

NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, UPPER POPPLETON, AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2015

PRESENT:

Cllr. P H F Powell. (Chairman)

City Cllr. Ian Gillies

Cllr. G A Bradley

Cllr. E M Jones

Cllr. M A Reynolds

Mr B J W Mackman (Clerk)

Cllr. D A Simpson

Cllr. I Woods

15/192– TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (NOT PREVIOUSLY DECLARED) ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

None.

15/193 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

15/194 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apoloies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. S P Barry.

15/195 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2015

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 July 2015 having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.

15/196 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A CITY OF YORK COUNCILLOR

City Cllr. Ian Gillies reported:-

- The terminus of the No. 59 bus from the A59 Park and Ride has now been moved from the Fire Station in Clifford Street to outside The York Dungeon.
- The Government is proposing to devolve powers and funding to regions in the country. The City Council is discussing the various options on devolution and which regional area it will support.

15/197 – TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE YORK LOCAL PLAN

Cllr. Powell reported the following:-

- A report was presented to the City Council 31 July.
- Household annual growth has been estimated as 758 dwellings over the 19 year-period 2012 to 2031, a growth of 17%.
- Amongst other information are references to the current nine emerging Neighbourhood Plans in York all of which will have a relationship with the emerging Local Plan.
- As regards time frame, if changes to the Draft Publication (2014) are modest, the revised draft could move to examination in Spring / Summer 2016.
- If there are more significant changes, this will extend the consultation period likely towards Autumn/Winter 2016.
- Regular meetings of the working group are being held at 4 to 6 week intervals.

15/198 – TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR POPPLETON

Cllr. Jones tabled the following report:-

1. Continued to have meetings with the team back to full strength after holidays and illness
2. Progressed with wording of Policies in relation to the Health Check
3. Agreed to send the documents once adjusted for a final Health Check. This already agreed with Mr Bryan
4. Responded to City letter from Martin Grainger explaining that progress has been slower because of illness and holidays.
5. We have an appointment at the first opportunity with the City on 16 September to present we hope the final documentation
6. Contacted Natural England to explain SEA for the Sugar Beet Site is the responsibility of the developers and we are not opposing the housing there.
7. We have had letters of support from CPRE, the governors at Manor Academy, Rapleys, Miller Homes and Julian Sturdy.
8. Timescales are now totally dependent on the City of York allowing us to use a map they have held since the start of this process.

15/199 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) The Clerk had circulated a detailed list of current outstanding planning applications including applications received since the July Parish Council meeting and considered by the Planning Committee. The table below shows the plan that has 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.

<p>Ref: 15/01307/FULM – Erection of motor vehicle dealership sales and servicing buildings with outside vehicle parking areas at Plot 7 Great North Way by Arnold Clark Ltd.</p>	<p>The Parish Council does not object but makes the following comments:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposal matches other garages type enterprises on the same area. however - 2. The proposals conveniently have left off the development of the old age care home directly opposite to the site. 3. The last time we met with the City Council planners they told us that the area was a nature reserve! 4. There needs to be adequate parking as at present around the site daily there are 20 cars parked on the verge, the cycle path and the roadside. 5. There is insufficient parking for all the activities going on at the roundabout and there are many cars also parked on the fire access road to Poppleton Park as a result. The Planning Department and the Highways need to get this sorted out 6. There should be no light pollution affecting the care home opposite to the proposed site. 7. Building traffic should be contained within the site. 8. The site should be appropriately landscaped to soften the impact for the care home opposite to the proposed site.
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<p>Ref: 15/01316/FUL – Change of use from office (use class B1) to shop (use class A1) at 10 Evans Business Centre, Rose Avenue by Mr Barnaby Roe.</p>	<p>No objections</p>
<p>Ref: 15/01439/OUTM - Outline application for use of land for touring caravans (95 pitches) 10no.camping pods with associated buildings, refuse points, access and landscaping at proposed Caravan Site, Northfield Lane, Upper Poppleton York by SBO Lands Ltd.</p>	<p>We object to this application on the following grounds:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is inappropriate development within the City of York de-facto Green Belt. It is not necessary; there are many vacant spaces on other caravan sites adjacent to the City. 2. If this site is developed, it automatically becomes brown field land and subsequently available for housing. 3. The development does not safe guard the countryside from encroachment. 4. It impacts on the important village setting within the Green Belt and would be unwanted coalescence with the City. 5. It is not sustainable development. The proposed permanent buildings are not for agricultural purposes. Loss of agricultural land. 6. It is contrary to Poppleton Neighbourhood Plan policies: PNP1 Green belt policy – development which harms the open character and setting of either York or the Villages will not be permitted. PNP3 Green belt policy – development which harms the integrity of the green infrastructure shall not be permitted. PNP5 Traffic- further transport infrastructure should only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Northfield Lane is too narrow for additional heavy traffic. PNP10 Environment – woodland areas will be protected and managed to maintain the habitat for wildlife in line with NPPF 109 – 125. 7. It is contrary to Planning Policy Guidance for the Protection of Green Belt land cl 92 – it removes the valuable opportunity for improving the environment around town by upgrading the landscape and providing for recreation and wildlife.

