

## Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2004

**Present:** 24

**Apologies:** Glynn Roberts, Peter O'Neill John and Ursula Webb

#### **Parish Plan**

The meeting started with a presentation by Ms Angela Palliser of North Yorkshire Community Council on Parish Plans. Following this presentation, Mark Clook gave a further presentation briefly outlining ideas for the Oswaldkirk Parish Plan. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the production of a Parish Plan was a good idea and should be progressed.

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Speed limits:** The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr J Wright of the North Yorkshire County Council had written outlining that finance has been approved for the introduction of traffic calming measures for the B1363 Oswaldkirk in the financial year 2005/6 and therefore it should be possible to introduce a 30 mph speed limit through the village (see Chairman's report).

**Birch Farm:** The Chairman outlined that the issue of landscaping at Birch Farm had been discussed with Ryedale District Council (RDC). RDC had informed the chairman that planting had been carried out with small trees and they had been placed in a narrow line. The Chairman further informed the meeting that he had written to RDC highlighting that it was important that the planning condition should be met.

**First Responder:** The Chairman informed the Parish Meeting that after the last meeting sufficient volunteers had come forward for this scheme to proceed. Training was now underway and hopefully it should become operational in the next few weeks.

**Grass Cutting:** The Chairman undertook to contact the Highways Authority regarding grass cutting.

**Recycling:** The Chairman had informed the recycling company regarding damage to the recycling bin and was informed that they were not concern.

**Road Sweeping:** Eric Dunstone raised the issue of road sweeping and the Chairman undertook to contact the Highways Authority.

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented the following report:

Since last years APM on 22 April 2003 there have been 2 Parish Meetings and 11 Parish Information Mornings. We supported 4 Planning Applications all of which were passed by RDC (Rose Cottage extension, Martins, Broad Farm and 6 St Oswald's Close), although one, Broad Farm, was opposed by planning officers but passed by the Planning Committee following personal representation by myself.

Your representatives have continued to ensure that issues of importance to the residents are addressed promptly and realistically. We have continued to apply pressure on the council to enforce planning conditions especially to the requirement for landscaping around Birch Farm and the Broad farm barn near the sewage farm and also to speed up road repairs both minor and the major one which resulted in the limited use of the road to Ampleforth. We have attended Ryedale District Council meetings, Parish Forum meetings of the National park, Community and Policing Meetings and others. Along with a number of other parishes, we have set in train the production of a parish plan. I believe that this is an important and worthwhile venture that will enable us to determine priorities for our village now and for the future.

Speeding is an issue that concerns most of us. As you know, we have fought a hard and, at times, frustrating campaign for a speed limit from Oswaldkirk Bank to beyond the children's playground. This faltered in the past due to the claimed lack of resources of North Yorkshire Police to enforce the speed limit unless traffic calming measures were introduced. I am delighted to report that traffic-calming measures for our section of the B1363 have been given the go-ahead by North Yorkshire County Council Highways authority in FY 2005/06. Consequently, I am confident that a 30 mph speed limit will be introduced on the B1363 as it passes through our village sometime next year. Hopefully, this will keep my wife, Pauline, out of prison for she was becoming sorely tempted to decapitate speeding motorcyclists when the wheelied passed the playground.

We are improving our village, Chestnut Bank, the millennium seat, the Hag footpath, the new Village Hall sign and the soon to be erected new Village Notice board bear testament to the fact that together we improve the quality of our surroundings. The village First Responder Team of 9 members, the voluntary sector of the Ambulance Service, should be going operational in about a month's time. Alongside Scottish Dancing, the Simeon Singers, an active Village Hall and children's playground committee, the Oswaldkirk Players annual pantomime, the production by

Eric of Meeting Point, our two lively churches and many other activities I submit that Oswaldkirk is alive and kicking.

