

## NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2012

#### **PRESENT:**

Cllr. G A Bradley (Chairman)

City Cllr. Ian Gillies

Cllr. J Craven

Cllr. P Hawkins

Cllr. E M Jones

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

Cllr. P H F Powell

Cllr. D Tomlinson

#### **12/223 – CO-OPTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Christopher Walsh, a resident interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, was introduced and sat as an observer during the meeting.

#### **12/224 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS**

Councillor Hawkins declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 12/231(e).

#### **12/225 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **12/226 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

All Councillors being present there were no apologies for absence.

#### **12/227 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2012**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 September 2012, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

#### **12/228 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

City Cllr. Ian Gillies reported that

- The area at the end of Great North Way which had been occupied by the Travellers has now been cleared of rubbish.
- One of the two hedges overgrowing footpaths has been trimmed back.
- Ward Team meetings are to be held quarterly. There will be no Ward Committee meetings except for the annual meeting.
- Some independent people have been interviewed for the Standards Committee.
- The owner of the caravan which is often parked on the verge outside his house in Millfield Lane has agreed to keep it there for no longer than five days at a time.
- Network Rail have agreed to visit the underpass under the railway line behind Bannatynes proposed as part of the footpath extension to make themselves familiar with the proposal .

#### **12/229 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk reported

(a) *Progress on moving the bus stop in Main Street (Min. 12/205a)*

There was no progress to report on the moving of the bus stop. The Clerk is to pursue the matter with the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) *Progress on work on the willow by the pond (Min. 12/209g)*

Following the September meeting the Clerk had contacted Ryland Horticulture who had quoted the sum of £50 for removing the branch growing over the pond. He had accepted the quotation and authorised the

work which had subsequently been done.

(c) *Progress on the village sign to be erected close to the entrance to Kyle Way (Min. 12/216)*

The City Council has been given the details of the required sign and its preferred location but has not yet replied. **(Action Clerk)**

**12/230 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

*It was agreed that the correspondence received since the September meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

- (a) Came & Co - Autumn Parish Matters Newsletter
- (b) CYC - Consumption of alcohol in public places
- (c) CYC - Keep Your Pet Scheme details
- (d) CYC - Library consultation
- (e) Upper Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 10 September 2012

**12/231 – FINANCE**

(a) *Financial Report*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 15 October 2012. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 15 October were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£42,173.68
National Savings Investment Account	£14,613.98

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

1545	Thorpe Trees Ltd	Moat Fields herbicide treatment	£60.00
1546	M Drury	Spraying Moat Fields	£460.00
1547	Ryland Horticulture	Tree work	£450.00
1548	Summerfield Nursery	Grass cutting & hedge trimming	£312.50
1549	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – September	£20.40
1551	Post Office Ltd	Tax – October	£114.80
1552	James Mackman	Expenses and wreath	£59.55
1553	Peter Powell	Travelling expenses	£31.05
1554	James Mackman	Salary – October	£459.20

(c) *Income Received*

City of York Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> half year's precept	£10,500.00
Moat Fields Management Group	Contribution towards work on the Moat Fields	£520.00

(d) *To agree to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday*

The Clerk reported having already bought the wreath. This action was confirmed.

(e) *To consider an application for a grant for capital works from the Poppleton Community Trust*

The Councillors considered a request from the Poppleton Community Trust for a grant of £1,884 towards the cost of a cooker hood and extraction system in the cafe area. It was resolved to grant the request.

**12/232 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk had circulated a detailed list of current outstanding planning applications including applications received since the September 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.

Ref:	12/02950/FUL – First-floor side	No objections
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extension and single-storey side extension at 61 Millfield Gardens by Mr Rob Whamond.	
Ref: 12/03009/FUL – Single-storey side and rear extension with room in roof at 12 Hawthorne Close by Mr & Mrs Dundas.	No objections
Ref: 12/3091/TPO – Crown clean and prune away from cables, sycamore (T1), tree protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO 1/1970 at 5 Church Lane by Mr Tolley.	No objections

*(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions*

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

- 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.
- Ref: 12/02949/TCA – Crown clean over drive Ash (T1, T2) Trees in the Conservation Area at Ash Keys, Main Street by Mr James Mackman.
- Ref: 12/3091/TPO – Crown clean and prune away from cables, sycamore (T1), tree protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO 1/1970 at 5 Church Lane by Mr Tolley.

**12/233 – PARISH COUNCIL LAND – TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

*(a) Grass cutting*

No report.

*(b) The Moat Fields*

*i. Fishing pegs for the disabled*

The Clerk reported having contacted the York Amalgamation and they were looking into the subject of fishing pegs for the disabled and would be reporting back.

*(c) Allerton Drive garden*

- i. The hedge and grass had been cut since the September meeting.
- ii. It was agreed that The Hedgeman be contacted and asked to replace the blackthorn hedging that has died over the last year. **(Action Clerk)**

*(d) The Cartsheds*

No report.

