

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th August 2004

Present: 16

Apologies: Caroline and Peter O'Neill, Monica Teasdale, David Goodman, Sue and Paul Elm

Matters Arising:

Speed limits: The Chairman informed the meeting that there had been further correspondence with North Yorkshire County Council and they had confirmed that the speed limit and traffic calming measures would be coincident. The Chairman also informed the meeting that the new speed limit would also apply to The Terrace.

Birch Farm: The Chairman outlined that he had had further discussions with Ryedale District Council (RDC) and had been informed that the planting had failed. The Chairman highlighted that he would keep pressure on RDC to ensure that the planning conditions were met.

First Responder: The Chairman informed the Parish Meeting that the scheme was up and running and providing 90% coverage.

Grass Cutting: The Chairman highlighted that the grass in the village was not cut 6 times a year and that he had discussed this with the Highways Authority. He also informed the Meeting that the Village was considering cutting the grass itself and whilst this may be more expensive than the current arrangement, it may be preferable.

Road Sweeping: The Chairman informed the Meeting that after the previous meeting he had contacted the Highways Authority and the streets had been swept.

Boat in Main Street: The Chairman informed the meeting that the owner of the boat had moved away and therefore so had the boat.

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parking, garden area and access track: The Chairman informed the Meeting that this planning application had been withdrawn due to concerns regarding visibility from the entrance on to the B1363.

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

House, Oswaldkirk: The Meeting was informed that RDC had refused this application due to the fact that RDC considered that the proposal amounted to a new dwelling rather than an Annex. RDC also raised concerns regarding the roof-line.

Discussion of the proposed erection of 2 no. two-storey extensions, single-storey orangery, first floor extension and entrance porch at The Martins (Appln No 04/00870/FUL).

The Chairman highlighted that this development was to The Martins on the B1363. Mr Tate gave a brief outline of what he wanted to do and after a brief discussion, Helen Goodman proposed that the Meeting recommend the plan; this was seconded by John Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

Application for certificate of lawfulness for use of land site as a caravan and camping site, reception area and late arrivals at Golden Square Caravan Park Oswaldkirk.

The Meeting was informed that there were three areas of the Golden Square Caravan Park which were being used as either a caravan or camping site, or as a site for late arrivals, however these uses were considered to be 'unlawful' as planning permission had not been granted. This application was therefore aimed at amending the situation and obtaining planning permission for the status quo. During the discussion concern was raised by Helen Goodman that the caravan site appeared to be growing and that caravans were now visible from the road. There was also concern that when permission was originally granted, that it was permitted on the grounds that the caravan park was invisible from the road. This was stated not to be the case. Therefore, there was some concern regarding the caravan site and the visibility of caravans. John Webb felt that the site was an asset and hence proposed that the meeting accept the proposal, this was seconded by Gerard Simpson. There was one vote against the proposal and two abstentions. It was agreed that the view of the meeting should be reflected in the reply to the National Parks Authority.

Village Plan Questionnaire

Mark Clook informed the meeting that following the discussion at the AGM a questionnaire had been drafted. It was outlined that the aim of the questionnaire is to try and elicit information to enable a suitable Village Plan to be written. Mark Clook requested volunteers to help distribute the questionnaire to all households in the village. He informed the meeting that he hoped to have the questionnaire complete by the end of August and it would then be circulated to households with the aim of drafting a plan by the Autumn.

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Street lighting: There was an enquiry regarding the state of street lighting. The Meeting was informed that this had been discussed many times and in particular when the 'new estate' was built 28 years ago. It was further highlighted that this was a question in the Questionnaire.

Minutes: The Chairman proposed that rather than reading out the minutes at the start of the meeting, they should be posted on the new noticeboard as well as on the website. It was further suggested that a brief summary of the previous meeting should be given at the start of the next meeting. In addition, the location of the minutes should be highlighted on the Agenda.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 8.55pm