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Executive summary

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- As a result of issues raised the Oswaldkirk Village Information Booklet was produced (see www.oswaldkirk.org)

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1. Village Hall
2. Playground
3. Footpaths
4. Mobile phone and broadband coverage
5. Preferred means of communication
6. Natural environment and sustainability
7. Policing, emergency services and local health care

A questionnaire was produced and circulated around the Village in January/February 2014.

Key results are as follows:

Response rate – 105 questionnaires were distributed of which 45 were returned. This represents a response rate of approximately 43%.

Village Hall – The responses to the questionnaire give a clear indication that improvements are necessary, in particular to the kitchen, storage, tables and chairs and to the windows.

Playground – The responses indicated the need to consider the possibility of incorporating both adult and child play facilities into the current playground.

Footpaths – Various comments were passed regarding general maintenance and improving views from footpaths. There were many expressions of interest in developing a network of footpaths from Oswaldkirk to neighbouring villages. As a result, a small group will be formed to progress this issue.

Mobile phone and broadband – Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting should consider the comments passed (e.g. a willingness from some respondents to pay for an improved broadband connection) if/when any planning issues or proposal regarding improving mobile phone reception and/or broadband reception are received.

Preferred means of communication - The Parish Meeting should consider the development of a monthly on-line newsletter, archiving information on the website and focusing the website on day-today activity. It is also proposed that Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting communicate their role in decision-making.

Natural environment and sustainability – General themes coming out of the questionnaire were as follows:

- a) Concern regarding the management of Chestnut Bank
- b) Maintenance of the verge between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth so that it could be used as a footpath
- c) Attractiveness of the entrances to the village
- d) Speeding traffic
- e) State of roads and drains
- f) Retention/removal of trees
- g) Maintenance/non-maintenance of hedgerows

Policing, emergency services and local health care – The results indicate excellent awareness of both the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the First Responders Scheme. It is, therefore important that this awareness is maintained.

Village Plan Steering Committee – Pat Thompson, Roger Dexter-Smith, Eric Dunstone, David Goodman, Del Jenkins, Caroline O'Neill and Mark Clook

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1 Introduction

In 2005 a decision was made at an Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to draw up a Village Plan to reflect the opinions of villagers in regard to what life was like in Oswaldkirk and how it could be improved. The resulting Plan (see www.oswaldkirk.org) was then used to achieve the following improvements:

- It was used many times by the Parish Officers when comments were required on planning applications. In particular, it was used extensively when providing feedback on the Conservation Area Action Management Plan.
- It was instrumental in pursuing and getting a speed limit through the village.
- It contributed to the wealth of evidence that helped Oswaldkirk win the Calor Village of the Year Award in 2008.
- It resulted indirectly in the production of the Oswaldkirk Village Information Booklet (see website).

Whilst village plans are not legal documents, local authorities and other planning bodies, such as the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the North York Moors National Park, increasingly recognise them. They also provide a very important tool in identifying the views of residents. Therefore, in 2013 as the Village Plan was over eight years old, it was agreed by Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to revisit the Plan to determine if it needed to be updated and if so, in what areas. In order to do this a Steering Committee¹ was constituted to review the original plan to decide whether it needed revisiting. This work was done in consultation with Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY)².

As a result of the discussions with RAY, it was agreed not to revisit the whole plan but to focus on seven key areas, namely:

1. The Village Hall
2. The Playground
3. Footpaths
4. Mobile phone and broadband coverage
5. Preferred means of communication
6. The natural environment and sustainability
7. Policing, emergency services and local health care

In January/February 2014, as a first step in the updating process, the Steering Committee sent a questionnaire relating to these seven aspects to every household in Oswaldkirk. A copy of the questionnaire is presented in Appendix 1.

¹ Village Plan Steering Committee – Pat Thompson, Roger Dexter-Smith, Eric Dunstone, David Goodman, Del Jenkins, Caroline O’Neill and Mark Clook

² Rural Action Yorkshire contact was Mrs Maggie Farey

Of the 105 questionnaires distributed, 45 were returned, which represents a response rate of 43%. However, it should be noted that for some forms there were multiple entries, indicating a difference of opinion in the responding household. Therefore, the return rate of 43% is potentially an underestimate.

Ryedale District Council (RDC) analysed the responses to the questionnaire and the results are presented below, together with a list of recommendations made by those members of the Steering Committee responsible for each key area.

It should be noted that there is often a potential 'mismatch' between the comments passed and the quantitative part of the questionnaire i.e. the comments tend to highlight issues of concern to the respondent that may not be reflected by those who are more ambivalent and hence did not comment in writing. Please note that this applies to all areas of the questionnaire.

2 Village Hall

2.1 Introduction

The Village Hall Trustees are keen to ensure that the Village Hall meets the needs of the Village. In order to do this they drafted a set of questions aimed at seeking an indication of the usage of the Village Hall as well as what improvements were required.

2.2 The results of the questionnaire

On average the Village Hall was used monthly by approximately 22.2% of those who replied to the questionnaire; 60% less often and 17.8% claimed never to use the Village Hall.

A total of 63.3% considered that the Village Hall did not need enlarging; as regards specific improvements, the results were as follows:

| Proposed improvement | Percentage of respondents who considered improvement necessary |
|------------------------------|---|
| Tables and chairs | 65.5% |
| Storage | 65.5% |
| Windows along the south wall | 64.5% |
| Kitchen | 61.3% |
| Toilets | 48.3% |
| Parking area | 36% |
| Outdoor lighting | 34.6% |

| Proposed improvement | Percentage of respondents who considered improvement necessary |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Disabled access/facilities | 30.4% |
| Heating | 12.5% |
| Indoor lighting | 9.1% |

In addition, respondents were asked to comment on those improvements they considered necessary. Presented below is a summary of those comments; please note that these have been edited and grouped together under common headings:

Storage

Internal storage needs to be improved.

Windows

Increase the number of windows on the south side.

Kitchen

Improve catering facilities.

Toilets

Renew toilet facilities; possibly increase the number of toilets in the ladies.

Interior

Re-polish floor, improve disabled access.

General comments

'Village Hall is key to village and community activities and therefore the Trustees need to consider the scope of activities and its' role'

'The old hall was a sports venue for teenagers. Could that happen again?'

Full detailed responses are presented in Appendix 2.