*(e) Trees on the Common Land*

*i. The location of the new copper beech*

It was agreed that the copper beech that is to be planted in memory of Wally and Elsie Baldock will be located between the recently felled horse chestnut tree and the beck and so placed that the branches of the fully grown tree will not obscure the view of the river from the War Memorial.

*(f) The management of Parish Council woodland*

- i. It was reported that there has been no news about the management plan to be supplied by the Conservation Volunteers. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask when the plan would be produced. **(Action Clerk)**

- ii. It was noted that the broken wooden fence by the beck had not been replaced. **(Action Clerk)**

*(g) Repairs to the War Memorial*

A reply is awaited from the War Memorials Trust to see if a grant is to be awarded for the repairs to the base of the War Memorial. **(Action Clerk)**

### **12/234 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING**

Note of the following incident in Nether Poppleton had been received from Nigel Colley PCSO 5642, Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

6 Sep	Theft	Cycle taken	Millfield Lane
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PCSO Colley reported that crime figures as a whole show a reduction of 26% against last year.

### **12/235 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

- (a) Cllr. Bradley reported on the PYAG AGM held on 10 October.
- (b) Cllr Hawkins said that he would circulate the minutes of the Poppleton Community Trust meeting of 9 October.
- (c) Cllr Powell reported on
  - i. The Ward Team meeting held on 18 September
  - ii. The YLCA York Branch meeting held on 4 October
- (d) Cllr Jones reported that the Manor Academy Head Teacher's Newsletter would be circulated.

### **12/236 - TO NOTE THE RESULT OF THE 2012 YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM COMPETITION**

The Clerk reported that

- The Poppleton villages had received a Silver Gilt award at the Awards Ceremony held at York Racecourse on 18 September.
- Mike Walker had won a raffle prize which was a free entry into the 2013 Competition.
- The judges had said that the entry would have been improved with greater community involvement and more floral displays.
- Eddie Allen and Mike Walker have been planning the villages' entry in the 2013 Competition. They have bought daffodil and tulip bulbs to be planted in the tubs. They are planning to buy 20 more tubs.
- To help with the idea of more community involvement the 2013 Competition will be run by a committee separate from the Parish Council.

The Councillors expressed their pleasure at winning the Silver Gilt award and agreed that letters be sent to Councillor Allen and Mike Walker thanking them for the work that they had put into making the 2012 entry so successful.

### **12/237 – TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE 2013 YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM COMPETITION**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support, in principle, the villages' entry in the 2013 Yorkshire in Bloom Competition. It was also agreed that the Yorkshire in Bloom Group should complete a grant request form if they wanted to apply for funding.

### **12/238 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COVENANT ON THE LAND AT 25 CHURCH LANE**

The City Council had reported that papers relating to the 1998 conveyance transaction have been mislaid. However, the point of the covenant is subjective and open to debate and any future development in the area would need action to enforce the covenant with the burden of proof on the applicant to prove the covenant unenforceable.

### **12/239 - FOOTPATHS - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON**

#### *(a) Diamond Jubilee Footpath extension*

Cllr. Craven reported that an Executive from Network Rail is going to look at the underpass referred to by City Cllr Gillies to familiarise himself with the situation.

#### *(b) Thickpenny Farm*

No news was reported

**12/240 – TO NOTE PROGRESS ON THE NEWSLETTER**

Councillor Bradley produced a draft of the Newsletter and asked that Councillors read it through and notify him of any amendments needed.

**12/241 - TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

It was agreed that none of the Councillors would attend the YLCA training courses in November.

**12/242 – TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE OUSE MOOR LANE TRAFFIC SURVEY**

Three Councillors had surveyed the vehicles travelling out of Ouse Moor Lane between 7.30am and 9.30am. A spreadsheet giving the results of the surveys was considered. It was noted that an average of just 16 cars had been observed during each two-hour period. It was agreed that there was no evidence to support the idea that Ouse Moor Lane is used as a rat run. The Chairman expressed the Parish Council’s thanks to those taking part in the survey.

**12/243 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
18 Oct	Moat Fields Management Group	27 Church Lane/ 7.30pm	Bradley, Jones
25 Oct	York Open Planning Forum AGM	Clementhorpe Room, Priory Street Centre/ 7.30pm	
8 Nov	PYAG	15 Bankside Close/ 8.00pm	Bradley
11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	War Memorial/ 12.00pm	All
13 Nov	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Hawkins

**12/244– TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS**

It was noted that the subject of the Library Consultation had not been included on the agenda. Submissions are due by mid-November. It was agreed that the City Council be asked if the Parish Council could be granted an extension so that it could formulate a reply at the next Parish Council meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

**12/245 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- (a) Library consultation
- (b) Purchase of daffodils
- (c) Proposed budget for 2013-14
- (d) Refurbishment of Millfield Lane village sign

**12/246- TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2012**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 19 November 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

Chairman.....

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