

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2006

PRESENT: 11

APOLOGIES: Caroline O'Neill, Wendy and Philip Entwistle, Eric and Jean Beadle, Ian Henley.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the Parish Meeting on 12th January 2006 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by David Goodman and seconded by John Sutherland and carried unanimously.

PLANNING APPLICATION 05/01480/FUL – RAISING OF ROOF HEIGHT OF EXISTING DWELLING TO FORM FIRST FLOOR WITH INSTALLATION OF DORMER WINDOW TOGETHER WITH ERECTION OF PORCH AND SINGLE SOTREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH EXTENAL STEPS AND HANDRAIL AT 4, MANOR VIEW OSWALDKIRK,

The Chairman explained that the application had previously been discussed and comments made at the Parish Meeting on 12th January 2006. Unfortunately the documentation had arrived in the Parish too late to give residents prior notice and it had therefore been necessary to hold a further meeting specifically for the application to be discussed.

The presentation of the proposals also included a photomontage that had been prepared by the applicant at the Chairman's request. This showed that proposed profile of the road and the impact that it would have on the view across the valley.

The following concerns were raised:

- The site is viewed as a difficult one as the existing bungalow and garages is seen to be an over development of the plot. Its proximity to, and overview of, other houses being the primary points of note.
- There was a real concern that if approval is given for the conversion into a dormer bungalow it will set a precedent for other conversions which might then take place along the line of bungalows in St Oswald's Close. It was felt that if the roof levels of these bungalows were raised the whole character of the Close would change.
- A further concern regarding potential changes to the size of properties in St Oswald's Close was an increase in the number of residents and traffic.
- Within the last year approval had been given to an extension at 6 Manor View and there was concern that when built the two

developments would present a continuous line of buildings which would not enhance the locality.

- There were concerns that by increasing the roof height some amenity value would be lost as a portion of the existing views from the top of Manor View and other local dwelling would be reduced.

On completion of the discussion it was proposed by Gerard Simpson and seconded by Eric Dunstone that the proposal be rejected. This was passed by a majority.

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Birch Farm – The Chairman informed the Parish Meeting that he had pursued Ryedale District Council (RDC) regarding the tree planting at Birch Farm. RDC had confirmed that they had revisited the farm and had had a meeting with Mr Armitage without achieving his acquiescence to the tree planting. RDC were therefore going to issue an enforcement order and would advise the Parish Meeting on progress.

Smart Water – Eric Dunstone advised that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme had received a presentation on 'Smart Water'. This is a liquid which when placed on an item gives a unique signature that can help police trace stolen property. Eric commented that the product was available through the Neighbourhood Watch scheme at reduced rates; he also undertook to contact the community police office to ascertain if he would be prepared to talk to the Parish Meeting about this and other subjects. (Post Meeting note – this will be organised for the next meeting).

Energy Saving – following on from the previous item, the Chairman advised that Caroline O'Neill had suggested that it might be useful for someone from RDC to talk to the Parish Meeting about energy saving in the home. This followed articles in the Ryedale News. The Chairman undertook to incorporate this into a future meeting.

Thursday Club – Auction – The Chairman expressed thanks to the ladies who had taken on the organisation of the Thursday club and praised their endeavours to raise funds for the running costs of the Village Hall during their sessions. He urged everyone to support the auction by donations and by turning up for the actual auction.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.