

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2004

Present: 24

Apologies: Jean Beadle, Peter and Caroline O'Neill and Wendy Entwistle

Matters Arising:

1. Police presence:- The Chairman informed the meeting that the local beat office PC Leach had attended the Parish Information Morning (PIM). PC Leach informed the PIM that there had been an increase in police presence in villages. The Chairman informed the meeting that PC Leach and PC Cook (Neighbourhood Watch Officer) had been invited to attend the Parish Meeting.
2. Speeding:- The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Meeting had written to the North Yorkshire Police to try and progress the issue of a speed limit along the B1363. The Parish Meeting had received a response which indicated that the Police may be supportive of a speed limit and therefore the Parish Meeting would write to Councillor Rennie to try and progress this issue.
3. Safety barrier at the entrance to the playground: The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the Highways Department who now indicated that a barrier was not advisable at the entrance of the Playground. This was due to the fact that research had indicated that children tend to play on barriers and hence increase the risk to them entering the road.
4. Broad Farm:- The Chairman informed the meeting that planning application discussed at the previous meeting had been passed by Ryedale District Council (RDC).
5. Birch Farm:- It was highlighted by the Chairman that there had been a small amount of planting carried out, however due to the lack of compliance with the planning condition RDC were minded to pursue the issue with possible court action.
6. Oswaldkirk to Ampleforth road:- Work had started on repairing the road and was expected to be completed by February 2004.
7. Grass cutting:- The Meeting was informed that the Highways Department had indicated that the grass borders within the boundary of the village should be cut every 5 weeks. It was noted that the standard of grass

cutting was generally poor with the clippings left in place. It was therefore proposed that the village should undertake the grass cutting. The Chairman indicated that this had been tried before and was not totally successful. Therefore, it was agreed that the Chairman should contact Highways Department when the grass needed to be cut.

Parish Precept

The Chairman outlined that Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting is able to request a parish precept to cover expected expenditure in the village. In the past, the precept was set to cover primarily the cost of running the Village Hall; however over the past few years other items of expenditure, which were considered to be of benefit to the community as a whole, have been met by the generosity and commitment of a few enthusiasts. It is felt, that for certain items, all ratepayers should contribute and thus 'share the load'. The Chairman outlined that last year's precept was set at £336 which was equivalent to £2.95 per annum per Band D property. This year the Parish Meeting Officials were proposing an increase to £520, which is equivalent to £4.47 per annum per Band D property. It was proposed that the precept be spent as follows:

Contribution to the maintenance cost of the playground	£120
Contribution to the maintenance cost of the Village Hall	£240
Maintenance of Millennium Footpath and Chestnut Bank – to cover planting of trees and shrubs and cutting back overgrown vegetation	£50
Establishment and maintenance of the Village Website	£40
Subscription to Yorkshire Local Council's Association	£20
General administration	£50
Total	£520

In addition to the above the Chairman highlighted that it was hoped to replace the Village Noticeboard. This would be funded by a donation from the Oswaldkirk Players and would hopefully be sited where the existing one is.

After a brief discussion, the above proposed by Andy Watt and seconded by Sandy Mackenzie-Smith and carried unanimously.

PLANNING APPLICATION 03/01316/FUL - ERECTION OF A CONSERVATORY AT 6 ST OSWALD'S CLOSE OSWALDKIRK, NORTH YORKSHIRE, YO62 5YH

The Chairman informed the meeting that an application to erect a conservatory at 6 St Oswald's Close had been received by the Parish Meeting. There being nothing contentious, it was proposed by Ian MacLean and seconded by John Webb to support the application and this was carried unanimously.

First Responder Scheme

The Chairman gave an outline of the first responder scheme stated that a 'first responder' is someone who can be called by the ambulance service to attend medical emergencies in their local community before the ambulance arrives. This provides life saving care as quickly as possible with skills taught by the ambulance service and with equipment such as an automatic defibrillator. It was highlighted that 'first responders' are not replacements for the ambulance service, which will dispatch a vehicle at the same time as the 'first responder' is called out. 'First Responders' are generally sent to cardiac arrests, unconscious patients and choking emergencies, but they may also be asked to attend less serious cases to provide support and reassurance until the arrival of the ambulance.

'First responders' are all volunteers who are trained by the ambulance service. The scheme will provide 24-hour cover through a roster drawn up by the group, under a Scheme Co-ordinator. Basic Training is a 12-hour package usually done during the evenings over a number of weeks with a final assessment. On completion, the group would be set up to go live. Each individual is assessed every six months on the use of the automatic defibrillator and basic life support.

The Chairman informed the meeting that since the Christmas newsletter outlining the scheme, six people had volunteered. He highlighted that he would welcome more volunteers.

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Snow and ice – The Meeting was made aware of leaflets regarding North Yorkshire County Council's responsibilities regarding winter maintenance. There was general concern regarding the lack of salt in the village – Eric Dunstone undertook to contact the Highways Department.

Cycle North York Moors Cycle Plan – The Meeting was made aware of the proposed North Yorkshire Moors Cycle Routes.

Recycling bins – There was concern regarding the fact that the newspaper recycling bin had been locked. This was due to cardboard and plastic being placed in the bin. However, it was noted that the lid had been prised up to ease the depositing of newspapers. The Chairman undertook to discuss this issue with the relevant people.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.