

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2006

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

As agreed at the previous Parish Meeting, the minutes had been displayed on the Notice-Board, therefore the Chairman asked whether there were any comments. There being no comments, the minutes were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented the following report:

I took over the job as Chairman just over a year ago following on from Ian Henley. At that time Philip Entwistle proposed a vote of thanks to Ian – having followed on from Ian I would like to underline what an excellent job he had done and to thank him for leaving the Parish affairs in such good order.

Ian did tell me quite a lot about the job before I agreed to put my name forward and I did think that in the sleepy hollow of Oswaldkirk the job would be very straightforward! I was not correct! It has in fact been quite a challenging but interesting year.

There have been a number of changes in the Parish not least the loss to us of some old friends and village stalwarts. These changes do however have a positive side and we are privileged to have welcomed a new generation of villagers who we hope will revitalise and sustain the community. Indeed their contribution is already being felt.

On the planning side of our business we have dealt with some 22 applications. Amongst these the BT poles along the Terrace was probably our major success for the year. A success achieved because so many residents took the time to make their opinions felt. On the other hand there have been a few occasions when it has seemed that whatever the Parish said RDC approved the opposite and we wondered if our voice was actually being heard! I think that this reflects the difference between local feeling and the planning legislation.

Not all is sweetness and light in our community and we face a number of issues. One is nuisance caused by dogs and I do see this as being a

potentially divisive problem over the next twelve months. I would simply ask those on both sides to try to resolve their differences with good grace. On the long term problem of Birch Farm I believe that we will see some results this coming year.

As ever many people have worked hard for the benefit of our community. The playground and village hall committees do an excellent job and our thanks go to them for maintaining these facilities which really are at the heart of our community. Thanks also to those who whilst not on the committees work hard to make functions such as the bonfire night a success. Also, thanks to Eric Beadle for editing Meeting Point and to all those who contribute to the village in many diverse ways whether by delivering bulletins, being first responders, offering a pastoral role or simply by being good neighbours.

A special thank you is due this year to the ladies – primarily the two Pats, Shirley and Rhona for starting the Thursday Club and associated activities. The club has made a really worth while contribution to the village life and the Christmas Party organised at very short notice was a spectacular success. The auction was also an interesting way to raise funds.

My own thanks to the officers of our Parish Meeting. Mark particularly for his efforts as our Secretary. In addition to his own full time, demanding job, Mark continues to work extremely hard on our behalf. Also thanks to Andy and Ian for their support but also a special mention to Flora who is taking on a wider role as our publicity officer.

Finally thank you all for your varied and diverse contributions to these meetings and to our community.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer presented the following:

Income	Nationwide Building Society	Yorkshire Bank
Brought forward	538.69	144.03
Parish precept		575.00
National Park		374.80
Interest	11.84	.32
Total	550.53	1139.15

Expenditure	Nationwide Building Society	Yorkshire Bank
Village Hall		245.00
A Mennel		220.00
Village archive		20.00
YLCA		26.00
Mazars		64.63
Playing Field		120.00
Village booklet		50.00
M Clook		
Balance carried forward	550.53	393.52
Total	550.53	1139.15

The accounts were accepted, subject to formal auditing.

PARISH MEETING ELECTIONS

The Chairman – Roger Dexter-Smith, the Parish Secretary – Mark Clook and the Treasure – Andy Watt all stood for re-election and were accepted by the Meeting.