2.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of the Village Hall Trustees

Over the last few years, the Village Hall Trustees have discussed the possibility of extending the Village Hall both at meetings of the Trustees as well as Parish

Meetings. The response to the questionnaire gives a clear indication that the majority of respondents do not think that extending the Village Hall is necessary although certain improvements are considered necessary, namely to the kitchen, storage, tables and chairs and to the windows. The detailed comments tend to reinforce this view. However, it is not clear how some of the improvements can be addressed without extending the Village Hall. In addition, there are a few comments regarding the scope of use of the Village Hall. It is recommended by the Steering Committee that the Village Hall Trustees consider the above results and corresponding comments and in particular the following proposals:

- Possibly improving the kitchen
- Improving internal storage
- Improving the tables and chairs
- The addition of windows
- Scope of use

3 Playground

3.1 Introduction

The Playground has been around, in its present form, since the mid 1990s. It has a range of play equipment as well as a grass area for football and other games. Recently a gazebo has been erected to try to make it more attractive for families to spend time there. However, the Playground Committee has experienced problems in attracting volunteers and in addition, questions have been raised regarding whether it is addressing the needs of the community. Therefore, the questionnaire was aimed at trying to obtain views on these key issues.

3.2 The results of the questionnaire

The majority of respondents (57.1%) indicated that they never use the Playground and 42.8% use it monthly or less often. This, to some extent, is not surprising given that the playground is only likely to be used by those with children or grandchildren. Nevertheless, it is important to remember that it is an asset to the village as reflected by 90.9% of respondents; the key issue is whether it is addressing the needs of the whole village. One indication is that 48.9% considered that the Village would benefit from additional sporting facilities, in fact 57.2% considered that there should be additional adult sporting facilities, whereas 39.5% considered it should remain as a children's playground.

3.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of the Playground Committee

As stated above, the Playground Committee has experienced problems in attracting volunteers³ and there has also been concern regarding what the village wants from the playground. In light of the responses to the questionnaire, it is recommended by the Steering Committee that the Playground Committee consider the possibility of incorporating both adult and child play facilities in to the current playground.

4 Footpaths

4.1 Introduction

Oswaldkirk is situated in a very picturesque area that is popular with walkers. There are a few footpaths leading out of the Village as well as one circular footpath – The Millennium Footpath. The questionnaire included questions regarding the condition of footpaths and pavements around Oswaldkirk as well as the views from the footpaths. In addition, ideas were invited regarding the possible development of a network of footpaths linking Oswaldkirk to nearby villages. Full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

4.2 The results of the questionnaire

Over 45% of respondents indicated that the condition of the footpaths was not satisfactory. The following general themes emerged:

- Millennium Footpath – poor conditions underfoot, being overgrown, lack of handrails, presence of barbed wire
- Jacob's Ladder – maintenance and possible addition of more steps.
- The Millennium Walk and The Terrace – dog mess
- Pavements along the Main Street – flooding
- Pavements in Manor View and St Oswald's Close – poor condition

Footpath maintenance is important, and whilst the Parish Meeting arranges for the Millennium Footpath to be cut regularly, it is clear that at times more could be done. As regards the conditions under foot – the footpaths referred to are rural footpaths that will inevitably get muddy, however it is important that they are usable at all times. Therefore, the key issues regarding maintenance will be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting.

³ As part of the questionnaire (See Appendix 1) offers of volunteers were requested and as a result two potential volunteers came forward.

A total of 85% of respondents indicated that they were pleased with the views from the footpaths around Oswaldkirk. Despite this very positive response, there was a small number of respondents who made less positive responses, a summary of which is as follows:

- The entrance to the village from the Helmsley/Malton road is poor
- Trees and shrubs should be tidied up on the south side of Oswaldkirk Bank
- The hedge on Oswaldkirk Bank should be cut low to improve views and increase light on that part of the Bank
- We would object very strongly if people wanted to chop down trees to "improve" any view
- There is no view south once you are up on the Hagg. Allowing clearance of some of the trees would hugely improve views over farmland to the south
- Too many trees on the Hagg - need to thin and remove
- Could improve open views from the Hagg and from top of footpath between The Terrace and the top of Oswaldkirk Bank
- Sometimes views are blocked along top of Oswaldkirk Bank

Views are obviously key, as are trees and the shelter they provide but from the responses provided it is clear that whilst some want clear views and hence trees removed, others do not. The above results will be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting.

Regarding the comments about chopping down trees, Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting already has a tree policy which encourages consultation with neighbours before any work is carried out (see Section 7).

Other comments passed focus on the need for a footpath down Oswaldkirk Bank. This issue has already been discussed with North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department and in light of the comments in Appendix 2, it is proposed that Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting considers this issue further.

A total of 85% of respondents indicated their support for a network of footpaths between Oswaldkirk and neighbouring villages and there were comments – see Section 7 below – regarding developing a footpath along the road to Ampleforth. In addition, many offers of help were received to assist in developing such a network. Therefore, it is proposed by the Steering Committee that a small group be formed to work with the community and local landowners to investigate the development of a network of footpaths.

4.2 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

- Improve maintenance of the footpaths around the Village
- Promote the development of a network of footpaths from Oswaldkirk to neighbouring villages
- Increase awareness of the tree policy in Oswaldkirk

5 Mobile phone and broadband coverage

5.1 Introduction

Oswaldkirk is relatively poorly served in terms of the quality of mobile phone coverage and speed of internet connection. In light of this, the Steering Committee included some general questions to determine the views of the Village.

5.2 The results of the questionnaire

The results of the questionnaire stated that 69% of respondents consider that the mobile phone reception in the village is not acceptable. As regards broadband coverage, while 55% of respondents thought that the coverage is acceptable, nearly 70% of the respondents indicated that they would be willing to pay a little bit more for a better service. As regards improving mobile phone reception, 61% said that they would support the erection of a mobile phone mast close to Oswaldkirk.

5.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

The above responses should be taken into consideration if/when any planning issues or proposals regarding improving mobile phone reception and/or broadband reception are received.

6 Preferred means of communication

6.1 Introduction

Although Oswaldkirk is a very small village, good communication is essential to ensure that everyone is aware of what is going on.

6.2 The results of the questionnaire

| Means of communication | Percentage indicating that this was their preferred means of communication |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Mail drop to your home | 77.8% |
| Word of Mouth | 75.6% |
| Notice-Board | 55.6% |
| Email | 51.1% |
| Meeting Point | 35.6% |
| Village website | 28.9% |
| The Malt Shovel | 15.6% |
| Local Paper | 11.1% |

The Village has had a website since about 2008 and 90% of respondents stated that they were aware of it, with 67.5% using it on monthly basis or less frequently.

The following suggestions were made for improving the website:

1. Archive village history on to the website
2. Increase the focus on to day-to-day life in Oswaldkirk, especially in light of the demise of Meeting Point
3. Upload draft minutes of the Parish Meeting to be uploaded
4. Increase accessibility via Internet facilities in the Village Hall

The full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

The majority of respondents (78%) were interested in having access to a regular Parish newsletter on the website with 51.9% considering that this should be monthly.

