

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 19 MARCH 2012

PRESENT:

Cllr. P H F Powell (Acting Chairman) City Cllr. Ian Gillies
Cllr. E M Jones One member of the public
Cllr. J Shannon
Cllr. D M Tomlinson Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

12/052 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

12/053 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

12/054 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. G A Bradley, J L Craven and P Hawkins.

12/055 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2012

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 February 2012, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

12/056 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Cllr. Ian Gillies reported that:

- The City Council has agreed funding to replace the missing street lights. It is hoped that the lights will be in place within three months.
- The Beckfield Lane tip is due to be permanently closed from 15 April 2012. A petition with more than 1,000 signatures has prompted a debate at full Council so the decision may be rescinded
- The City Council has reduced the grant given to Rural West York Ward.
- Only £75,000 is to be allocated over all 22 Parish Councils in the City
- Parish Councils are now excluded from asking for funding from the Ward Committee budget
- The City Council has allocated £130,000 to be administered by a non-elected body
- The sum of £4,000 that had been allocated by the Ward Committee to the Youth Club has been cancelled. Councillor Gillies is to make representation to full Council in the hope of securing funding for independent youth services
- The City Council has released funds to buy the field in which the A59 Park & Ride site is to be built. Assuming Government funding is still forthcoming, construction work is due to start in January/February 2013

12/057 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported

(a) *Progress on the problem with the surfacing of the footpath between Dodsworth Hall and Hillcrest Avenue (Min. 12/029a)*

No progress was reported on this subject. The Clerk had tried contact the City Council today only to find that his contact wasn't working on Monday and her colleague is on holiday for a week. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) *Progress on moving the bus stop in Main Street (Min. 12/040)*

The City Council has been asked to put in hand the procedure for moving the bus stop.

(c) *Progress on the grant application for repairs to the War Memorial (Min. 12/043)*

The Clerk reported having sent a completed Expression of Interest form, a copy of the letter from the structural engineer and seven photographs of the War Memorial to the War Memorial Trust.

(d) Result of the village litter pick (Min. 12/044)

Four Councillors, three members of the public and the Clerk took part in the litter pick. Allerton Drive garden and the verges in Main Street between the Community Centre and the War Memorial were cleared of rubbish. Eight bags of rubbish were collected.

12/058 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

12/058/1 - The Clerk either read or referred to the following items:-

- (a) A letter from the City Council offering local voluntary sector groups, charities, surgeries and small businesses up to two high quality cycle stands free of charge. Each stand holds two bikes neatly and securely. It was agreed that the Tithe Barn Trustees should be made aware of the offer. **(Action Clerk)**
- (b) A 5-day notice of felling a tree at 32 Church Lane
- (c) A note from the YLCA of a "Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning" event at The Quality Hotel at South Milford on 24 March. Councillor Hawkins had said he would attend.

12/058/2 – *It was agreed that the correspondence received since the February meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - March 2012, Issue 80
- (b) Open Spaces Society - Open Space - Spring 2012, Volume 30, No. 3
- (c) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 13 February
- (d) NALC paper on Predetermination

12/059 – FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 19 March 2012. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 19 March were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£39,572.22
National Savings Investment Account	£14,613.98

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

1469	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire February	£19.90
1470	James Mackman	Salary – March	£459.20
1471	Post Office Ltd	Income tax – March	£114.80
1473	James Mackman	Clerk's expenses	£40.70

(c) Income Received

HSBC	Interest	£4.97
Main Street households	Common Land easement cheques	£20.00
NEDL	Wayleave	£3.45

(d) To release the PCT funding £5,000

Following the receipt of a copy invoice for capital works from the Trust it was agreed to release the £5,000 grant. **(Action Clerk)**

(e) To confirm the replacement of the vandalised notice board in Millfield Lane

Recently the notice board in Millfield Lane had been vandalised beyond repair. The Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, had authorised the purchase of a replacement notice board under his delegated powers. The Councillors confirmed the decision and complimented Ken Falkingham on the speed in which he had carried out the work.