It is alive and kicking because so many of you lend your support and resources for the common good. For that I thank you. I also thank my deputy chairman, David Goodman for his support and hard work, likewise Mark Clook as secretary and Eric Dunstone as Treasurer. I believe it is important that as many residents as possible play as full a part as they are able in contributing to village activities. I also firmly believe that jobs in the parish should move around. For individuals to continue in particular positions year after year can result in a lack of new ideas coming forward, a lack of energy and an attitude of "Don't worry, old so and so will do it". It also tends to create a small clique of those who do at the expense of those who would like to were they encouraged. Old soldiers are making way and volunteers are coming forward. David Daly has done a splendid job as Village Hall chairman for many years but has now retired. Ian Mclean is the new Village Hall chairman. Lyn Read has joined the team as Village Hall secretary. Mark Clook took over from Philip Entwistle a year ago and has devoted considerable time and energy to the task. Roger Dexter-Smith has willingly assisted in the Parish Plan project. David Goodman, who has done so much for the village is stepping down as Deputy Chairman to make way for a potential future chairman. And, although I am happy to continue as chairman for one more year I do not intend to seek re-election in that capacity after that. So please, I know that some of you already do a lot for the village. But those of you, who have the time, please do get involved. The village will be the better if you do.

I look back on the last year with satisfaction and I and all the team feel privileged to serve such a nice bunch of people and thank you for your help and support.

### Treasurers Report

The Treasurer presented the following:

<b>Income</b>	<b>Nationwide Building Society</b>	<b>Yorkshire Bank</b>
Brought forward	522.52	132.24
Parish precept		336.00
National Park		115.00
Money returned from village hall		100.00
Interest	6.54	
<b>Total</b>	<b>529.06</b>	<b>683.24</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Yorkshire Bank</b>
Oswaldkirk village hall	331.00
YLCA	22.00
Mazars	52.88
Mr A Mennel	115.00
Bank charge	0.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>521.16</b>

Balance at year end – Nationwide Building society = £529.06, Yorkshire Bank = £162.08.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Andy Watt and seconded by Ian MacLean and carried unanimously.

**Application No 04/00228/ful – Change of use of agricultural barn to form a 2-bedroom holiday cottage at Hall Farm Gilling with associated parking, garden area and access track**

After a brief discussion, the Parish Meeting supported the application, however they highlighted that the development would benefit from the addition of windows in the west and/or the east elevations.

As a general issue, the Parish Meeting raised concern regarding the potential loss of wildlife habitat (e.g. roosting for bats) associated with such barn conversions. The Parish Meeting wished to encourage Ryedale District Council to consider the protection of such habitats when granting approval for conversions.

The proposal proposed by David Daly and seconded by Helen Goodman and carried unanimously.

**Application No 04/00394/ful – Conversion and extension to outbuilding to form self-contained residential annex to Hall Farm House, Oswaldkirk.**

After a brief discussion the Parish Meeting supported the application however both the Parish Meeting and the Applicant felt that a more consistent roofline with a smaller number of levels would be desirable.

As considered for the previous application concern was raised regarding the potential loss of wildlife habitat (e.g. roosting for bats) associated with such barn conversions.

The proposal proposed by Eric Dunstone and seconded by David Goodman and carried unanimously.

**Parish Meeting Elections**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he was willing to stand for a further year, and that the vice chairman (David Goodman) was stepping down. Roger Dexter-Smith had indicated that he was willing to stand as vice chairman. Both the Treasurer (Eric Dunstone) and the Secretary (Mark Clook) were willing to stand for re-election. Andy Watt proposed that the officers be elected as outlined; this was seconded by Caroline O'Neill and carried unanimously.

## **AoB**

**Millennium Footpath leaflets:** Helen Goodman requested that copies of the Millennium Leaflet should be left in the Church, Pub etc. Mark Clook undertook to distribute further copies.

**Speed limit along the Terrace:** Concern was raised whether there was a speed limit along the Terrace and if not would it be possible to get one.

**Parish Information Morning:** There was a request that there should be a permanent note in the new notice board informing Villagers about the Parish Information Mornings.

**Birch Farm:** There was a request that the roof of the new barn at Birch Farm be painted a different colour. The Chairman felt it would be extremely unlikely to be successful.

**Boat Parked in Main Street:** There was concern regarding the Boat that had been parked in the Main Street. The Meeting felt that it should at the very least be lit.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.