(b) To note Local Authority Planning Decisions

It was noted that no planning applications had been approved by the Local Planning Authority since the July Parish Council meeting.

15/200 – FINANCE

(a) Financial Report

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the previous financial year and a report for the current financial year for the period to 17 August

2015. The reports reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 17 August were:

Current Account	£500.00
Business Money Manager Account	£21,172.94
National Savings Investment Account	£14,913.84

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

1826	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – June	£20.70
1827	Poppleton Community Railway Nursery	Grant	£300.00
1828	Upper with Nether PCC	Grant towards St Everilda’s church yard grass cutting	£350.00
1829	Millennium Green Trust	Grant	£800.00
1830	Poppleton Under Fives	Grant	£445.00
1831	L Philliskirk & Sons	Land drain clearance and photographing pipe	£685.00
1832	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire – July	£20.70
1833	James Mackman	Salary – August	£474.14
1834	Post Office Ltd	Tax – August	£118.40
1835	James Mackman	Expenses	£45.45

(c) Income Received

HMRC	VAT refund	£1,555.53
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15/201 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THIS YEAR’S YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Following the judging, we have received no more information on this subject. The results of this year’s competition will become known at the presentation at York Racecourse on 8 September.

15/202 - PARISH COUNCIL LAND - TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON

(a) Grass cutting

The next cut on the Common Land is due towards the end of August. The Clerk is meeting the contractor to ensure that all the contracted work is carried out. **(Action Clerk)**

(b) The Moat Fields

Cllr Woods reported that the weeds in the moat fields had been treated, and repair work on the fence was planned soon. The farmer responsible had increased the number of sheep in the fields in order to try and graze the grass back, but if the grass height was too great in some areas, he had agreed to the topping of this. The next Moat Field Management group meeting was scheduled for 12th October 2015.

(c) Allerton Drive garden

No report on this subject.

(d) The Cartsheds and Wildlife area

No report on these two subjects.

(e) *The management of Warren Lea and the War Memorial*

Cllr. Jones reported that TCV will be coming at the end of September to finish the work as our contract for this year states.

(f) *Trees including the possible replacement of the trees taken down alongside Riverside Walk and the proposal from the City Council for fencing*

The Clerk reported having had no response from the City Council about the fence and was asked to pursue the matter. **(Action Clerk)**

(g) *To consider the charge for the easement for the surface water drain at Mill Race*

It was agreed that there should be a charge of £50 for the easement and that Mr Hunter pay for all the Parish Council's legal expenses. **(Action Clerk)**

15/203 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING

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

11 Jul	ASB	Reports group outside his property they are drinking and being very noisy	Esk Drive
29 Jul	Theft	Theft of bike from school ground. Caretakers bike	Manor School, Millfield Lane
30 Jul	ASB	Group playing loud music near the pond area. Revving mopeds and setting fires to wooden pallets	Great North Way

PCSO Laura Thompson reported that “Sorry but unable to provide Ward Figures. We are having some technical difficulty with the site.”

15/204 – TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

Cllr. Simpson had circulated a report on the Adventure Playground Group's meeting held on 17 July.

15/205 - TO DISCUSS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM GREEN RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS

The Cllrs. discussed several complaints received from residents regarding the Millennium Green. It was noted that the subject of the complaints has now been dealt with by the Millennium Green Committee. However, the Cllrs. agreed that the Millennium Green Committee be asked to provide a plan of what they intended to do on the Millennium Green during the next three years. **(Action Clerk)**

15/206 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL’S NEW WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that all the records on the website are up-to-date. It was suggested that Cllrs. should think about who should have access to the facility for amending the website. It was also agreed that the old website should be closed down so that it would be available to search engines. **(Action Clerk)**