12/060 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk had circulated a detailed list of current outstanding planning applications including applications received since the February Parish Council meeting and considered by the Planning Committee. The table below shows the plans that have been considered by the Parish Council’s Planning Committee and the Planning Committee’s comments. The Parish Councillors confirmed their agreement of the Planning Committee’s comments.

(a) Consideration was given to the following applications:

<p>Ref: 11/03309/FUL – Creation of second floor and single-storey extension with balcony to rear and dormers to front at Sandham House, Main Street by Mr Graham Falcus.</p>	<p>The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed extension will increase an ordinary two-storey house into a three-storey overdominant mansion. 2. The 3rd storey including the proposed pitched roof dormer windows is intrusive development overlooking adjoining gardens and properties to sides and front. 3. The development would appear out of context and detract from the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and its setting. The rear gardens giving access to river frontage are an important part of the Conservation Area. 4. The site is particularly apparent in views from a footpath on the north bank of the river and in longer views of the settlement 5. Irrespective of the design, the siting fails to preserve the traditional pattern of frontage development which characterises the Conservation Area. Extensive glazing at ground and second floor levels on the north elevation will draw attention particularly when the trees are not in leaf. 6. Within Conservation Areas there is a statutory requirement to ensure that developments preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Area. 7. The proposal does not comply with the Poppleton Village Design Statement on a number of points 8. We recommend referral to Conservation Areas Advisory Panel 9. We request the Planning Committee to visit 10. We recommend that the application is refused. <p>If approved we would ask for further development rights to be withdrawn.</p>
<p>Ref: 12/00156/FUL – Amendments to first floor extension to triple garage (previous approved application 11/00854/FUL) to include bin storage area and entrance at</p>	<p>The Parish Council objects on the following planning grounds.</p> <p>The amendment will create a terracing effect</p>

ground floor, enclosure with roof over staircase and veranda to north gable at Oak House, 5 Fox Garth by Mr Jason Coleman.	between the proposed garage block and existing adjacent neighbour's garages. The veranda to the north gable is inappropriate in a Conservation Area.
Ref: 12/00381/FUL – Removal of condition 15 (restricted to football use only) of application 09/00474/FUL for erection of club house with associated parking at Playing Field, Millfield Lane by Mr Val Duggan.	The Parish Council supports the application.
Ref: 12/00923/LBC – Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling (resubmission) at barn to south of Greystone, Church Lane by Mr Watts and Mr Jackson.	No objections

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

- Ref: 11/03409/FUL – Conversion and extension of barn to form new dwelling and erection of detached car barn (resubmission) at Barn to south of Greystone, Church Lane by Miss M Jackson.
- Ref: 12/00081/TCA – Fell Lawson Cypress, Sycamore and Holly x 4 Trees in the Conservation Area at 4 Poppleton Hall Gardens by Mr John Dunning.

(c) To consider the City Council's proposal to introduce electronic planning

Councillor Powell reported on a meeting he had had with Mike Slater, the City Council's Assistant Director (Planning & Sustainable Development), who said that electronic planning would be introduced because an ever increasing number of plans are being submitted electronically. It was agreed that the Parish Council would wait and see the final outcome of the City Council's proposals.

12/061 – PARISH COUNCIL LAND – TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

No report

(b) The Moat Fields

It was reported that there has been trouble recently with people lighting fires, smoking drugs and carrying knives. The police are aware of this activity.

(c) Allerton Drive garden - To agree to pay £100 to The Rain Florist for the upkeep of the planters

It was agreed to pay The Rain Florist the sum of £100 for tending to the two planters opposite the Allerton Drive garden. Councillor Shannon is to contact The Rain Florist and obtain an invoice. **(Action Councillor Shannon and Clerk)**

Cllr. Jones reported that she and Cllr. Shannon had painted the two planters and had sown grass seed on the area where the sycamore tree used to be.