As regards the Parish Meeting, 61.4% of respondents attended a Parish Meeting either often or occasionally. The following reasons were given for not attending the Parish Meeting:

- Lack of time to attend
- Time of meeting not convenient
- Little influence of key issues

6.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

It is proposed by the Steering Committee that the Parish Meeting should consider the development of a monthly newsletter that is available on the website. Improvements to the website should be considered, for example investigating the possibility of archiving information and focusing the website on day-to-day activity. The latter point was considered especially relevant due to the demise of Meeting Point. Finally, the Parish Meeting should take steps to ensure that communicating their role in decision-making is improved and timings of meetings are reconsidered.

7 Natural environment and sustainability

7.1 Introduction

In drafting the questionnaire, it was agreed to seek peoples' views regarding whether there were any:

1. Specific areas of the local environment that could benefit from improvement
2. Specific comments on views of the surrounding countryside, woodland, hedges and access

Full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

7.2 The results of the questionnaire

General themes coming out of the Point (1) were as follows:

- a) Concern regarding the management of Chestnut Bank
- b) Maintenance of the verge between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth so that it could be used as a footpath
- c) Attractiveness of the entrance to the village
- d) Speeding traffic
- e) State of roads and drains

As regards point (a) the concerns raised will be brought to the attention of the *ad hoc* committee in charge of the maintenance of Chestnut Bank.

Point (b) regarding the maintenance of the verge between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth overlaps with Section 3 above.

Money has been allocated in the 2014/15 precept for the maintenance of the flowerbeds at the entrance to the Village (point c).

Much work has been done by the Parish Meeting regarding point (d).

General themes coming out of Point (2) were that Oswaldkirk is located in a very attractive part of the world and we are fortunate to have such excellent views. However, there were concerns raised regarding the need to open up these views by removing or trimming trees. Conversely there were concerns that the environment should remain as it is. Similar comments were passed regarding hedgerows – some people wanted them cut regularly whilst others wanted them left.

7.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

As regards point 1(e) officials of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting should liaise with residents and North Yorkshire Highways Department regarding the state of roads and drains to ensure that they are repaired as quickly as possible.

As regards point 2, Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting published guidance a few years ago regarding what should be done in the event that someone wanted to remove a tree from their property; it is recommended that the officials of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting consider reissuing this guidance.

8 Policing, emergency services and local health care

8.1 Introduction

Given its' relatively isolated location and distance from main towns, the Steering Committee considered that it would be useful to obtain a view regarding the emergency services, as well as perception of crime.

8.2 The results of the questionnaire

The vast majority of respondents (81.8%) considered that crime and antisocial behaviour is not a problem in Oswaldkirk. This is reflected by the fact that 86% of respondents had not been affected by crime in the last three years; in addition, 95.3% of respondents were aware of the Oswaldkirk Neighbourhood Watch

Scheme. It should be noted that the detailed responses gave more of an impression that crime, especially petty crime was more of an issue than the quantitative responses. This could be due, not unexpectedly, to those affected by crime feeling the need to comment in detail.

A total of 90.9% of respondents were aware of the First Responder Scheme and 12.2% had been attended to by a First Responder. The vast majority (76.3%) of respondents were not aware of any health and social care support.

Detailed responses are presented in Appendix 2.

As regards local emergency services, the following results were obtained:

| | % of responses | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|------|----------|------|------------|
| | Excellent | Good | Adequate | Poor | No opinion |
| General Practitioners | 22.0 | 53.7 | 14.6 | 7.3 | 2.4 |
| District Nurse | 16.0 | 22.5 | 6.0 | 2.5 | 55.0 |
| Ambulance | 14.6 | 26.8 | 24.4 | 4.9 | 29.3 |
| Fire and rescue | 4.9 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 4.9 | 61.0 |
| Police | 2.4 | 14.3 | 31.0 | 21.4 | 31.1 |

The results indicate excellent awareness of both the Neighbourhood Scheme and the First Responders Scheme, it is, therefore important that this awareness is maintained.

9 Three things

As part of the questionnaire, respondents were asked to state three things they liked about Oswaldkirk, three things they didn't like and three things they would like to change. A summary of the top four or five responses in each category are presented below. The full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

Three things respondents liked about Oswaldkirk

Overall 95 responses were received, some containing two or three comments, while others were single observations.

| Priority | Things liked | Number of times chosen |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Friendliness of villagers – with reference to a caring spirit in the village community | 43 |
| 2 | Landscape, location and scenery – including the views and importance of Chestnut Bank and the Hagg | 38 |
| 3 | Village activities – Ten positive statements were made about the variety of village activities and the Parish Meeting | 25 |
| 4 | Churches and church activities | 8 |

Three things respondents disliked about Oswaldkirk

Overall 79 responses were provided, most of which were single observations.

| Priority | Things disliked | Number of times chosen |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Traffic – speeding, heavy vehicles, danger through lack of footpath, noise | 23 |
| 2 | Dogs – noise and fouling | 7 |
| 3 | Pub – décor, closed on Wednesdays, food | 5 |
| 4 | Lack of shop Street lighting – too much, too little, too modern Limited footpath network, without using the roads | 4 |
| | In addition, two responses mentioned the lack of mobile/broadband reception, two were concerned about loss of the bus service and two indicated that they had no dislikes | |

Three things respondents like to change

| Priority | Choice | Number of times chosen |
|----------|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Current traffic calming measures | 8 |
| 2 | Playground – should include facilities for adult sports such as tennis court Village Hall – improved facilities and more activities, a social every two months | 4 |
| 3 | Too much street lighting Pub – improve all round and use more as social hub | 3 |
| 4 | Street lighting – a few more Street lighting – more sensitive in style Internet speed/superfast broadband | 2 |
| | In addition, single responses suggested a dog litter bin, bench sited with a view, electricity wires to be buried, better footpath access to other villages | |

10 Next steps

Outlined below is a collation of all the 'action points' or 'issues to note':

Issues to be brought to the attention of the Village Hall Trustees

It is recommended that the Village Hall Trustees consider the results of this questionnaire and in particular the following:

- Possibly improving the kitchen
- Improving internal storage
- Improving the tables and chairs
- The addition of windows
- Scope of use

Issues to be brought to the attention of the Playground Committee

It is recommended that the Playground Committee consider the possibility of incorporating both adult and child play facilities in to the current playground.

