

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 29th July 2005

Present: 14

Apologies: Eric and Jean Beadle, Peter and Caroline O'Neill and Wendy and Phillip Entwistle, Joan Waters, Gill and Peter Stone, Pauline Henley, David and Helen Goodman

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Ian Henley, seconded by John Webb and carried unanimously.

Matters Arising

Planning application No 05/00494/FUL – Erection of part two-storey/part single storey extension at 6 Manor View, Oswaldkirk, Yorks YO62 5 YJ – the meeting were informed that this planning application had been passed by Ryedale District Council.

APPLICATION No 05/00762/FUL – CHANGE OF USE, ALTERATION AND EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING (WEST BARN) TO FORM A 4-BEDROOM DWELLING WITH ERECTION OF DETACHED GARAGE (REVISED DETAILS TO PART OF APPORVAL 03/00632/FUL DATE 25.9.03)

The above application was presented; basically the proposal consisted of a detached garage being built in the south west corner of the site and a single storey extension to the south of the main building. After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Gerard Simpson to accept the proposal, this was seconded by Ursula Webb and agreed by all.

(The Chairman informed the meeting that the previous plan for Broad Farm House had been rejected by Ryedale District Council, despite being considered acceptable by the Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting. The Chairman had been informed that the reason for the refusal was that it was not in line with the Ryedale Plan and in particular the aims and objectives of the Conservation Area. It was noted that planners would reject plans that did not enhance or preserve the character of the Conservation Area.)

APPLICATION No 05/00528/FUL – ERECTION OF PORCH TO WEST ELEVATION, 2 THE BARNs, OSWALDKIRK, GILLING EAST, YORK YO62 4JW

The above application was presented; basically the proposal consisted of a porch being built on the west elevation of 2 The Barns. After a brief discussion, it was proposed by John Webb to accept the proposal; this was seconded by Ian Henley and agreed by all.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION TO EXISTING TOILET FACILITIES AT GOLDEN SQUARE CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARK OSWALDKIRK (NYM/2005/0546/FL)

The above application was presented; basically the proposal consisted of an extension to the existing toilet block on the campsite. The extension would not be visible from the road and after a brief discussion Jacky Young proposed the plan be accepted, this was seconded by Ian Henley and agreed by all.

UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE PLAN

The Chairman and Secretary gave the following update on the Village Plan:

To improve availability of information in the village: Produce and circulate a Village Information Booklet.

The meeting were informed that a draft Village Information Booklet had been produced and that there were copies in the Hall. Comments were requested on the draft.

To ensure that the natural environment is adequately protected: Lobby Ryedale District Council, Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, North Yorks Moors National Park Authority and North Yorkshire County Council to ensure that appropriate levels of protection are afforded to trees, hedges, public footpaths and walls.

It was noted that this action point is ongoing.

To improve Chestnut Bank: Organise a small working party to clear vegetation on Chestnut Bank, plant with appropriate shrubs and keep vegetation down.

It was noted that no action had been made on this action point. It was highlighted that the footpath was in need of repair and the vegetation needed clearing. A request was made for someone to organise a small group. The Chairman stated that it may be possible that funds are available to help tidy up the site in the autumn.

To improve the state of local roads and verges: Discuss state of drainage of the B1363 and Stocking Lane with Highways Department at North Yorkshire County Council.

Determine the frequency and quality of verge cutting and report to North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department if not up to appropriate standard.

Contact had been made with the North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department; however the Chairman and Secretary had yet to have a meeting with appropriate Highways personnel due to re-organisational changes within NYCC.

***To improve car parking in the village:
Discuss with the residents of The Terrace issues related to parked cars.
Highlight to offenders that parking on the pavement is illegal and dangerous and hence should not occur.
Highlight that cars should not be parked in potentially dangerous areas - for example near corners.***

The Chairman had circulated a note regarding car parking along The Terrace. It was also noted that the above topic would be covered in the Village Information Booklet.

***To improve road safety around Oswaldkirk:
Discuss the following issues with North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department and North Yorkshire Police Force:
Speeding traffic, especially motorbikes
Footpath up Oswaldkirk Bank along the side of the B1363.***

Contact had been made with the North Yorkshire County Council Highways (NYCC) Department and North Yorkshire Police Force; however the Chairman and Secretary had yet to have a meeting with appropriate personnel.

***Traffic calming in Oswaldkirk:
Discuss issues regarding traffic calming with North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department and North Yorkshire Police Force.***

Contact had been made with the North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department and North Yorkshire Police Force; however the Chairman and Secretary had yet to have a meeting with appropriate personnel.

