the Allerton Drive shops (Min. 09/137)*

The City Council has not yet installed the planter/bench.

09/144 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

09/144/1- The Clerk referred to the following items:-

(a) A letter from the City Council giving information about a consultation meeting on 9 September about the proposed A59 Park & Ride

(b) A letter from NHS North Yorkshire and York advising that the application for a pharmacy by the Old Forge Surgery had been rejected

(c) A letter from Pauline Craven thanking the Parish Council for the donation to the Wildlife Trust

(d) A letter from the York & District CAB thanking the Parish Council for its donation

09/144/2 - *It was agreed that the correspondence received since the July meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

(a) CYC – Review of the Statement of Principles Gambling 2005 consultation

(b) Home Instead - Presentation invitation

(c) Rural Action Yorkshire - Country Air, Summer 2009

(d) West & City Centre Planning sub-committee papers

09/145 - FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 17 August 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 17 August were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£13,341.93
National Savings Investment Account	£14,513.65

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

1224	YLCA	FOI seminar – South Kirkby	£100.00
1225	Poppleton Community Trust	Revenue grant	£2,500.00
1226	Poppleton Luncheon Club	Donation	£60.00
1227	Poppleton Youth Action Group	Grant	£1,000.00
1228	Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£50.00
1229	Poppleton Wildlife Trust	Grant	£200.00
1230	PopSOC	Donation	£100.00
1231	1 st Poppleton Scouts	Donation	£100.00
1232	2 nd Poppleton Brownies	Donation	£100.00
1233	2 nd Poppleton Guides	Donation	£100.00
1234	St Everilda's Church	Grant towards grass cutting in the churchyard	£150.00
1235	Moat Fields Management Group	Grant	£2,500.00
1236	Dean Landscapes Ltd	Grass cutting - June	£378.50
1238	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire - July	£18.00
1239	SLCC Enterprises	Wakefield seminar	£125.00
1240	James Mackman	Salary - August	£444.57
1241	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI	£120.35
1242	James Mackman	Expenses	£66.18

(c) Income Received

The Sealed Knot	Cartshed rent	£75.00
H M Customs & Revenue	VAT refunds	£280.14

(d) To consider making a contribution towards the Clerk's new computer

After discussion it was agreed to make a contribution of £100.00 towards the cost of the Clerk's new computer.

09/146 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following planning applications

For the first time for many years there were no planning applications to consider.

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that the Local Planning Authority had approved 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.

09/147 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

It was agreed that the grass on the Common Land should be cut again within the next two weeks and the subject of a further cut be discussed at the September meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) The Moat Fields

i. Pollarding along the river bank

It was agreed that Gerry Jackson be asked to arrange for the willows along the river bank to be pollarded in order to restore the views of the river. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the work. **(Action Clerk)**

ii. Gate fastenings

The gate at the bottom of the track through the Moat Fields is currently tied up with string. It was agreed to ask Gerry Jackson to arrange for a more permanent fixing for the gate to enable it to be opened and closed without difficulty. **(Action Clerk)**

iii. Other items

None.

(c) Update on car park

The Clerk reported having received an invoice from Network Rail for £3,847.50 being 50% of the cost of refurbishing the car park. It was agreed that the invoice should not be paid until Network Rail have signed and returned the easement.

(d) Update on claim for damages to the hawthorn

No report. The matter is still in the hands of the insurance company.

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

It was agreed to accept the quotation of £360 from Sam Dickson for removing the dead branches from the ash tree. The owner of Ash Keys is to be asked for a 50% contribution of the cost of the work.

(f) To agree the treatment of Himalayan Balsam on the Common Land between Riverside Gardens and Riversvale Drive

Councillor Craven reported that he had been advised that Himalayan balsam is best removed by being pulled out. This should happen in June when it's high enough to be pulled without breaking and again in early August before the seeds have time to develop. As the plants are now in full seed it was agreed that quotations for strimming the area should be obtained. The Clerk was authorised to issue an order for the strimming after consultation with the Councillors. **(Action Clerk)**

There are many nettles in the area. Councillor Shannon agreed to consult with Mrs Brown as to what treatment would be appropriate. **(Action Councillor Shannon)**

(g) To consider work on the Common Land at the corner of Riversvale Drive and Main Street

It was agreed that quotations be sought for the removal of the dead tree and the clearance of the land. **(Action Clerk)**

09/148 - 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.