Suggestions for action for Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to consider

- Improve maintenance of the footpaths around the Village
- Promote the development of a network of footpaths from Oswaldkirk to neighbouring villages
- Increase awareness of the tree policy in Oswaldkirk
- Keep in mind the comments passed regarding mobile phone and/or broadband reception if/when any planning issues or proposals are received
- Develop an online monthly newsletter
- Improve the website, for example investigating the possibility of archiving information and focusing the website on day-to-day activity
- Ensure that communicating the Meeting's role in decision-making is improved and timings of meetings are reconsidered

11 Steering Committee

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Oswaldkirk Village Plan

Questionnaire 2014

In 2005, a Village Plan was produced (see www.oswaldkirk.org). The aim of the original plan was to draw out what issues were important to you and what changes you wanted and what you wanted to remain unchanged.

The following were notable successes from the Village Plan:

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- It was also instrumental in pursuing and getting a speed limit through the Village.
- It contributed to the wealth of evidence that helped Oswaldkirk win Village of the Year in 2008.
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Whilst the Village Plan is not a legal document, local authorities and other planning bodies, such as the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the North Yorks National Park, recognise them. The plan provides a very important tool in highlighting the views of the Village. As our Village Plan is now 8 years old, it is proposed to revise it.

In order to update the Plan, we have decided to focus on a few key issues that the Committee thought were relevant to day-to-day life in Oswaldkirk.

A good response from villagers will provide evidence of local consultation that could be used to influence the future of your village and could be used to support grant applications when necessary. The questionnaire is an opportunity to have your say on a range of subjects from planning and recreation to communications and policing. If you have any additional comments, please submit these on a separate sheet of paper. The questionnaire is confidential; therefore, you do not need to give your name(s).

Once completed please drop the questionnaire off at 1 Manor View or 11 St Oswald's Close by Friday 14th February 2014.

Thank you very much your co-operation.

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We are seeking views from all members of your household. If there is a difference of opinion, please indicate this in your response, alternatively you can contact either David Badham (01439 787 046) or Mark Clook (01439 788 247) for extra copies.

1. Village Hall and Playground

1.1 On average, how often do you use the village hall and playground?

| | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Less often | Never |
|--------------|-------|--------|---------|------------|-------|
| Village Hall | | | | | |
| Playground | | | | | |

1.2 Please tick one box for each of the following statements.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | No opinion | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|------------|----------|-------------------|
| There is a lack of play facilities in the village | | | | | |
| The playground is a useful asset to the village | | | | | |
| The village would benefit from additional sport facilities | | | | | |
| Adult sporting facilities, e.g. tennis court, bowling green, should be incorporated into the playground | | | | | |
| The playground should remain as a children's playground | | | | | |
| If you think the playground should be changed, please explain how | | | | | |

Would you be willing to help run the playground? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

1.3 Do you feel that the Village Hall is important to the village of Oswaldkirk?

| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
| | |

1.4 Do you think the Hall needs enlarging?

| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
| | |

1.5 If you have answered yes, please provide a brief outline below:

1.6 What, if any, improvements do you feel are needed to the Village Hall?

| Improvements to | Yes | No |
|------------------------------|-----|----|
| Toilets | | |
| Heating | | |
| Kitchen | | |
| Disabled access/facilities | | |
| Storage | | |
| Indoor Lighting | | |
| Outdoor Lighting | | |
| Tables and Chairs | | |
| Windows along the south wall | | |
| Parking area | | |
| Others please specify | | |
| | | |

1.7 If you have answered yes to any of the above, please provide a brief outline below (or on a separate sheet of paper)

The role of a Trustee involves attending approximately three meetings a year, taking responsibility for the running of the Village Hall and ensuring that it remains an asset to the community. Would you be willing to become a Village Hall Trustee? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

2. Footpaths

2.1 Are you happy with the condition of the pavements, footpaths and bridleways in and around Oswaldkirk?

| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
| | |

2.2 If no, please state where and why:

2.3 Are you happy with the views from footpaths in and around Oswaldkirk?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
| | |

2.2 If no, please state where and why:

2.3 Do you think that it would be useful to develop a local footpath/bridleway network between Oswaldkirk, Ampleforth, Gilling and Hovingham?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
| | |

2.4 If you answered yes, please add any other comments below:

2.5 Do you have any suggestions for new footpaths around Oswaldkirk? If so, please give details below:

If you are willing to help with developing a network of local footpaths or bridleways, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

3. Mobile phone coverage

3.1 Is mobile phone reception acceptable where you live?

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------|
| Yes | No | Don't use |
| | | |

3.2 What network do you use?

3.3 Would you support the erection of mobile phone masts close to Oswaldkirk to improve reception?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
| | |

4. Broadband coverage

4.1 Is the broadband connection acceptable where you live?

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------|
| Yes | No | Don't use |
| | | |

4.2 What internet provider do you use?

4.2 Would you be prepared to pay a little more to have superfast broadband if this improved your internet connection?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
| | |

5. Preferred means of communication

5.1 Where do you usually get information about events taking place in the village? Please tick more than one box if appropriate.

| | | | |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Local Paper | | The Malt Shovel | |
| Mail drop to your home | | Word of Mouth | |
| Email | | Village website | |
| Notice-Board | | Meeting Point | |
| Other – please specify | | | |
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5.2 Would you be willing to help deliver notices around the village? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

5.3 Are you aware of the village Website (see www.oswaldkirk.org)?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

5.4 If so, do you use it?

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|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Less often | Never |
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5.5 Do you have any suggestions as to how the Village Website could be improved?

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5.6 Would you be interested in being able to access a regular Parish Newsletter on the Village Website?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

5.7 If YES please tick the frequency you would prefer.

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|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Monthly | Every 2 nd Month | Quarterly | Half Yearly |
| | | | |

5.8 Do you attend Parish Meetings?

| | | | |
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| Often | Occasionally | Rarely | Never |
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If you have ticked RARELY or NEVER please state why this is so

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6. Natural Environment and sustainability

6.1 Are there any specific areas of the local environment that you think could benefit from improvement?

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6.2 Do you have any specific comments on either views of the surrounding countryside, woodland, hedges and access?

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Would you be willing to help with any local community projects aimed at improving the local environment? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

7. Policing, emergency services and local health care

7.1 Crime & Anti-social behaviour is **not** a problem within our parish.

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|------------|----------|-------------------|
| Strongly Agree | Agree | No opinion | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
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7.2 If you believe that a problem exists, please give examples of the issues that you would like to see addressed:

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7.3 Have you been affected by crime in the village during the last 3 years?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

7.4 Are you aware of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

Would you participate, (for example deliver leaflets, keep an eye on property when people are away etc) in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

7.5 How would you rate the following local emergency services and health care coverage?

| | Excellent | Good | Adequate | Poor | No opinion |
|-----------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|------------|
| Police | | | | | |
| Ambulance | | | | | |
| Fire & Rescue Service | | | | | |
| General Practitioners | | | | | |
| District nurse | | | | | |

7.6 Are you aware of the first responder scheme?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

7.7 Have you or any member of your family been attended to by a first responder since its inception?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

7.8 Would you like to join first responders? If so, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

7.9 Are you aware of health and any social care support, e.g. befriending service and social care local champion?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

7.10 Do you have any comments on policing, emergency services and local health care?

Please could you list:

Three things that you like about Oswaldkirk

Three things that you dislike about Oswaldkirk

Three things that you would like to change in Oswaldkirk?

