

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2005

PRESENT: 33

APOLOGIES: Peter O'Neill, Wendy Entwistle

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

As agreed at the previous Parish Meeting, the minutes had been displayed on the Notice-Board; therefore the Chairman asked whether there were any comments. There being no comments, the minutes were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented the following report:

This is my 5th Chairman's report at the end of five years as chairman. As I said last year I thought that 5 years as Chairman was enough for me and for you and perhaps a fresher and more youthful chairman would be good. However, let me say that being Chairman over the last 5 years has had its moments but overall it has been interesting, a trifle time-consuming but most of all it has been a privilege to work with many of you for our common good.

Over the last year we have had the usual crop of planning applications to consider and we have a further 3 tonight all relating to Broad Farm. We have already approved the previous planning application which proposed converting the Farm and its outbuildings to 3 residential dwellings. The present applications are adjustments to the previous one brought about by the new owner wishing to make certain adjustments to the original application but without altering the concept of 3 dwellings.

We have been able to make certain improvements to the village in the last year. Concerns of residents regarding snow and ice clearance led us to acquire 2 further grit bins which have been located on The Terrace and St Oswald's Close. Concerns by certain residents of The Terrace regarding the potential danger of the junction with the B1363 was addressed by upgrading the chevrons at the bottom of the bank and by new signage indication that the Terrace actually existed. Thanks to the generosity of the Pantomime Players who provided the funding, and Father Edgar and Gareth Thomas who provided the labour we have a smart new Notice Board. Also, acting on our behalf, NYCC Highways were able to persuade the landowner of the agricultural land bordering Stocking Lane to reinstate the hedgerow; unfortunately though not along the entire length. However, the main

achievement of the past year has been the production of the Parish Plan. Mark and Roger will talk about it later. But suffice to say well done to Mark, Roger, Helen Goodman, Jacquie Young, Michael Fram, Paul Elm and Philip Entwistle for putting it all together and to the residents of Oswaldkirk for so ably supporting the project by answering the questionnaire and consultation periods.

I would now like to say a few thank you's. I thank the Deputy Chairman, Roger, for his support which has been unwavering. And the Secretary Mark Clook who has worked his cotton socks off for me and for all of you. Mark, you are a tower of strength and I am delighted that you are putting yourself forward for more punishment this coming year. My heartfelt thanks also to Eric who has not only done sterling work as Treasurer but who has supported the village in many other ways. Always on the lookout for potential problems and always happy to help anyone and everyone, he is stepping aside for a well earned rest. Thank you Eric.

But other thanks are needed when we review the life of Oswaldkirk over the past year. First I pay tribute to my good friend and colleague Ian McLean who as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee. Ian was meticulous in all he did, always approachable, ever cheerful; he was a good chairman and neighbour to us all. I still find it difficult to comprehend that he is no longer with us but I am delighted that Shirley is. Thanks too to Lynn and Glynn for their hard work.

Thanks to Selwyn Collinson for chairing the Playground Committee and to his committee members. Every time I look over my back garden hedge, I not further improvements to this village asset.

Thanks to Eric Beadle for managing to produce Meeting point for both villages despite interruptions through illness. It is a mammoth task but one that is carried out cheerfully and well.

And thanks to the First Responder Group now led by Roger. There are so many people who contribute to community life in his village that I cannot thank them all. But you know who you are and I thank. To all of you who get involved and as a result treat their neighbours as themselves. God bless you.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer presented the following:

Income	Nationwide Building Society	Yorkshire Bank
Brought forward	529.06	162.08
Parish precept		520.00
National Park		180.00
Interest	9.63	
Total	538.69	683.24

Expenditure	Nationwide Building Society	Yorkshire Bank
Village Hall		115.50
A Mennel		180.00
M Clook		8.72
YLCA		23.00
Mazars		52.88
Playing Field		120.00
NYCC		68.15
M Clook		25.00
Balance carried forward		144.33
Total	538.69	683.24

Acceptance of the accounts, subject to formal auditing, was proposed by Phillipa McKenzie-Smith and seconded by Glynn Roberts.

PARISH MEETING ELECTIONS

The Chairman – Ian Henley – highlighted that he was stepping down, and it was proposed that Roger Dexter-Smith should become Chair, with Ian as vice-chair. Eric Dunstone was stepping down as Treasurer, and it was proposed that Andy Watt would become Treasurer. Mark Clook was remaining as Parish Secretary. The changes were proposed by Eric Beadle and seconded by Eric Dunstone.

**APPLICATION No 05/00285/FUL ERECTION OF DETACHED GARAGE AND STORE.
BROAD FARM, THE TERRACE, OSWALDKIRK, NORTH YORKS, YO62 5XZ.**

**APPLICATION No 05/00293/CON: DEMOLITION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS.
BROAD FARM, THE TERRACE, OSWALDKIRK, NORTH YORKS, YO62 5XZ.**

**APPLICATION No 05/00281/FUL ERECTION OF TWO-STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION AND ATTACHED DOUBLE GARAGE/STORE
WITH OFFICE ABOVE. BROAD FARM, THE TERRACE, OSWALDKIRK, NORTH YORKS,
YO62 5XZ**

Three planning applications had been received regarding Broad Farm, one was related to the demolition of redundant farm buildings, one was related to the erection of a double garage, outside barbeque and potting shed and the final one was related to an extension of the house at Broad Farm.