21 July	Car Taken	Main street
27 July	Cycle theft - Good CCTV , Progressing	Manor school
2 August	Cycle theft - Insecure cycle taken from front garden	Esk Drive

09/149 – TO DISCUSS THE SHORTFALL IN THE GRANT RECEIVED FOR THE PROPOSED YOUTH SHELTER

The Clerk reported that Yorventure had just advised him that the project had been awarded a 90% grant for the cost of the shelter and that the paperwork would be sent within the next few days. One of the conditions attached to the grant is that 10% of the grant is sent to Yorwaste. It was agreed that a cheque

for £946 be sent. **(Action Clerk)**

09/150 – TO AGREE PROGRESS ON THE CIRCULAR PUBLIC FOOTPATH

Councillor Craven reported having again spoken to Richard Hoyland, the City Council’s Assistant Public Rights of Way Officer. Mr Hoyland is endeavouring to establish the ownership of four tracts of land over which the proposed footpath would travel. He suggests that the Parish Council ask for a permissive path rather than a public right of way as this is more likely to be accepted by the landowners. It was agreed that Councillor Craven and the Clerk would consult on the contents of a letter to Mr Hoyland setting out the Parish Council’s chosen route for the footpath. **(Action Councillor Craven and Clerk)**

09/151 – TO NOTE PROGRESS ON THE PRODUCTION OF AN AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Councillor Shannon presented a draft report on the Common Land. There was a debate on whether or not the report should be reproduced in its entirety in the Newsletter. Councillor Shannon was thanked for the work that she had put into the report.

09/152 – TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

It was agreed that the current state of the vegetation in the Millennium Green prevented the area from being used in the way that the Trust Deed says it should. After discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council writes to the Trustees of the Millennium Green expressing concern and dismay at the present state of the Green and that it would be grateful if the Trustees would inform the Parish Council as to their current and long term strategy for the area. **(Action Clerk)**

09/153 – 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

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not seek to take responsibility for clearing the vegetation along the footpath.

09/154 – TO AGREE REPRESENTATION AT POPPLETON COMMUNITY TRUST EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

In response to a letter from the Poppleton Community Trust the Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should continue its practice of sending observers to Trust meetings and not have a Councillor serving as a representative or Trustee. **(Action Clerk)**

09/155 - TO CONSIDER JOINING THE BIG TIDY UP

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not join this organisation.

09/156 - TO CONSIDER ASKING THE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY TO INSTALL A BARRIER TO PREVENT LORRIES FROM LEAVING THE ROAD ON THE MILLFIELD LANE/A1237 ROUNDABOUT

After discussion it was agreed that the installation of a barrier is a matter for the Highways Authority, not the Parish Council.

09/157 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

Councillor Tomlinson referred to the Poppleton Community Trust Executive meeting held on 21 July.

09/158 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
18 August	York Open Planning Forum	Denham Room, Priory Street/ 7.30pm	Tomlinson, Powell
18 August	Ward Committee – A59 Park & Ride consultation	Poppleton Centre/ 6.30pm	All
25 August	Rural West York Team	Guildhall, Room 2/ 10.30am	Powell, Tomlinson

7 September	Haxby Town Council Planning	The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby/ 7.30pm	Bradley, Powell, Clerk
8 September	SLCC "One Day" Conference	Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield/ 10.00am to 3.45pm	Jones, Robinson and Clerk
9 September	Park & Ride	Poppleton Centre/ 1.30pm	Powell, Jones, Craven, Robinson, Clerk
9 September	Poppleton Community Trust Exec	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Shannon
1 October	YLCA York Branch	New Earswick Folk Hall/ 7.30pm	Bradley, Powell
5 October	Poppleton Community Trust AGM	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	All
7 October	Ward Committee	TBA	All

09/159 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Minor Matters –

None.

Items for next agenda –

- The state of the Millennium Green
- PCT capital grant

09/160 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2009

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm at the Poppleton Centre on Monday 21 September 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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