**Is there anything else that you would like to tell us?
Or is there anything we have forgotten?**



THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Appendix 2

Complete set of written responses as produced by Ryedale District Council.

Q2

If you think the playground should be changed, please exp...

A putting green would be fun.

Additional sporting facilities should not be incorporated at the expense of any of the children's play area. Indeed a (better) wider range of children's play furniture would be very nice.

I think a tennis court if incorporated into the playground would be an asset to the village.

Re-position all play equipment to the lower part of area and construct a tennis court at the top of the play area.

Lot of land, opportunity to broaden usage.

In its present state, it is not often used and it is expensive to maintain, volunteers are few! Were it a tennis court it would be used often and maintenance self financing and volunteers would be forthcoming.

Children's playground to be combined with adult sporting facilities.

Tennis court would attract greater usage.

Imaginative play area e.g. willow screen den, hiding places, long grass area, sand pit.

Multi-use surface, single tennis court sized for all weather use.

Incorporate tennis court or bowling green into play area.

Should be a facility for use by all ages, all weather pitch for tennis/badminton etc.

More facilities for children over 10 years old.

Q4 – related to improving the Village Hall

If you have answered yes, please provide a brief outline:

More windows on the South Side. Some storage space level with hall opening from east end for excess chairs or tables. Renew toilet furniture Facilities otherwise good

It would, if we are able to allow for it in any new layout. Be useful to incorporate facilities for live performance. Thereby improving the scope of use both for the villagers and other who may wish to hire it.

Kitchen and cloakroom facilities

A limited enlargement to provide better toilet facilities, some storage and a patio like area facing south.

Storage area, do away with shed, have more windows and a patio on south side

Key to village, community activities - need more storage space, better use of existing layout.

It needs a makeover, the kitchen is small, the loos are depressing and there needs to be external storage of decent tables and chairs.
Internal storage, Improved kitchen - size, Improved ladies wc = 2xwc.
Better catering facilities would be useful.
Extend kitchen area into car park.
Larger kitchen and storage area.
The old hall was a sports venue for teenagers. Could that happen again?

**Q5 – related to other improvements to the Village Hall
Others, please specify:**

The front of the hall should be landscaped by planting bulbs along the wall that will need little care or maintenance.
Refrigerator important. No windows needed.
Don't visit often enough to comment
Have only been in the village hall briefly, can't really say about any other improvements.
Don't use enough to make an opinion
None
Investment required in tables and quality stacking chairs, replacement chairs look scruffy and dirty and are heavy.
Insufficient knowledge to make comment.
Bigger kitchen with two sinks.

**Q6a – related to Village Hall improvements
If you have answered yes to any of the above, please provide...**

The windows should be the first priority. I think that the best direction to extend would be on the west side even if this resulted in the oil tank being used to the east side.
The floor of hall needs redoing, repolishing
Toilets - Require updating/refurbishing Kitchen - Requires updating/refurbishing & addition of fridge, dishwasher and better instant hot water (beverages) More options of power saving, motion sensor/timed lights in toilets/storage area, new tables/chairs that fold stack and store. Windows a benefit to all particularly painting/art groups
As I live at April Cottage and park around the back near my garage. I would love to have better lighting in village hall car park. Parking looks a bit cramped for village hall patrons.
Storage needed at floor level, East End space best and is bigger than current space. Full set of South Windows would improve quality of hall. Parking area need better grit free surface
Another toilet in the Ladies would be helpful. The kitchen would be much improved with a new cooker and a dishwasher. Windows along the South Wall would provide more light.

Kitchen is poor, small and badly organised. Toilet needs modernising. Lighting dismal

Kitchen needs better cooking facilities and more space if possible. Windows would be a nice view but very much a "nice to have"

It would help to have more than one toilet for women, and also more pegs available for hanging up coats.

Doors/entrance awkward with wheelchair

We need a village hall to be proud of, not one where things are done "on the cheap" - The present tables and chairs are a prime example. We have funds and more could be applied for.

Disabled toilet facilities needed. The kitchen needs a fridge. Storage - move to external storage at St Gregory's end of the hall to enable windows looking southward and have French doors and paved to the fence for an outside area. Ladies should have 2 x wc. Current storage identified as potential H&S hazard. Kitchen is too small would be easy to have an accident but not user friendly. Table and chairs quality would not encourage us to use the VH as a function room.

Integral storage. Make more of the aspect across the valley.

Kitchen is small for larger functions. Disabled access - convert to unisex single cubicle on 'mens' side?.

Present chairs seem a retrograde step compared to those deposed of.

Kitchen needs fridge, dishwasher, cooker and microwave. Extend as necessary.

Kitchen: Larger area, more work top, modern cooker, fridge, pots, pans, utensils.

Storage: self explanatory.

Outdoor benches and tables for summer events in the field.

Q7 – related to Footpaths

If no, please state where and why:

The Millennium walk needs improvement, particularly on the way up through the woods (at the Ampleforth end) and in parts along the top. The handrail on the path above X's house should be extended lower down.

I would like to see a better path/sidewalk for the children who catch the bus to Ryedale School. I would also like there to be a bus shelter for cover from rain.

Millennium walk - slippery Path from the Terrace - top break is dangerous Jacobs ladder - slipper- dangerous

Pavements fine but need footpath on south side of Bank Road, especially on top bend below existing path; footpaths need more attention to slippery sections, barbed wire, nettles, and brambles.

The Millennium walk is often overgrown and difficult for walking. The pavements and terrace do suffer from dog mess.

It is dangerous walking up and down the bank with nowhere for pedestrians.

Path above Terrace very slippery

The path from the top of Oswaldkirk bank that travels along the top of the terrace coming out adjacent to the barn is unsuitable

Some of the footpaths are potted

Footpath (off road) access to Gilling and Ampleforth is needed.
Conditions yes happy. Parking of cars on footpath should be stopped. Particularly west of Church.

Continuing subsidence of road surface by Red House. Poor drainage, uncleared ditches leading to flooding and deterioration of road surfaces.

Bank

Broadly happy

The route up the bank at the west end, steps to be sorted which in is hand. It is a good idea to put steps up Jacobs Ladder as it enables a route to bank top without going up the road.

