

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT:

Cllr. G A Bradley (Chairman)

Cllr. J L Craven

Cllr. E M Jones

Cllr. P H F Powell

Cllr. C Robinson.

Cllr. J Shannon

Cllr. D M Tomlinson

For Public Participation there were ten residents
and a journalist from The Press

City Councillor Ian Gillies

One member of the public

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

10/189 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

Councillors Shannon declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item **10/197a** Refs: 10/01912/FUL and 10/01913/FUL.

10/190 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A spokesperson for concerned residents of Poppleton Hall Gardens gave detailed reasons why the proposed demolition of 11 Poppleton Hall Gardens and the proposed building of three houses on the then accessible land behind 25 Church Lane should not be allowed.

Ten residents attended this part of the meeting together with a journalist from The Press.

Councillors asked a number of questions.

Dr Jackson addressed the meeting and gave his views on the breaches of planning rules that the two applications would commit.

10/191 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies for absence.

10/192 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2010

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 September 2010, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

It was agreed that the agenda item on planning applications should be brought forward to this point on the agenda so that the residents could listen to the Councillors discussion without having to sit through other subjects.

10/197 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

* At this point Councillor Shannon vacated the room.

The Chairman outlined to the residents how the Parish Council approached planning applications submitted for its consideration.

Councillor Powell gave the view of the Planning Committee to the two proposals and confirmed that all Councillors had been given the Committee's proposals prior to the meeting.

After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept the Planning Committee's report which was as follows

Ref: 10/01912/FUL – Erection of 3no dwellings with associated access following the demolition of no. 11

Poppleton Hall Gardens at Town Farmhouse, 25 Church Lane by Mr Robin Garland.

The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out below.

- Site is within the Nether Poppleton Conservation Area and is a protected Open Space.
- If the proposal were to go ahead, it would change the character of the Conservation Area.
- No justification has been given for demolition of No.11 Poppleton Hall Gardens.
- No application has been submitted for removal of trees, work to the canopy or cutting back root growth.
- This also applies to trees at No.10 Poppleton Hall Gardens and nos 25 and 27 Church Lane.
- Site is not listed nor identified as possible development land in LGF.
- Application is contrary to “Planning Policy Statement 3. Housing” excluding residential gardens from the definition of previously developed land.
- Works will cause a change in street scene in Poppleton Hall Gardens, interrupting the existing 1960’s styles with 21st Century development and not add enhancement to the area. The style of building is totally against examples of existing development and pushes the extent of the built environment too far.
- We understand that North Yorkshire County Council (previous owners to the land) as a condition of sale of the farmhouse and land included a covenant to prohibit future development so as to protect the green space and wooded area bounded to the north by the River Ouse.
- The Planning Inspectorate has already commented on proposals for backland development in Church Lane by rejecting in 2001 an application on appeal in order to protect the key characteristics of the Conservation Area including long gardens and views of the site from the footpath across the river.
- The site will be visible to the public from properties in Poppleton Hall Gardens, Church Lane, the Moat Field, River Ouse and the footpath on the opposite bank.
- An Otter halt has been established within 50 metres of the site. The exact location has not been released but the relevant authorities are aware and protection procedures are in place.
- Due to the adjacent Moat Field being an important Scheduled Ancient Monument under the care of English Heritage, a full archaeological survey and conditions will be needed.
- We support comments by other objectors on the impact of parking in the street.
- Should this proposal be approved the Parish Council will be looking for a contribution towards sustainability projects via a Section 106 contribution.
- We also request the withdrawal of future development rights for all the proposed buildings.

Ref: 10/01913/FUL – Demolition of dwelling at 11 Poppleton Hall Gardens by Mr Robin Garland.

This application is for the demolition of No.11 Poppleton Hall Gardens although the supporting paperwork all relates to the development behind No.25 Church Lane to which the Parish Council has already laid objections.

Nether Poppleton Parish Council objects to this proposal on the following grounds:-

- Site is within the Nether Poppleton Conservation Area.
- If the proposal were to go ahead, it would change the character of the Conservation Area
- No justification has been given for demolition of no 11 Poppleton Hall Gardens.
- Site is not listed nor identified as possible development land in LGF.
- Application is contrary to “Planning Policy Statement 3. Housing” excluding residential gardens from the definition of previously developed land.
- Works will cause a change in street scene in Poppleton Hall Gardens, interrupting the existing 1960’s styles.
- The site will be visible to the public from properties in Poppleton Hall Gardens, Church Lane, the Moat Field, river Ouse and the footpath on the opposite bank.
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The Clerk had circulated a detailed list of current outstanding planning applications prior to the meeting.

