

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th January 2005

Present: 22

Apologies: Eric and Jean Beadle, Peter and Caroline O'Neill, Sandy and Philippa McKenzie-Smith, Selwyn Collinson

Matters Arising:

1. **Salt bins** – the Chairman informed the Meeting that following requests from villagers, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Highways Authority had been approached to supply salt bins. Two bins had been supplied – one for the Terrace and one for Manor View. The Meeting was informed that the one along the Terrace cost £58, whilst the one on Manor View was supplied free of charge. The Highways Authority would supply the salt free of charge for both bins.
2. **Road signs along the B1363** – following concern from residents along The Terrace, Parish Meeting officials had contacted the Highways Authority. A site meeting had been held and it was agreed that the chevrons outside Crag Cottage would be replaced with ones facing up and down the hill. As regards road signs these would be renewed and improved so that drivers travelling along the B1363 were made aware of The Terrace.
3. **Birch Farm** – It was noted that the tree planting had still not taken place. Ryedale District Council is aware of the non-compliance and is carrying out appropriate enforcement action. The Chairman agreed to keep the Meeting informed of progress.
4. **Proposed erection of a two-storey extension, single-storey orangery, first floor extension and entrance porch at The Martins** – The Chairman informed the Meeting that the planning application had been granted and the development was now underway.
5. **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 Chairman informed the Meeting that the retrospective planning permission had been granted.

Parish Precept

The Chairman outlined that Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting is able to request a Parish Precept to cover expected expenditure in the village. It was proposed that the precept be set as follows:

	2004/5	2005/6
Contribution to the maintenance cost of the playground	£120	£120
Contribution to the maintenance cost of the Village Hall	£240	£245
Maintenance of Millennium Footpath and Chestnut Bank – to cover planting of trees and shrubs and cutting back overgrown vegetation	£50	£50
Establishment and maintenance of the Village Website	£40	
Subscription to Yorkshire Local Council's Association	£20	£25
General administration	£50	£50
Audit fees		£55
Grass cutting along the top of Chestnut Bank		£30
Total	£520	£575

It was highlighted that the contribution for the maintenance of the village hall had been increased in line with the rate of inflation. It was also highlighted that the Precept covered cutting the grass verge along the top of Chestnut Bank. The Chairman hoped that this would be cut by member of St Oswald's Church. Finally, it was noted the cost of the annual audit fee had been omitted in error, however it was included in the 2005/6 Precept.

The Parish Meeting Officials, therefore, proposed that the Parish Precept should be set at £575. After a brief discussion, the above proposed by John Webb and seconded by John Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

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Grass cutting in the playground – Pat Thompson informed the meeting that the Playground Committee were going to have to arrange to have the grass in the playground cut. The Secretary offered to investigate whether the local authority would cut the grass.

Grass/hedgerow cutting outside of the village boundary – There was concern regarding the cutting of hedgerows and grass outside of the village boundary. The Secretary offered to discuss this issue with the Highways Authority at NYCC.

History Book – Helen Goodman informed the meeting that there was due to be a meeting on 24-1-05 to discuss the Oswaldkirk History Website at Ledbrook House. Helen Goodman informed the meeting that she was investigating

whether it was feasible to get the history book reprinted, however in the meantime she would very please to have any spare copies that people may have.

Following a request from David Goodman the Secretary updated the meeting regarding the proposed development at Hall Farm House and Angel Cottage. As regards Hall Farm House it was noted that a further planning application had been made that addressed the concerns regarding the roofline as well as additional issues raised by Ryedale District Council. The application had subsequently been passed. As regards Angel Cottage – the Secretary informed the meeting that an application had been received that requested change of use from a holiday home to a permanent residence. The Secretary had consulted the residents of Newton Grange and had relayed these to Ryedale District Council. The planning application had been unsuccessful due to the fact that there had not been a demonstration that there was no longer a need for a holiday home and that the new residence would not be for forestry or agricultural workers.

David Goodman requested that planning applications should be displayed in the new Notice-board. This was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.