(d) Refurbishment of seven public seats

Ken Falkingham had submitted a report saying that seven of the Parish Council's seats were in need of refurbishment. It was agreed that the seats be refurbished at a cost of £48 per seat. **(Action Clerk)**

12/062 – 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.

6 Feb	Autocrime	Catalytic convertors taken	Millfield Lane
8 Feb	Autocrime	Two vehicles entered	Millfield Gardens
8 Feb	Autocrime	Vehicle entered	Nursery Way
17 Feb	Autocrime	Catalytic convertors taken	Millfield Lane
19 Feb	Burglary dwelling	House entered and vehicle taken	Severn Green
26 Feb	Violence	Possession of a bladed item	Church Lane

PCSO Colley reported

“Crime remains 29% down against last year”.

12/063 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

- (a) Cllr. Jones reported on a meeting she had attended with representatives from the City Council with regards to the traffic management on the building of the A59 Park & Ride. Topics included the village rat run, the build up of traffic from the A1237 to the Red Lion Motel, egress from Station Road and the traffic using Black Dyke Lane as a means of bypassing stationary traffic on the A59.
- (b) Cllr. Tomlinson reported on the Poppleton Community Trust meeting held on 5 March and said that the minutes will be circulated.

12/064 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM COMPETITION WORKING GROUP

Cllr. Hawkins had emailed a report to Cllrs. prior to the meeting. The City Council is to provide planters and hanging baskets. These are to be filled with help from the Poppleton Garden Centre and the Poppleton Community Railway Nursery. Two routes round the village have been worked out; one for the spring judging and one for the summer judging. The Yorkshire in Bloom judges will call at a number of sites and talk to residents who have knowledge of the sites. The Councillors expressed their thanks to Mike Walker who has been the driving force behind the villages’ application to take part in the competition. (**Action Clerk**)

12/065 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PLANS FOR THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It was reported that 14 people had attended the Jubilee meeting held at the Poppleton Centre on 27 February. All Councillors have received a copy of the minutes of the meeting. The next meeting is to be held at the Centre on 27 March.

12/066 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COVENANT ON THE LAND AT 25 CHURCH LANE

No progress to report on this subject.

12/067 – TO CONSIDER PROVIDING A FINGER POST AT THE TOP OF CHURCH LANE

It was agreed that the City Council should be asked to install a sign on the No Through Road post outside School House on the corner of Church Lane and Main Street which will say “TITHE BARN & CHURCH” (**Action Clerk**)

12/068 – TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE POPPLETON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB’S APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL PLAYING SPACE

Representatives from the Poppleton Junior Football Club say that they are having issues about training and pitches and are probably victims of their own success. They are considering asking the City Council if they could acquire the five-acre field between the football field and the village. The field is currently being farmed but the City Council has said that this is under review along with other parcels of land around the City. The Councillors agreed that they would support the Junior Football Club in principle should it decide to try to acquire the field for additional football and/or cricket facilities.

12/069 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE CITY OF YORK CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

Cllr. Powell drew attention to the fact that the Inspector has called an examination of the City's Core Strategy. The hearing is scheduled for 23 April. It is not proposed that the Parish Council is represented.

12/070 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
21 Mar	Rural West Ward Team	18 Back Swinegate/ 10.30am	Powell
21 Mar	York Open Planning Forum	Denham Room, York CVS, Priory Street/ 7.15pm	Powell, Tomlinson
27 Mar	Queen's Diamond Jubilee	Poppleton Centre/ 7.30pm	All
29 Mar	Julian Sturdy MP event	Stockton on Forest Village Hall/ 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Bradley, Powell
3 Apr	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Tomlinson
11 Apr	Understanding Parliamentary Procedures	The Priory Street Centre, 15 Priory Street/ 1.00pm	Jones

12/071– TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Minor Matters

(a) To report the presence of a lot of rubbish at the far end of Great North Way to the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) To report the presence of tyres and black bags in Newlands Lane to the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

Items for next agenda

Future Parish Council funding of the Poppleton Community Trust

12/072- TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 23 APRIL 2012

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.30pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 23 April 2012. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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