***To increase the mobility of villagers via the use of alternative means of transport:
Publicise the existing Ryedale Car Scheme and any other related activities via Village Information Booklet and Notice Board.***

This issue had been covered in the Village Information Booklet

To increase the use of car sharing and hence decrease the amount of traffic on the roads:

Encourage use of car sharing via use of the Notice Board.

Discuss with Ryedale District Council whether there are Car Sharing Schemes set up in the area that could be extended to Oswaldkirk.

This issue had been covered in the Village Information Booklet

To try to improve the local bus services:

Discuss the report with the local bus companies and with the Transport Department at Ryedale District Council to aim to improve the frequency and usefulness of the bus service, including the provision of a visible bus stop and timetable.

Contact had been made with appropriate organisations and details included, where relevant, in the Village Information Booklet.

To inform the local surgeries and Health Care Departments of the outcome of the report:

Forward a copy of the final Plan to the local surgeries and Health Care Department for information.

Action completed.

To try to address concerns of villagers regarding the local police and other emergency services:

Discuss issues regarding crime and visibility of the police with the local Community Officer.

Discuss with Oswaldkirk Neighbourhood Watch regarding liaising with local Police.

Publicise the First Responder Scheme and seek further recruits.

Contact had been made with North Yorkshire Police Force; however the Chairman and Secretary had yet to have a meeting with appropriate personnel. This was being actioned dependent upon work patterns and availability.

To try to improve a range of services in Oswaldkirk:

Discuss issues related to roadside care and winter weather services with North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department.

Discuss issues related to electricity supply with the local supplier.

Discuss issues related to television reception and mobile phone reception with relevant suppliers.

Progress with this action point was linked to the meeting with NYCC Highways Department.

**To increase the level of recycling in Oswaldkirk:
Publicise the location of the current Recycling Centre to villagers via the Village Information Booklet.
Lobby Ryedale District Council to add further recycling facilities and to consider the possibility of an additional refuse collection to include garden waste, bottles, cans, paper and plastic.**

Action complete.

To increase the awareness of the Parish Meeting and Parish Information Morning:

**Highlight to Parish Meeting Officials that the aim of the meeting should be better publicised. The time of the meeting should also be reconsidered to ensure that it is at the most convenient time. This could be done via the proposed Village Information Booklet.
Further consideration is required regarding the timing, content, notification and purpose of the Parish Information Morning.**

Information on the Parish Meeting and the Parish Information Mornings had been included in the Village Information Booklet. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Village Information Mornings had changed to Parish Information Sessions, and it was proposed to trial these sessions at different times etc. The first five meetings would be as follows.

August	Tuesday 10th 1930 – 2030
September	Friday 9th 1330 – 1430
October	Saturday 8th 1030 – 1130
November	Tuesday 9th 1930 – 2030
December	Friday 9th 1330 - 1430

It was noted that this information would be included in the Village Information Booklet as well as on the Noticeboard.

Inform local planning authorities of the outcome of the Village Plan:

Highlight conclusion of Plan to relevant planning departments and, in particular, if development occurs then it should be affordable and in keeping with the village.

Action point is ongoing.

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Bin Collection – concern was raised regarding the fortnightly collection of refuse, the Chairman agreed to write to Ryedale District Council and ask that collection of household waste be changed back to weekly.

Pavement – concern was raised regarding the state of the pavement along the main street. Concern was related to the poor drainage as well as the amount of gravel on it. It was agreed to discuss this issue again with NYCC Highways Department.

Birch Farm – the Chairman informed the meeting that he had been discussing the issue of tree planting on Birch Farm with Ryedale District Council. He stated that it was his view that enforcement of planning conditions was the responsibility of the Council and therefore he has asked Ryedale District Council to supply him with progress and action to date regarding tree planting. The Chairman had yet to receive any communication on this matter from Ryedale District Council.

Parish Meeting vs Parish Council – Following discussion at previous meetings, the Chairman had contacted Ryedale District Council to find out what the threshold to become a Parish Council. The Chairman informed the meeting that the threshold was 200 adults on the electoral register. He informed the meeting that the current population was approximately 187. It was noted that it was the responsibility of the Registrar of Electors to contact the Village and state when we should be become a Parish Council.

First Responders – the Chairman informed the meeting that there are several new members waiting to join the First Responder Team and that the current team are await further training, however it has proved difficult to arrange training due to problems with the Ambulance Service. As a result the Team are currently only able to provide 60-70% cover. The Chairman stated that he had contacted the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service to try to resolve issues regarding training and general support.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 pm.