Footpath from Bank Top to Terrace. Barbwire is dangerous particularly when muddy/icy. Pavement required down the Bank Road.

The path from the top of the bank down to the terrace is not safe for taking children down either muddy and slippery or overgrown with nettles.

Since the new kerbs were laid, water collects both in the road and on the pavement outside la Manor View. Bad workmanship!

No pavement up the hill along the road makes it incredibly unsafe, especially when walking on Millennium trail.

Footpaths to Ampleforth College would enable links with existing network.

Those pavements repaired by "coating process" are as bad now as they were before attention.

Bridleways need attention in summer.

Pavements crumbling covered in algae/moss.

There was a track most of the way to Ampleforth. Now covered in brambles.

Hagg footpath is too narrow along the top, leading to a muddy path - should be widened. Hagg climb / descent - steps too uneven and dangerous when leaf covered or muddy.

**Q8 – related to being happy with footpaths in and around Oswaldkirk
If no, please state where and why:**

The entrance to the village from the Helmsley/Malton road is poor. I would appreciate the trees and shrubs tidied up and on the south side of the bank at the top and half way down having the hedge cut low to help views and light on the part of the bank.

Views would be much improved by tree thinning and pruning particularly on South side of Bank Top Road and existing footpath.

We would object very strongly if people want to chop down trees to "improve" any view

There is no view south once you are up on The Hag. Allowing clearance of some of the trees would hugely improve views over farmland to the south.

Too many trees on the Hagg - need to thin and remove

Could open views from Hagg and from top of footpath terrace - top of bank.

Unsafe to walk along the road to the college. (Especially in the summer when the nettles are high). For most of the way there is a wide bank on the north which if tamed would be a good place to walk.

Sometimes views blocked along top of bank - visitors with bench?

**Q9 – related to proposal to have footpaths linking villages
If you answered yes, please add any other comments:**

It would be a really good idea to have more local walks.

Excellent Idea

Have walked on the road to Ampleforth and feel it would be safer to have a footpath.

I would love to be able to step outside my house and go for a safe run/walk between those villages. Instead I have to drive to Ampleforth or Helmsley for exercise.

From pub to pub!

Continuation of Millennium Way along the Bank Top to the West as far as possible.

It would be an advantage to open up the walks from the village.

Ampleforth yes in particular and maybe Gilling. There is one to Hovingham.

Would be useful for present footpaths, however outside these named villages do join up along existing pathways

It is impossible to walk to Ampleforth or Gilling without having to go along a road.

This is a real shame, I would really appreciate the formation of new footpaths.

Walking on roads is less than good fun.

A footpath, between Ampleforth and Oswaldkirk would be useful. Its getting too dangerous to walk on the road due mainly to speed of traffic. Also a cycle route would be good to be used for Children and adults. Suggest along the right side of the road on flat bank.

The road between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth is dangerous for pedestrians. In fact it is difficult to walk anywhere from Oswaldkirk.

It would be useful to have pathways out of the village. There isn't much scope for dog walking in the village.

Oswaldkirk to Gilling a very valuable development. I am surprised there is not an old path between the churches. To Ampleforth a must because the bus reductions means the only route to the shop is along the road.

We very strongly agree, especially between Oswaldkirk to Gilling and Ampleforth.

The road from Gilling to Ampleforth is dangerous to walk and cycle on.

Along quarry track then alongside wood past house to the college. To Gilling via Collinson's farm?

Not easy to go for a walk without using main roads.

For exercise and safety an off road circular network of paths is needed. It would be nice to try to establish a footpath across to Gilling but I appreciate this would be very difficult knowing the legal requirements necessary.

Q10

Do you have any suggestions for new footpaths around Oswa...

Any footpaths that would be needed to correct the four villages.

Would be nice to be able to walk to Gilling Woods from Oswaldkirk avoiding roads.

I am new to the area and don't know for sure to be able to suggest any.

Need footpath on South Side of Bank Road particularly at top bed for pedestrian safety.

For safety reasons, there should be a footpath up Oswaldkirk Bank

One from the south side of the village across/ around fields to Gilling. Another extension of the beginnings of a path from Oswaldkirk to Ampleforth.

Across farm land to Gilling

Path running along the road leading to Ampleforth College and Oswaldkirk inbetween the road and Hagg Cottage and Woods. (diagram on survey).

Extend Millennium footpaths towards Ampleforth, negotiate right of way between Hall Farm Oswaldkirk and Hall Farm Gilling and on to B1363.

Instead of having to climb to get out of the village is there any merit in looking at developing a footpath out south towards Gilling or Cawton.

The path west to Ampleforth to continue at the top of the wood to join with the other paths.

The ones that we have need to be better condition.

It would be great to be able to connect by foot with other villages around us.

Horse owners would benefit by a linked bridleway.

Hall Farm house - Hall Farm - Gilling? Along the Hagg to the bank top behind the college.

Oswaldkirk to Ampleforth college extending existing foot path westwards all the way along the top of the Hagg (haven't tried it, as map indicates path goes to Stocking Lane, but if it could continue along the top it would be nice).

Along quarry track then alongside wood past house to the college. To Gilling via Collinson's farm?

Oswaldkirk Bank.

A footpath along the grass verge on north side of Ampleforth road between edges of our village to the steps leading up through the wood to Millennium Walk.

Path to Gilling? Hovingham?

Opening up lost paths/bridleways/green lane would be more than adequate.

(Sproxton, Gilling, Cawton). Safe path up Oswaldkirk bank. Verge side path to meet bottom of Hagg path enroute to Ampleforth.

No.

Q12 – mobile phone networks

What network do you use?

O2 = 21

Vodafone = 14

Orange = 5

BT = 2

Virgin = 1

Talk Talk = 1

Q15**What internet provider do you use?**

BT = 28
Plusnet = 2
Timico = 1
AOL = 2
Tesco = 1

Q17 – other means of communications**Other - Please specify**

Church St Oswald's bi-weekly newsletter
Church newsletter

Q20**Do you have any suggestions as to how the Village Website...**

A lot of the content connected with history of the villages etc could be archived and the whole site be made more relevant to daily life of the villages and surrounding villages.

Didn't know the website provided current events/updates/info. I used it to research the village before I moved here. Will keep an eye out for updates.

Minutes from Parish Council meetings to be uploaded within one week if possible.

Continued improvement of the website to include news of upcoming events and what is going on in the village generally.

More contributors

In Slingsby sign outside the village advertising the website.

Keep the archive of pictures. The recent redesign has lost all the old photographs from it, which is part of our social history. But I am not sure how inclusive this approach is, especially those who cannot afford access to ICT and do not have use or are not confident users. Do we need a village hall or pub IT access equipment point?