The Meeting had no concerns regarding neither the demolition of redundant farm buildings nor the erection of the double garage, outside barbeque and potting shed. However, there was much discussion regarding the proposed extension to Broad Farm. There was concern regarding the access and in particular wished the Planning Committee to note that The Terrace is a public right of way that is heavily used by walkers. Therefore, the new access should be sited in such a way to ensure that vehicles leaving Broad Farm have adequate visibility to ensure safety to other users of The Terrace. The new access should not increase the risk to pedestrians using The Terrace. It was also noted that the new access will remove some of the existing hedgerow; therefore residents wished the new access to be landscaped appropriately to ensure that it was in keeping with the rest of the lane. There was also discussion regarding the overall size of the proposed extension. However, despite several concerns regarding the overall size of the extension and hence its potential visual impact, the meeting concluded that the proposal was acceptable. The plans were accepted, subject to concerns regarding access – this was proposed by Andy Watt and seconded by David Goodman.

VILLAGE PLAN

Mark Clook gave a brief presentation on the Village Plan. He highlighted that a total of 99 questionnaires had been circulated, and 59 returned, which was an excellent response. Following completion of the questionnaires, the Steering Committee had analysed the data and had produced an Action Plan. The Action Plan had been discussed at three Consultation Meetings in March. Following these Meetings, the Village Plan and the associated Action Plan had been finalised. The Action Plan was presented to the Meeting:

1 To improve availability of information in the village:

Produce and circulate a Village Information Booklet.

2 To ensure that the natural environment is adequately protected:

Lobby Ryedale District Council, Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, North Yorks Moors National Park Authority and North Yorkshire County Council to ensure that appropriate levels of protection are afforded to trees, hedges, public footpaths and walls.

3 To improve Chestnut Bank:

Organise a small working party to clear vegetation on Chestnut Bank, plant with appropriate shrubs and keep vegetation down.

4 To improve the state of local roads and verges:

- a) Discuss state of drainage of the B1363 and Stocking Lane with Highways Department at North Yorkshire County Council.*
- b) Determine the frequency and quality of verge cutting and report to North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department if not up to appropriate standard.*

5 To improve car parking in the village:

- a) Discuss with the residents of The Terrace issues related to parked cars.*
- b) Highlight to offenders that parking on the pavement is illegal and dangerous and hence should not occur.*
- c) Highlight that cars should not be parked in potentially dangerous areas - for example near corners.*

6 To improve road safety around Oswaldkirk:

Discuss the following issues with North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department and North Yorkshire Police Force:-

- a) Speeding traffic, especially motorbikes*
- b) Footpath up Oswaldkirk Bank along the side of the B1363.*

7 Traffic calming in Oswaldkirk

Discuss issues regarding traffic calming with North Yorkshire County

Council Highways Department and North Yorkshire Police Force.

8 To increase the mobility of villagers via the use of alternative means of transport:

Publicise the existing Ryedale Car Scheme and any other related activities via Village Information Booklet and Notice Board.

9 To increase the use of car sharing and hence decrease the amount of traffic on the roads:

a) Encourage use of car sharing via use of the Notice Board.

b) Discuss with Ryedale District Council whether there are Car Sharing Schemes set up in the area that could be extended to Oswaldkirk.

10 To try to improve the local bus services:

Discuss the report with the local bus companies and with the Transport Department at Ryedale District Council to aim to improve the frequency and usefulness of the bus service, including the provision of a visible bus stop and timetable.

11 To inform the local surgeries and Health Care Departments of the outcome of the report:

Forward a copy of the final Plan to the local surgeries and Health Care Department for information.

12 To try to address concerns of villagers regarding the local police and other emergency services:

a) Discuss issues regarding crime and visibility of the police with the local Community Officer.

b) Discuss with Oswaldkirk Neighbourhood Watch regarding liaising with local Police.

c) Publicise the First Responder Scheme and seek further recruits.

13 To try to improve a range of services in Oswaldkirk:

- a) *Discuss issues related to roadside care and winter weather services with North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department.*
- b) *Discuss issues related to electricity supply with the local supplier.*
- c) *Discuss issues related to television reception and mobile phone reception with relevant suppliers.*

14 To increase the level of recycling in Oswaldkirk:

- a) *Publicise the location of the current Recycling Centre to villagers via the Village Information Booklet.*
- b) *Lobby Ryedale District Council to add further recycling facilities and to consider the possibility of an additional refuse collection to include garden waste, bottles, cans, paper and plastic.*

Please note that this action has already been completed.

15 To increase the awareness of the Parish Meeting and Parish Information Morning:

- a) *Highlight to Parish Meeting Officials that the aim of the meeting should be better publicised. The time of the meeting should also be reconsidered to ensure that it is at the most convenient time. This could be done via the proposed Village Information Booklet.*
- b) *Further consideration is required regarding the timing, content, notification and purpose of the Parish Information Morning.*

16 Inform local planning authorities of the outcome of the Village Plan:

Highlight conclusion of Plan to relevant planning departments and, in particular, if development occurs then it should be affordable and in keeping with the village.

Most of the actions were rated as either *high* or *medium* priority and were given a three to six month timescale for completion.

The Village Plan was formally presented to the Chair of the Parish Meeting. It was noted that the Action Plan would be progressed by Parish Meeting Officials. It was also noted that a summary of the Village Plan and the Action Plan would be circulated to all residents.

AoB

First Responders: The Parish Meeting had received a request for a donation for a resuscitation mannequin. Ian Henley informed the meeting that the Pantomime Committee had donated money to the Parish Meeting for the village Notice-Board. However, due to the generosity of Father Edgar, Gareth Thomas, Otto and Rosemary Greenfield, the Parish Meeting had not used all of it. Therefore, there was money, currently lodged in the Village Hall accounts, that could be used towards the purchase of the Mannequin. It was agreed, proposed by John Webb and seconded by Glynn Roberts – that the Parish Meeting should offer up some money for the purchase of the mannequin.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed