

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2009

PRESENT: 30

APOLOGIES: Jill and Peter Stone, Beryl Lee

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting were noted. They were proposed as being an accurate record by Eric Dunstone, seconded by Sandy McKenzie-Smith, carried unanimously.

Matters arising

The last meeting was the AGM held on 11th June 2009. The minutes of the AGM were not discussed, however the AoB were. The following AOB were considered:

Roads + pavements – the Meeting were informed that the pavements in Manor View and St Oswald's Close had been repaired; however there were weeds growing through. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Highways. As regards the road to Ampleforth, the Meeting had heard that in June that it was due to be repaired. The Secretary informed the Meeting that NYCC were due to survey the road in March 2010.

POST MEETING NOTE – Richard Marr of NYCC Highways has stated that the weeds will be sprayed in the spring. As regards the road to Ampleforth, NYCC will insert piles along a short stretch to stop the road moving. As regards the west end of the village, NYCC will "upgrade" the entrance from the west with some new signs and some road surface treatment. However, they are not sure on timing as the surface treatment does not like being put down on wet and/or salty cold roads

Trees – the Meeting were informed that following the discussion at the previous meeting that:

- All future applications would be posted on the Village Noticeboard and circulated to immediate neighbouring properties. It would then be up to them to contact Ryedale District Council if they wanted to.
- The Chairman had asked the Tree Officer to keep Oswaldkirk informed of any proposals to remove or cut trees.
- Osgen had been amended to ask potential Applicant's to discuss proposals with neighbours.

Horses riding on the Millennium Footpath – this was an Agenda item – see below.

Telephone Box

The Chairman informed the Meeting that BT were planning to remove the Telephone Box and had offered it to the Parish Meeting for £1. The Chairman highlighted that the BT website indicated that the cost of maintaining the electricity supply was £17 a year; however he had been given quotes of between £55 and £90 a year. It was possible to have the electricity supply cut off, however this would cost £200. In addition, the Chairman highlighted that the box needed to be painted and this could cost up to £200. After a brief discussion, it was proposed that the Village should not adopt the box and hence BT remove it. This was proposed by Michael Fram and seconded by Philip Entwistle. The proposal was carried.

Parish Precept

The current precept was £1100 a year; it was proposed to increase it by 2% to £1122. This equate to the following:

	2009/10	2010/11
Contribution to the maintenance cost of the playground	£265	£275
Contribution to the maintenance cost of the Village Hall	£640	£650
Subscription to Yorkshire Local Council's Association	£30	£30
General administration	£55	£57
Audit fees	£68	£68
Establishment and maintenance of the Village Website	£42	£42
Total	£1100	£1122

This was proposed by Michael Fram and seconded by David Goodman. The proposal was carried.

Planning Applications

The Chairman informed the Meeting that two applications had been received from Ryedale District Council. These had arrived after the Agenda had been sent out and therefore it was not proposed to discuss them. The Chairman asked that if anyone had any issues regarding either Application that contact the Secretary – Mark Clook (788 247) – before 20th December 2009.

The two applications were:

Application No 09/01268/FUL – Change of use and alteration of outbuildings to form a self-contained one-bedroom residential Annex at Manor Farm, Main Street, Oswaldkirk.

It was highlighted that the Parish Meeting had considered and agreed to a similar application sometime ago. The only comment that was passed regarding the earlier application was the potential for an increase in the number of cars on the Main Street.

Application No 09/01254/HOUSE – Erection of extension to east elevation at 14 St Oswald’s Close, Oswaldkirk

The Meeting were informed that immediate neighbours had been contacted and all except those at No 16 had indicated that they had no problems with the proposal. The owners of No 16 had not commented as they had yet to move in to the house.

Land at south of Oak Lodge

The Owners of Oak Lodge had bought a piece of agricultural land to the south of the house. Previous neighbours had highlighted to the Chairman that they were concerned that this piece of land could become incorporated in to the garden and hence could be built on. The Chairman had contacted RDC regarding this issue and RDC had informed him that planning permission was required regarding the change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden. This information had been passed on to the Owners of Oak Lodge. The Owners had indicated that they were not going to seek planning permission for a change of use. The Owners also indicated that they did not wish to build on the land and that it was covered by a Covenant to prevent development. During the discussion the following points were raised:

- Potential for development creep, i.e. the development line of the village could move if agricultural land was incorporated in to a garden.
- If planning permission were requested to build on the land, or change the use it would be likely that RDC would refuse.

It was agreed that the Parish Meeting should write to the Owners to highlight the concerns of the Parish Meeting. This was proposed by John Webb and seconded by Eric Dunstone and carried.

Footpath down to The Terrace

At the previous meeting it was noted that the path down to The Terrace from the top of the Bank was being churned up by horses. The Chairman had discussed this with the owner of the horses and they had agreed to repair the footpath – subject to agreement from the landowner. They also agreed that the horses would use the road in future; however the Owner had a Shetland pony that was too small to use the road and hence it was proposed that this should continue to use the footpath.

AoB

Bulk oil buying – Del Jenkins and Eric Dunstone informed the Meeting that they were proposing to start up a bulk oil ordering service. They proposed to

deliver a note around the village asking if anyone was interested. The Meeting requested that they supply an indication of the potential saving in the information note.

Speed limit – the Meeting were informed that the speed limit had now been installed. There was concern regarding the length of the speed limit, the lack of a 30 mph sign at the Ampleforth end as well as the lack of a repeater sign outside Rosegarth. The Secretary would progress this with NYCC. **POST MEETING NOTE** – Richard Marr of NYCC stated that the distance that the small repeater signs are placed at is set by national guidance. Any driver speeding up the hill will have already passed a number of 30 mph signs. The missing repeater will hopefully be replaced soon.

Chestnut Bank – the Meeting were informed that there had been an article in the Malton Gazette and Herald. The Chairman highlighted that he had been annoyed regarding the article and especially the reference to 'land grab'. As a result he had written to the Editor to complain.

Local Development Framework – the Chairman informed the Meeting that as a result of the RDC request for land owners to put forward land for development, the Abbey Trustees had put forward the piece of land to the south of the Village Hall. The Village Hall Trustees had approached the Abbey Trustees to see if they were willing to sell some of the land to enable the Village Hall to expand.

Three Bs – the Meeting heard that they were running a Christmas Card delivery service and the last day for delivery was 18th December. The 3Bs were also willing to deliver other documents, e.g. flights etc, around the Village.

Carol Singing – this is to be held on 20th December and will start at 5.30 pm.

Hand-bell ringing – Jane, Beryl and Del were considering setting up a hand bell ringing group and if any one was interested then they should contact Jane, Del or Beryl.

The Chairman thanked the Playground Committee for the Cricket Match, and the fireworks; he highlighted that the Christmas Party was to be held on 19th December and that Father Christmas would be visiting Oswaldkirk.