Draft minutes available - possible auto email function to subscribers to a list.

Replace meeting point content with internet content.

For a village our size, it is fit for purpose. However searched for certain events eg Christmas party and could not find it. Important security notices - eg breakings, unusual events/news would also be handy. There is a gap in information with meeting point being on hold.

Q23 – related to attending Parish Meeting**If you have ticked RARELY or NEVER please state why this ...**

Work full time
Time availability

I am new to village and haven't got around to attending one yet. My time is dominated by my son and his activities. Not had chance to attend yet.
Often still working at the time they begin
No reason really - There are plenty of opinions most of which we share already.
Too busy - demands of work make it impossible.
No interest
Due to family commitments in other parts of country unable to get to meetings (aged parents!!)
Timings don't work.
Time pressure of work and young family; church commitments.
We feel Parish Meetings have little influence. Ryedale DC is the controlling factor.
Away, busy etc.
We have been involved in the past, but believe change should be in the vote of younger people.
New to village.
I have done over 28 years in village but certain persons who attended turned my interest away.

Q24

Are there any specific areas of the local environment tha...

Keeping the verge along side the Hag walkable would be safer (as it is at present)
More footpaths
Just footpath to Ampleforth
Camouflage of Armitage buildings.
Improving light and views on Oswaldkirk Bank. Trimming hedges. Need another Horse chestnut removed on south side of bank.
Lighting through village burying underground electric wires
Do not like hearing the 'shooters'. The road to Ampleforth needs widening. Street lighting could be better.
Remove the abundance of potholes appearing on the streets
Chestnut Bank
Regular cleaning out of the drains
We need to replace the boarding along the north side of the path along Chestnut Bank. A bench and flower trough beside the phone box to help create a focal point.
Slow down traffic flow through the village possibly road humps or flashing speed signs.
Greater biodiversity through flower / wild meadows and more hedgrows would be desirable.
Roads and footpaths Drainage Speed Restrictions
Bank Top Kerbstones
The bank at the side of the road to Ampleforth to be cut to make sure it is accessible for walkers throughout the year.

Removing litter. Replacing hedgerow trees.
The Chestnut Bank should be placed on a proper maintenance contract not left to volunteers.
Pavement frontages could be cleaner.
Entrance to the village from bank top and from Ampleforth should be kept tidy and more inviting.

Q25

Do you have any specific comments on either views of the surrounding countryside, woodland, hedges and access

We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area!
Love the views!
Leave alone.
These MUST be preserved, particularly with regards to future housing development
View would be much improved by thinning trees along Bank Top and lower hedge top so they can be seen over.
I am very strongly against chopping down trees unless they are a specific danger
A proper footpath from the Hall to the base of the Millennium Walk steps at the west end of the village.
No
Trees on Oswaldkirk Bank are too big and vegetation has been allowed to get out of control - needs trimming, pruning on a regular basis
Too much cutting of wild hedges and verges lets encourage more wildlife. The noise level caused by shooting has got worse this winter due to the organised 'kill' allowed by the Parish Council.
Generally excellent.
Trees and hedgerows should be regularly pruned, particularly trees which have grown too large and are hazardous.
Don't mess with it.
More hedges in Ryedale Danger from spraying to public footpath users.
Getting the wood next to the sewage works / light industrial buildings part felled and replanted to form a cyclical plantation might ensure that the buildings remained screened.
I have noticed (and commented on) set aside paths being ploughed to the hedge.

Q27 – related to crime

If you believe that a problem exists, please give example...

Dog Litter is an on going problem unfortunately
There have been several thefts in the village recently but I haven't seen any reports on there on the online Scarborough and Ryedale Police Newsletter (or on the village notice board).
A little bit of petty theft going on. We had a parcel taken from our porch, a neighbour had eggs taken from the doorstep. oil taken etc.

Speeding on B1363 within 30mph area and Main St
Dog fouling
Theft of small work tools has increased to a worrying level
Lot more burglaries/theft, see more of police.
Break in at manor view. Antisocial behaviour of local farmer. Antisocial behaviour of some members of the public at local parish meetings. Bullying.
Better communication with police
Inconsiderate neighbours (not mine) but elsewhere in the village. Barking dogs - when it becomes incessant.
More information on any incident that do occur would be nice, eg burglaries, suspicious events etc.

Q34

Do you have any comments on policing, emergency services ...

I am under the impression that there is very little police coverage in this area - in spite of what the newspapers says! Newscutting attached to the form
It would be nice to know that we had a good chance of getting to hospital in an emergency quickly particularly if the person was aged or has heart problems. For example the case in Wales where a man died due to no ambulance available.
How experienced are our first responders?
Good - can always be improved.
Difficulty getting prompt appointment at GP's. Function of isolation but ambulance when needed severely delayed! (was 12 years ago though).
To look at a care support/befriending service in the village, in addition to the informal approach may be useful.
Where we have expressed no opinion it is only because we have not had personal experience.
We believe first responders are away for ambulance service to avoid their adherence to stipulated call out times.
We have no experience of policing and emergency services. Local health care we have found excellent.
Unless you have used these services it's difficult to comment.
No, but we could benefit for a traffic calming scheme on the entrance to the village from the Ampleforth direction.

Q35

Three things that you like about Oswaldkirk

The views and location
The people
Quality of Life
Friendliness
Tranquillity
Social Life
In Ryedale.

The Surrounding Countryside.
Size you can get to know most people
Church activity - Christian presence
Variety of village activities
Location People
Community Spirit
Village Community
Environment Not Extensively Developed
Views and scenery
Most people are friendly and helpful
No crime
Friendly villagers/community.
Beautiful streets/surroundings/houses.
It is a good sized village.
The views
A small co-operative community
Parish meeting
The Village Churches
The friendly community
The views
The Anglican Church
The views - unpolluted by such things as mobile phone masts
Community spirit, friendly rural pleasant environment.
Lovely views
Friendliness Community Care
Community spirit
Control over development
Green policy/non light pollution
Community spirit
Social interaction
Village hall facility
Friendly active community
Rural location
The pub
Community spirit
Walking group
The pub
The village Hall
The people
Position
Good neighbours/community.
Beautiful environment (views).
Peaceful.
The People
The Location
The Church

Happy Valley

Small and generally quiet village

Good easy access to open countryside by car

Proximity to Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside and their amenities & York.

Neighbourhood spirit, and opportunities to do things together which brings about neighbourliness and support, concern and friendships.

Respect and liking for the countryside, not urbanised and not suburbia in the country.

Having the abbey community meeting with sports centre, spiritual centre, facilities and employment.

Community Spirit.

Location.

The fact it has a pub and village hall.

Community spirit (generally).

