

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2005

Present: 22

Apologies: Mr and Mrs Webb, Mr and Mrs Fram, Mr and Mrs Lee, Mr and Mrs Stone, Mrs Goodman and Mrs Henley

Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2005 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by David Goodman and seconded by Philip Entwistle and carried unanimously.

Planning Application 05/01427/TELN56 – Erection of 8 poles and overhead wires along The Terrace, Oswaldkirk, York.

The Chairman introduced the application stating that due to the development at Broad Farm it had become necessary to increase the number phone lines along The Terrace. Unfortunately due to new regulations it was not possible to simply add the new wires to the existing poles, and therefore British Telecom (BT) had erected 8 new poles. As a result of many complaints to both BT and Ryedale District Council, BT had formally made an application to RDC notifying them of their plans. Basically these plans consisted of the erection of 8 poles on the south side of The Terrace.

The meeting discussed the application and the following key points were made:

Visual impact – the meeting noted that The Terrace is in the Howardian Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as well as being in a conservation area – therefore the meeting concluded that the new poles and associated wires would be visually intrusive.

Obstructive – it was noted that the addition of another set of poles along The Terrace would narrow the road down considerably. It was also highlighted that several of the poles were close to drives making access to several properties difficult.

Alternatives – it was noted that there were several alternatives available for example – putting the cables underground, bringing the cables down from the top of the bank.

It was proposed that the meeting reject the application and request that BT remove the poles that they had already erected. The Secretary suggested that he would write to RDC outlining the Parish Meetings' feelings and would include

any relevance correspondence on the matter. It was also agreed to send copies of the correspondence to Councillor Philip Huntington and Councillor Howard Keele. It was noted that Councillor Huntington had informed the Chairman that he supported the Villagers' view.

The above was proposed by Mr Linfield and seconded by Mrs Sutherland.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all his hard work on the matter.

Christmas Party – the Christmas party had taken place on 10th December and was considered to be a huge success, especially as Father Christmas had dropped in!

Village Information Booklet – the Village Information Booklet had been copied and distributed to everyone in the Village. The Meeting passed a vote of thanks to Ian Henley and Michael and Sarah Fram for all their hard work in seeing the project through.

Birch Farm – The Chairman informed the Meeting that as Mr Armitage had not abided by the planning conditions that RDC are going to issue an enforcement notice at the end of January. The Chairman also informed the Parish Meeting that Councillor Huntington was committed to ensure that planning requirements were complied with.

Stocking Lane – the Parish Meeting was informed that the new hedgerow along Stocking Lane had died off; the Secretary would contact North Yorkshire County Council.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.