15/207 – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL’S TWITTER ACCOUNT

The Clerk reported that the numbers of followers had now increased from 87 to 93 since the July meeting. However, when he looked through the followers there were only two actual Nether Poppleton residents on the list. It was agreed that there was insufficient return on the Clerk's time to warrant keeping the Twitter account going and it was resolved that it should be shut down. **(Action Clerk)**

15/208 - TO CONSIDER A REPLY TO MR FRAZER'S LETTER ABOUT VISIBILITY & SAFETY ALONG OUSEMOOR LANE

- (a) Cllrs. discussed the two complaints that had been received about the danger to traffic resulting from the long grass on the verges in Ousemoor Lane obscuring the view of the road. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward the two letters of complaint to the City Council and ask that the verges be cut as soon as possible. **(Action Clerk)**
- (b) It was also agreed that the City Council be asked to cut back their trees each side and over the road. **(Action Clerk)**
- (c) It was also agreed that the City Council be asked to install traffic signs marking the cross-roads and the entrance to both Lords Lane and Common Croft Lane. **(Action Clerk)**

15/209 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

Progress on the removal of the giant hogweed on the riverbank (Min. 15/185)

The Clerk reported that the larger part of the giant hogweed had now been removed. The Councillors asked the Clerk to find out who had been responsible for removing the hogweed. **(Action Clerk)**

15/210 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

15/210/1 - The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence:-

- (a) An email from a resident enquiring about the electric fence recently installed along the field footpath between Church Lane and Hillcrest Avenue. The Clerk has consulted with the City Council and confirmed that the fence is quite legal. The resident had been informed
- (b) CYC – Application forms for Councillors to obtain copies of the Electoral Register
- (c) Don Wilson - Thanks for grant for St Everilda's Churchyard grass cutting
- (d) Graham Collett - Thanks for grant for the Poppleton Community Railway Nursery
- (e) An email from a resident in Millfield Lane about speeding vehicles which the Clerk, with input from Cllr. Powell, had responded to

15/210/2 - It was noted that the correspondence received since the July meeting, as listed below, had already been circulated to the Councillors

<i>From Whom</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Date Sent</i>
Beth Kirkham	Invitation to Ken Taylor memorial function	22-Jul-15
CYC	Devolution meetings notice	10-Aug-15
Julian Sturdy	E-Bulletin	24-Jul-15
Julian Sturdy	Change of date letter	31-Jul-15
Riina Raabis	MakeItYork newsletter email	25-Jul-15
Rural Action Yorkshire	Good Neighbour Scheme	29-Jul-15
Rural Action Yorkshire	RAY News 26 - July eBulletin	30-Jul-15
Rural Action Yorkshire	Invitation to Community Hall event at Pickering	6-Aug-15
Sheree Evans - Police	Live streaming email	22-Jul-15
YLCA	Standards board - elected representatives	23-Jul-15
YLCA	Grants information email	27-Jul-15
YLCA	White Rose update	31-Jul-15

15/210/3 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the July meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors

- (a) HBC - Local Plan Consultation
- (b) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority - Consultation letter

15/211 – TO NOTE THE DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
19 Aug	Plan4Poppleton	32 Midway Avenue/ 10.00am	Jones, Powell, Simpson
24 Aug	Rural West York Ward Team	Skelton/ 2.00pm	Powell
9 Sep	Plan4Poppleton	32 Midway Avenue/ 2.00pm	Jones, Powell, Simpson
16 Sep	Themed meeting	West Offices/ 1.00pm	Powell
16 Sep	Plan4Poppleton	West Offices/ 3.00pm	Jones, Powell, Simpson
TBA in Sep	Cricket Club public meeting	Poppleton Centre/ 8.00pm	All
17 Sep	Poppleton Community Trust Exec	Poppleton Centre/ 7.30pm	Simpson
26 Sep	Adventure Playground	Poppleton Centre/ 7.30pm	Simpson
30 Sep	PYAG – AGM	Youth Club/ 8.30pm	All

15/212 – TO REVIEW THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MORE EFFICIENT MEETINGS IN THE COMING YEAR

It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject until the September meeting.

15/213 – TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS

- (a) It was reported that vegetation is growing over the footpath between Hillcrest Avenue and Millfield Lane and this is to be reported to the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**
- (b) It was also reported that the vegetation is growing across the cycle path through Poppleton Park and this is to be notified to the City Council. **(Action Clerk)**

15/214 – TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

15/215 - TO AGREE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2015

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm in the Poppleton Centre on Monday 21 September 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....2015

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