Views.

General location.

Friendly, inclusive, helpful neighbours.

Active calendar of village events.

It is nice to have a recreation area / play grounds.

Friendly community.

Church and its activities - ecumenical.

Active Village Hall / playground / Parish Meeting - Village events.

Friendliness of most of the residents.

Friendly community.

Beautiful countryside.

Good pubs in the area.

Friendly community.

Being a small village.

Social events i.e. walking group, village hall events.

The community spirit especially in wintry weathers.

The views.

Chestnut Bank.

The village hall and management of it.

Position.

Lovely people.

Peaceful.

Friendly people.

Lots of young children.

Good neighbours.

Shelter of the Hagg.

Friendliness.

Pub.

Setting.

Small.

Peaceful.

Climatically very much better than many other villages.

Q36

Three things that you dislike about Oswaldkirk

Can't think of anything!

Measures have been taken to curb speeding traffic which is the only thing we dislike.

It is always the same group of people who volunteer to help run activities, do environmental work etc

Traffic too fast

Bad mobile and broadband service

Speeding is still a problem.

Lack of visibility of traffic descending bank, mirror needed.

Messy hedgerows and trees on entrance to Oswaldkirk from Helmsley and Malton Road

Dog dirt on pavements

Too many large lorries in village and up hill

Overhead electric wires inadequate street lighting needs a better pub

On street parking particularly Main Street/York Road Junction at bottom of bank

No foot path, single file up the bank

Heavy, long vehicles negotiating the bank corner on the wrong side of the road

No shop.

No large open space to run safely on or go for walk on.

No streetlights.

Electric poles, telephone poles, street/road signs

Speeding traffic on Main Street and up Gilling Road

Dirty footpaths Speeding traffic Dog mess

No speed limit on Bank Top (B1257) is an accident waiting to happen and a danger to residents.

Poor lighting,

No shop

Village pub could be better

Residents' lack of interest in events - always the same people.

Suburban views in countryside environment

Poor public house

The pub shuts on Wednesdays!

Overhead electric wires

No streetlights

Fast morning traffic on the B1363

Linear village without a "centre".

Lack of lighting Lack of a good pub

Lack of village meetings/get togethers

The Dogs

The catholic church building

The traffic speed through the village

Noise of shooting.

Noise of motor cycles.
Speed or traffic through village.
Prospect or loosing bus service (reduced).
No shop.
Can't walk anywhere without using dangerous roads.
Poor mobile phone reception.
Pedestrian access between the village and the bank top needs to be improved.
At present it is difficult, dirty and dangerous (on the road).
Poor infrastructure
On road parking of cars and wheelie bins
'Dated' Village Hall
None
Dog barking
Difficulty getting out of the close in snowy/wintery weather
No gritters any more!
Feeling of possible isolation and forced to have and use a car because the bus service is always at risk.
Traffic noise especially motor bikes.
The quality of the pub and its offerings ie alcohol offerings and food offerings.
One law for farmers and another for residents.
Pub
Friendly and supportive.
Its location.
Its tidiness.
Car seldom obey speed restrictions on Main Street.
Footpath network is limited 'from the door'.
No village shop.
Difficulty accessing main road in winter.
Speed of traffic through village.
Speed humps required
Infrequency of drain / gutter cleaning.
Speeding cars through village.
Village tends to be divided, Terrace, Main St and Close.
Not enough residents get involved in village life.
Noisy dogs!
The dangerous bend at bottom of Oswaldkirk Bank.
Dog mess
Traffic speed.
Lorry noise.
Motor cycle noise.
We do not have any.

Q37

Three things that you would like to change in Oswaldkirk?

It would be good if the Malt Shovel was more of a social hub for the village I would like to have superfast broadband I would like the front of the village hall to look more attractive

Chestnut Bank

Insensitive modern street lighting in Manor Close (Tinted Lanterns of a traditional design seen elsewhere in Ryedale villages)

A further additional litter/dog bin

The road crossing from the Terrace into the village is still very dangerous. Made worse by beech hedging planted blocking the view from the village when crossing into the Terrace.

Street lighting - more please (if possible).

Eliminate electric and phone poles and reduce street/road signs to a minimum
20 mph limit on Terrace needed

Less heavy traffic on the bank

Speeding cars

Dog mess (at times)

We definitely need a speed limit on Bank Top before someone gets hurt.

Bus service, dog fouling, street lighting

Removal of wastebin outside 'Little Paddock' to space on Chestnut Bank - due to being adjacent to young children.

Street lighting should be all taken down

Covered area into adult sports facility (tennis)

Thought process - Change is here to stay!!

Electric wires should be buried

A few streetlights added

Create a footpath to Ampleforth

Find a spot to site a "bench with a view"

Get to meet socially more often - once every 2 months

The speed limit through the village Main Street (20 mph)

Parking on the corner of the Terrace

Perhaps more use of village hall venue for all age groups - for eg slide shows, talks.

No more pheasant shooting - barbarous and noisy.

Maintain regular bus service (i.e. do not implement proposed cuts).

Close road between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth to motor vehicles alternative route via beacon bank exists and so this road not needed for cars. It was wonderful when the road was closed for repairs a few years ago.

More housing first time buyers

Better pathways for walking out of the village.

Pub ownership.

Playground to tennis court.

Traffic calming / police supervision of speed limit.

Improve footpaths.

Improve VH.

The barrage of shooting at weekends is uncomfortable proximity.

The lack of good dining facilities at the Malt Shovel.

Improvements to footpath (off road) access to other villages via footpaths / cycle paths.

Improved internet speed.

Playground improved to suit wider age range (adults and children).

Type of streetlights town manor view etc - 'old fashioned' type would be more in keeping.

Chestnut Bank onto contract.

Tennis court or bowling green in village.

Better eating pub in village.

Village Hall.

Village Playground.

Speeding motorists.

The poor road surface along the terrace and beyond.

Double parking outside West End houses and Ampleforth Road.

Better mobile phone cover.

Traffic calming - Ampleforth end only.

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Is there anything else that you would like to tell us? Or...

Thank you for all the hard work that you put in to running committee and looking after our lovely village!

Thank you.

Traffic speeding through village

No to any road ramps/bumps for slowing traffic or painting road or flashing warning lights.

Grateful to all those who volunteer to help the community from the Chairman down.

It is very good having the pub, adds to the character of the village and place to bring people together.

Do we need a disaster management plan - mindful of the flooding & communities needing to respond, we could have fire on the hag, landslip, major traffic accident? It would need to detail who, but would have an outline of what would be done.

Try to effect change without over managing people.

Continual dog barking can be annoying at times, mostly in the summer.

Possibility of a lunch club for the elderly of the village.