(a) Consideration was given to the following applications:

Ref: 10/01903/TCA – Crown area thin to remove heavier upright growth, Walnut Tree in the Conservation Area at 15 Main Street by Mr & Mrs Lennox.	No objections
Ref: 10/01914/FUL – Variation of conditions 1, 10, and 11 of approved planning permission 09/00474/FUL for the erection of a clubhouse with extended car park to allow development to proceed without the proposed grasscrete parking at Playing Field, Millfield Lane by Mr Val Duggan.	No objections
Ref: 10/02008/FUL – Single-storey rear extension at 12 Calder Avenue by Mrs H Woodall.	No objections
Ref: 10/02068/TCA – Fell Pine (T1): Tree in the Conservation Area at 12 Church Lane by Mrs Walsh.	No objections

(b) *To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

- Ref: 10/01610/FUL – Erection of single-storey workshop/valet building at Alexander's, Great North Way by Mr David Alexander.
- Ref: 10/01662/FUL – First floor extension to rear elevation at 21 Midway Avenue by Mr & Mrs Drury.

10/193 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported that

- The Ward Committee is to fund a 10-metre climbing wall for the 2011 Children's Sports Day
- The City Council is hoping to take over the responsibility for the play park in Poppleton Park from the developers
- There will be a Ward Committee meeting on 20 October
- He read a number of facts from the newly drafted Ward Profile

10/194 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported

(a) *Progress on Information Commissioner (Min. 10/172c)*

The Clerk reported having received the paperwork needed to make the application to the Information Commissioner.

(b) *Progress on the proposed bus stop in Main Street (Min. 10/172e)*

No news on the subject.

(c) *Progress on tidying the Allerton Drive garden (Min. 10/176f)*

It was reported that a working party had met on 14 October and had removed all the seeded sycamore

trees, cut the hedge and crown lifted the purple leaf prunus. The cuttings had been removed through the use of a number of green wheelie bins which local residents had volunteered. The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk who carried out the work.

10/195 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

10/195/1 - The Clerk referred to the following items:-

- (a) CYC - Your Council Needs You posters
- (b) Rural Action Yorkshire - AGM notice
- (c) York & District CAB - AGM notice
- (d) York Carers - Request to attend and address meeting

10/195/2 – *It was agreed that the correspondence received since the September meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

- (a) McInerney Homes - Building Better Communities
- (b) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority - Summary of accounts - 2009-10
- (c) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 13 September

10/196 – FINANCE

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 18 October 2010. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 18 October were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£32,129.79
National Savings Investment Account	£14,555.70

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

1341	Poppleton Community Trust	Grant	£5,000.00
1342	SLCC	Working With Your Council updates	£19.50
1343	SLCC – N Yorks Branch	Tadcaster Course	£20.00
1344	Peter Powell	Travelling expenses	£85.32
1345	BTCV	Pond work	£494.00
1346	Mazars	External audit fee	£285.00
1347	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – September	£19.40
1348	James Mackman	Salary – October	£459.20
1349	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI – October	£127.34
1350	James Mackman	Expenses	£37.38

(c) *Income Received*

Friends of Poppleton Tithe Barn Trust	Cartshed rent	£75.00
City of York Council	2 nd half-year's precept	£10,500.00

(d) *To agree that the Clerk should purchase a wreath for Remembrance Day*

It was agreed to acquire a wreath for the Chairman to lay on the War Memorial at 11.00am on 11th November. (**Action Clerk**)

(e) *To receive the report of the external auditor*

The external auditor had made two comments on this year's Annual Return.

- i. The Council failed to submit the Annual Return and supporting information for audit by the date requested.
- ii. Council members should ensure that they have sufficient evidence to support the assertion in Section 2, Box 6 that the Council has "maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit".

(f) *To consider the request from Poppleton Junior Football Club for the release of the grant*

A letter from the Club asking for the agreed grant to be paid now was considered. It was agreed to release the £4,000 immediately. **(Action Clerk)**

10/197 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The minutes for this agenda item are written above.

10/198 – PARISH COUNCIL LAND – TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) *Grass cutting*

It was noted that the grass on the Common Land and the verges down Main Street have been cut.

(b) *The Moat Fields*

It was noted that Network Rail have authorised repairs to the fence at the bottom of the Moat Fields. The Clerk reported that he had informed the Moat Fields Management Group of this fact and had given the documentation to Dr Jackson.

(c) *A quotation for work to the willow in the Wildlife area*

A quotation of £250 for cutting back the willow was accepted.

(d) *Reviewing the Ryland Horticulture report on Common Land trees*

It was agreed that a working party consisting of Councillors Powell, Jones and Tomlinson would determine the urgency of the work recommended in the report for the Council to agree.

