

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2010

PRESENT: 19

APOLOGIES: Shirley and Andy Halliwell, Anna and Peter Gibb, David and Beryl Lee, Jackie Young, Sue Wade

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the last Meeting noted. They were proposed as being an accurate record by Eric Dunstone, seconded by Roger Wade, carried unanimously.

Matter arising

Horses and footpaths – there had been no recent reports of horses using the footpaths. There was a report that the footpaths were in a good state of repair.

Lime and Ice – The Lime and Ice project were looking to fund projects to increase or improve footpaths in the area. Gerard offered to pursue this issue with Rhona and Gill.

Deputy Chair – Roger announced that David Badham had offered to be Deputy Chair. This was welcomed by the Meeting.

Planning Application for installation of 6 no uPVC replacement windows to east and west elevations at St Aidan RC Church, Main Church, Oswaldkirk

The Application was to replace the windows on the east and west side with double glazed windows. The windows would be in keeping with the Church and match the existing windows. No concerns were raised and it was proposed that the National Park Authority grant approval.

Planning Application for replacement timber entrance gate at Wigham House, Oswaldkirk

The Application was to replace the existing gate with a new gate. No concerns were raised and it was proposed that the National Park Authority grant approval.

Planning application No 10/00551/FUL Erection of a four bedroom dwelling with cycle store, parking bay and terraced landscaping (revised details to approval 08/00261/FUL dated 6.06.2008)

Roger outlined that the planning application was for a 4-bedroom house next to East Cottage, The Terrace. He reminded the Meeting that there was

already approval for a 3-bedroom cottage on the site. The Meeting compared the previous plans with the proposal. Changes noted were:

1. a slight change to the front in that the dormer windows had been removed,
2. the house had moved to the east and
3. there was a significant extension to the rear of the property.

The Meeting considered the plans as well as the planning statement and associated photographs and concluded that they were in support of the plan, however wished to highlight the following points to the Planning Committee:

1. Lack of storage facilities for wheelie bins
2. Traffic and car parking along The Terrace is a problem, it was therefore felt that whilst the front wall was in keeping with the neighbouring properties, it may be preferable to remove or reduce its length and hence provide car-parking facilities in front of the house.
3. Linked to (2), there was a concern whether the number of car-parking spaces was adequate.

Update on Village Hall

Mark outlined that the Village Hall Trustees had been working on a '5-year plan'. The Plan outlined the overview of the types of issues that would be considered regarding the routine maintenance, infrastructure and the structure of the Village Hall. One of the key issues that came up when developing this plan was that work was potentially need on the structure of the Village Hall. This work fell in to three categories:

- Minor refurbishment – this would involve improving/modernising the toilets, kitchen etc.
- Small extension – this could involve a small extension that would provide possibly internal storage and a small meeting room
- Large extension – this could involve extending to the south

It was proposed to employ an architect to draw up a few ideas and then consult the Village on which, if any, should be progressed.

There was a brief discussion with the following points being raised:

- How would it be funded?
- Any development should not burden the Village with a large hall – it should be based on what is needed and would be of most use to the Village.
- It would be useful to increase the size of the hall and hence make it more useable.

The above points would be fed back to the Village Hall Trustees.

AoB

Fire – Roger highlighted that someone had had a bonfire on the first sunny evening of the year! The Meeting was asked that people should be considerate when lighting bonfires.

Dogs – barking dogs had been a concern again. The issue had been raised with the owner, however little response had been received.

Oil syndicate – the next oil order would be made on 23rd June, anyone interested in joining should contact either Del Jenkins or Roger Wade.

Rural Action Yorkshire – Roger informed the meeting that we had yet to receive the award!

Open Gardens – Helen informed the meeting that Oswaldkirk open gardens was on 12 and 13th June – all welcome!

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm