

## Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2003

**Present:** 20

**Apologies:** Martin Hogarth, Paul Elm, Philippa Mckenzie-Smith, Eric Dunstone

#### **Matters Arising:**

- 1) Meeting with Councillor Philip Huntington – The Chairman informed the meeting that the new local councillor, Philip Huntington, attended the Parish Information Morning (PIM) in June. The Chairman had outlined to him issues of concern to the Parish Meeting, including the following:-
  - The lack of Police presence in Oswaldkirk (Post meeting note the local community policeman PC Steven Leach attended the July PIM. PC Leach promised to visit Oswaldkirk on his rounds as well as undertake speed checks if possible).
  - Ampleforth Road – the Chairman highlighted the concerns of the village.
  - Speeding – Councillor Huntington indicated support for this issue and highlighted that it may be possible to use indicator signs warning speeding motorists.
- 2) Hedgerow removal – the Parish Meeting had received a letter from Ryedale District Council (RDC) requesting comments on the proposal to remove a hedgerow from Birch Farm. A letter had been sent to RDC outlining the Parish Meeting's concern and objection to this proposal.
- 3) The planning applications discussed at the February Parish Meeting for The Martins and Rose Cottage had been passed by RDC.
- 4) The planning application for Broad Farm had been agreed by RDC and there were now stipulations on the number of vehicles that could be kept on site as well as for landscaping. Briefly the conditions of approval restricted the total number of vehicles on site to 15 which was made up of a specified number of sprayers, tractors etc. It was also noted that these should be kept to the west end of the site, i.e. near the sewage works. There were also plans regarding landscaping which was to be carried out within the first planting season.
- 5) The Chairman outlined that he had filled in a questionnaire regarding the Yorkshire and Humberside Assembly and had indicated that the Parish Meeting would be in favour of a referendum; however the Parish Meeting had an open mind on the subject.

## **Planning application 03/00632/FUL Change of use of farm building to form two dwellings at Broad Farm, Oswaldkirk.**

Gillian Hogarth outlined that her father wished to convert existing farm buildings into two houses. One would be a conversion of the old granary whilst the other would be of the adjoining barn, there would also be some outbuildings and a car port. It was highlighted that there should be no parking problems as all parking should be off-road. It was noted that the entrances would be via existing access to Broad Farm, i.e. the one into the farmyard would serve the Barn conversion, whilst the Granary conversion would use the entrance to the west of Broad Farm. After a general discussion, the following was proposed:-

The Parish Meeting welcomed the development as it would mean that the existing Dutch barn would be removed and the whole site improved. However, the Parish Meeting was concerned that development should only go ahead providing that the overall appearance is in keeping with the village and hence matches the existing developments, i.e. use stone and appropriate roofing materials (e.g. pantiles).

The Parish Meeting also requested that RDC should give consideration to the adoption of the road from No 1 The Terrace to Broad Farm and ensure that the entrances are to appropriate highway standards.

The above was proposed by David Daly and seconded by Helen Goodman and carried unanimously.

### **AoB**

**Tree planting** – The Chairman informed the Parish Meeting that some tree planting had been carried out at Birch Farm and the site had been visited by representatives from RDC. The Chairman had been informed by RDC that there was concern regarding a building which did not appear to have appropriate planning permission. The Chairman had forwarded on copies of appropriate correspondence.

**Bridge Farm** – it was highlighted that the trees used to screen the large black barn had all died and been removed. The Chairman indicated that he would try to progress this issue.

**Ampleforth Road** – the Chairman highlighted that he had been informed by the Highways Authority that the work should be done in the summer/autumn. (Post Meeting note – the Chairman had discussed this issue again with the Highways Authority and it appeared that work would not be carried out until 2004.)

**Grass cutting** – concern was raised regarding the standard of the council grass cutting. It was noted that it was only to be cut and left 6 times a year. The Chairman indicated that he would pursue this issue to try and ensure that the standard of grass cutting increased.

**Road Safety** – the idea of a barrier at the exit of the playground was raised, and the Chairman indicated that he would investigate. (Post Meeting note – the Chairman had spoken to the Highways Authority and it appeared that it may be feasible to have a barrier erected at the exit of the playground, however the cost would need to be discussed to clarify who would be expected to pay for it.)

**Chestnut Bank** – Mark Clook indicated that some more maintenance work had been undertaken. He also highlighted that there had been a meeting of the Chestnut Bank Committee (Ian Henley, Caroline O'Neill, Roger Dexter Smith, Ursula Webb, Doreen Roberts and Mark Clook) and as a result a 'management plan' had been written. It was planned to place this plan on the village notice-board so that everyone was aware of what was going on. The meeting were also informed that a seat had been purchased and this would be put in place shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.