(e) *Trimming back off the highway trees on the Triangle and in Ouse Moor Lane*

It was agreed that quotations should be sought for this work. **(Action Clerk)**

(f) *Removing two dead trees on the Common Land*

It was agreed that quotations should be sought for this work. **(Action Clerk)**

(g) *The purchase of daffodil bulbs*

It was agreed to purchase 2,000 daffodil bulbs which are to be planted as soon as possible. **(Action Clerk)**

10/199 – 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.

7 Sep	Theft	Millfield Lane	BP Garage
9 Sep	Theft	Cycles taken	Millfield Lane
13 Sep	Theft	Copper taken x 2	Bannatynes Gym
14 Sep	Burglary Other	Garages entered , cycles and tools taken x 4	Millfield Gardens
15 Sep	Theft	Goods taken	BP Garage
22 Sep	Burglary Dwelling	Various items taken	Millfield Lane
3 Oct	Theft	Goods taken (1 Arrest for BP thefts)	BP Garage

PCSO Colley reported that the City of York area is suffering a spate of distraction burglaries. Elderly people are being targeted. 2 - 3 middle aged males attend the property. They say they are from either the Gas Board or Water Board (neither of which now exist). They ask the occupant to turn on the water or a gas appliance in the kitchen. While they are doing this the other males search and steal from other rooms.

10/200 – TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON THE CIRCULAR PUBLIC FOOTPATH

Councillor Craven reported that he had spoken to the City Archivist who had been extremely helpful. He had visited the Borthwick Institute and looked at papers relating to the 1770 Enclosures Act for Nether Poppleton. He is hoping to arrange for a map of the village from Northallerton. He is also going to look at the 1910 Finance Act as he has been advised that this may be helpful. **(Action Councillor Craven)**

10/201 – TO REVIEW THE CONTENT OF THE AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Councillor Bradley produced a draft of the Autumn Newsletter which received broad agreement. Councillor Powell agreed to proof the document. When Councillors have had the chance to read it and offer comments the Newsletter is to be printed by Turpins Associates and distributed by Councillors

10/202 – TO DISCUSS THE ALLERTON PARK WASTE RECYCLING PROPOSALS

Councillor Craven reported on the presentation he had attended at Marton-cum-Grafton. It was resolved that the Parish Council would not take a view on the subject of the proposals at this time.

10/203 – TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A NEW NOTICE BOARD FOR THE VILLAGE

Councillor Craven reported that he had been approached by a resident who expressed difficulty in finding room on the Parish Council notice boards for his posters. Would the Parish Council consider purchasing a new notice board which had a locking door which could display notices in the long term? It was agreed that Councillor Craven would look in to the subject and bring his ideas to the November meeting. **(Action Councillor Craven)**

10/204 – TO DISCUSS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF VILLAGE PATHS AND ROADS

Councillor Craven volunteered to carry out a survey of Main Street. All Councillors agreed to send suggestions to the Chairman.

10/205 – TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A YOUTH SHELTER IN THE VILLAGE

The Chairman reported that there has been a request from the Youth Club for a youth shelter. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

10/206 - TO DISCUSS THE LOCATION OF BUS STOPS IN THE VILLAGE

There was no discussion on this subject.

10/207 – TO DISCUSS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

Discussion on this subject was deferred.

10/208 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

(a) *Councillor Tomlinson* reported on the PCT meeting held on 12 October. All the relating paperwork had been sent to Councillors

(b) *Councillor Powell* reported on

- i. His attendance at the Scarborough Weekend Conference. He presented papers relating to the Conference which are to be circulated
- ii. The YLCA York Branch meeting held on 7 October

(d) *Councillor Jones* reported that she has been co-opted as a non-voting Governor of Manor School with responsibility for curriculum development. She has already attended a think-tank on the subject.

10/209 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
19 Oct	Moat Fields Management Committee	The Old Vicarage, Church Lane/ 7.30pm	Craven, Robinson
20 Oct	Ward Committee	Copmanthorpe School/ 7.00pm	All
25 Oct	Police Team	Poppleton Centre/ 2.00pm	Powell

11 Nov	Armistice Day – wreath laying	War Memorial, Main Street/ 11.00am	All
12 Nov	Ward Team	Poppleton Centre/ 11.00am	Powell
27 Nov	Rural Action Yorkshire AGM	East Keswick/ 10.30am	Powell
29 Nov	Poppleton Community Trust Executive Committee	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Tomlinson

10/210 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Minor Matters

None.

Items for next agenda –

None

10/211 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm at the Poppleton Centre on Monday 15 November 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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