

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2013

PRESENT:

Cllr. G A Bradley (Chairman)

City Cllr. Ian Gillies

Cllr. J Craven

Cllr. P Hawkins

Cllr. E M Jones

Seven members of the public

Cllr. P H F Powell

Cllr. D Tomlinson

Cllr. C S Walsh

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

13/001 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

13/002 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

13/003 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors being present there were no apologies for absence.

13/004 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2012

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 November 2012, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

13/005 - TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF YORK COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Cllr. Ian Gillies reported that

- The No. 20 bus has now been diverted to its old route. This was done because of the pressure on the bus timings and not for commercial reasons.
- Two salt bins have been filled
- Action is being taken to ensure that the flood notices are put up whenever the bridge over the beck is flooded and traffic is diverted
- BT Openreach is installing three cabinets in the village which will be connected to a telephone exchange by fibre optic cables. When the work is completed residents using BT lines will have a much faster broadband connection.

13/006 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported

(a) *Progress on moving the bus stop in Main Street (Min. 12/253a)*

No news on this subject. The Clerk is to follow this up.

(b) *Progress Work to the Ash tree at Stonebridge (Min. 12/257e)*

The work to the ash tree has been completed.

(c) *Progress on the refurbishment of the Millfield Lane village sign (Min. 12/264)*

A quotation from the City Council for £110 for refurbishing the sign was accepted.

(d) The City Council has removed the graffiti that had appeared on the back of the seat on the triangle of land at the corner of Ousemoor Lane and Main Street.

13/007 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

13/007/1 - The Clerk either read or referred to the following items:-

- (a) Observations from a resident on the way on which the change to the No 20 route had been introduced
- (b) A notice of laying rate from the Ainsty (2008) Internal Drainage Board which the Clerk had pinned on to the notice board
- (c) A complaint from a resident about the smell emanating from the Harwood Whin Recycling site. It was reported that the City Council had the matter in hand
- (d) A poster giving the dates of Julian Sturdy MP's surgery dates which the Clerk had put on the notice board

13/007/2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the November meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) Rural Action Yorkshire - Keeping Warm literature
- (b) Burn & Co - Law Brief, 2012, Issue 3
- (c) Upper Poppleton Parish Council – minutes of 12 November 2012
- (d) Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2013, Issue 85

13/008 – FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the year for the period to 21 January 2013. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 21 January were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£39,041.92
National Savings Investment Account	£14,613.98

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

1562	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – November	£20.40
1563	Summerfield Nursery	Cut grass & remove thorn	£60.00
1564	The Hedge Man	Allerton Drive garden hedging	£45.00
1565	James Mackman	Salary – December	£459.20
1566	Post Office Ltd	Tax – December	£114.80
1567	Ryland Horticulture	Work on ash tree	£100.00
1568	Information Commissioner	Annual data controller registration	£35.00
1569	James Mackman	Salary – January	£459.20
1570	Post Office Ltd	Tax – January	£114.80
1571	James Mackman	Expenses including SLCC subscription	£93.79

(c) Income Received

HSBC	Bank interest	£4.74
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(d) To agree to pay a proportion of the Clerk's SLCC subscription

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £63.12 towards the total of this year's subscription of £162.00.

(e) To consider resubscribing to the York Open Planning Forum

It was agreed to pay the annual subscription of £20.00.

(f) To consider a request from St Everilda's Church for a grant towards the cost of cutting the grass in the churchyard

It was agreed to include the sum of £350.00 in the 2013-14 budget.

(g) To consider a request for funding received from the Poppleton Youth Action Group

It was agreed to include the sum of £1,000 for this group in the 2013-14 budget.

(h) To consider a request for funding received from the Millennium Green Trust

It was agreed to include the sum of £800 for the Trust in the 2013-14 budget.

(i) To consider a request for funding received from the Poppleton Community Railway Nursery

The Councillors considered that the information provided by the group was insufficient for them to make a decision to make a provision in the budget. It was agreed that more needed to be known about the objectives of the group and its relationship with the Parish Council. It was further agreed that a representative of the group be asked to address the February Parish Council meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

(j) Poppleton Under 5s

It was agreed to include the sum of £440 for this group in the 2013-14 budget.

(k) To consider a request for funding received from the Poppleton Community Trust

It was agreed to provide the sum of £5,000 in the budget for 2013-14 but that this would be reserved for capital items. Payment would be agreed as and when a request for funds was received from the Trust.

(l) To agree the Budget for 2013-14 and set the precept

The Councillors considered the proposed budget that the Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting. After a review of all the discretionary and non-discretionary items it was resolved to set the precept at £21,000 for the financial year 2013-14. The Chairman and Clerk signed the appropriate City Council request form. The agreed budget is attached to these minutes.

13/009 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider the following Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received since the November Parish Council meeting.

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

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

- Ref: 12/02522/FUL – Installation of air cooling equipment and generator and erection of electricity substation at 2 Opus Avenue by Mr Peter Taphouse.
- Ref: 12/02991/REMM – Reserved matters application for approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development of light industrial/storage and distribution units following previous approval of outline application 06/00518/FUL on 23.10.2006 at Plot 15, Great North Way by Mr Garry Baker.
- Ref: 12/03292/FUL – Single-storey side and front extensions and erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof at 23 Nether Way by Mr & Mrs Andrews.
- Ref: 12/03305/TPO – Remove 3 lowest limbs and reduce the branches overhanging the house, Pine (T1), Tree protected by Tree Preservation Order CYC 286 at 12 Church Lane by Mrs Walsh.
- Ref: 12/03324/TCA – Fell conifer in the Conservation Area at Forge House, Ferrymans Walk by Mr William Holroyd.

13/010 – PARISH COUNCIL LAND – TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

The Clerk reported that the two-year period of the existing grass cutting contract ends on 31 March 2013. The Councillors agreed that tenders should be invited for the 2013 and 2014 seasons. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) The Moat Fields

i. Fishing pegs for the disabled

No progress was reported on this subject.

ii. To receive a report from a representative from the Moat Fields Management Group (MFMG)

David Hopton, the Chairman of the MFMG addressed the meeting and mentioned

- The Group's concerns about the implications of dogs off leads running amongst the sheep in the Moat Fields.
- That the MFMG has spent £567 on repairing fences damaged by sheep running from dogs.
- That English Heritage and Natural England say that the presence of sheep on the site is the best way of keeping the grass as it should be.
- That the introduction of a Dog Control Order would give the local authority the legal means of prosecuting people who let their dog off a lead in the Moat Fields.

Quentin Macdonald, a member of the MFMG, reinforced the points made by Mr Hopton.

Councillors asked a number of questions.

iii. To consider applying for a Dog Control Order for the Moat Fields and Millennium Green

After discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council contacts the City Council's Environmental Services Officer to seek advice on obtaining a Dog Control Order for both the Moat Fields and the Millennium Green. **(Action Clerk)**

(c) Allerton Drive garden

No report.

(d) The Cartsheds

No report.

(e) Trees on the Common Land including work to trees in front of Ash Keys and Wylde Green

An application from a resident to fell three cupressus trees on the Common Land in front of *Ash Keys* and *Wylde Green* in Main Street was considered. It was agreed that the resident could arrange for the felling of the trees at his own expense. **(Action Clerk)**

(f) The management of Parish Council woodland

No report.

(g) Repairs to the War Memorial

The Clerk reported that he had sent off the grant application form but that a decision would not be forthcoming until after 31 March 2013 which is when the current grant claim period ends.

13/011 – 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.

9 Nov	Burglary other	Motor cycle taken	Millfield Lane
12 Nov	Burglary dwelling	House entered – one arrest	Littlefield Close
19 Nov	Theft	Cycle taken	Millfield Lane
26 Nov	Autocrime	Catalytic converter taken	Opus Avenue
26 Nov	Autocrime	Catalytic converter taken	Rose Avenue
28 Nov	Theft	Purse stolen	Ings Lane
13 Dec	Burglary	Industrial unit entered, office items taken	Opus Avenue

PCSO Colley's comments on the November figures was that against last year they show crime overall down 18%.

His comments on the December figures was that it was a good month and crime against last year's figures shows a decrease of 20%.

13/012 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

(a) Councillor Bradley reported on

- i. The meeting of the Galtres Festival 2013 held at Rawcliffe Country Park on 10 January. The Festival is looking for a new home and Rawcliffe Park is one of the locations that are being considered. The Festival would take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Councillor Bradley tabled a written report for Councillors to consider.
 - ii. The Poppleton Youth Action Group meeting held on 19 December
- (b) Cllr. Hawkins reported on the Poppleton Community Trust meeting of 8 January and will be circulating the minutes.
- (c) Cllr. Powell reported on the Ward Team meeting held on 21 January when the Community Contract was discussed.

13/013 - FOOTPATHS - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Diamond Jubilee Footpath extension

Councillor Craven reported that Network Rail is looking into the subject of granting a licence for the use of the tunnel under the railway line.

(b) Thickpenny Farm

Work behind the scenes is ongoing on this subject.

13/014 - TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The YLCA courses being held from January to March were considered. It was agreed that no Councillor would be attending.

13/015 – TO DISCUSS THE NEXT ACTION WITH REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE SIGN TO BE ERECTED CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE TO KYLE WAY

Councillor Powell tabled his specification for the proposed sign. It was agreed that three quotations for the erection of the sign be obtained. **(Action Clerk)**

13/016 – TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FOR COMBINING THE PARISH COUNCILS OF UPPER POPPLETON AND NETHER POPPLETON INTO ONE PARISH COUNCIL

After a discussion it was resolved that Upper Poppleton Parish Council be invited to a meeting to discuss the formation of one Parish Council for Poppleton. **(Action Clerk)**

13/017 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE A59 PARK & RIDE SITE

Councillor Hawkins gave a summary of the current position and reported that another meeting with the CYC planners is to be held at the Poppleton Centre at 2.30pm on Thursday 31 January.

13/018 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
31 Jan	A59 Park & Ride	Poppleton Centre/ 2.30pm	Bradley, Jones
31 Jan	Poppleton Youth Action Group	Youth Club/ 8.00pm	Bradley
4 Feb	Poppleton Community Trust Executive	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Hawkins
7 Feb	YLCA York Branch	The Folk Hall, New Earswick/ 7.30pm	Powell
9 Mar	A59 Park & Ride site – archaeological report	Poppleton Tithe Barn/ 2.30pm	All

13/019– TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

A planning application for a wind turbine at Grange Farm, Upper Poppleton was discussed. Councillor Hawkins reported that 35 residents had attended the January meeting of Upper Poppleton Parish Council when the planning application was discussed and the UPPC had submitted a response. It was agreed that this was sufficient and that Nether Poppleton Parish Council would not be submitting a response.

13/020 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To fell the dead tree that has grown over the pond in the Wildlife area.

13/021- TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2013

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 18 February 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

Chairman.....

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