**Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting**

**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2021**

**Present:** 22

**Apologies:** David & Gaynor Badham, Jane Dexter-Smith, Andy and Shirley Halliwell, Peter O’Neill, Helen Goodman, Maggie Lis

**Minutes of the last meeting** – due to the Coronavirus pandemic the last general meeting was held on 23 October 2019. The Chair summarised the points of discussion by way of recap. Updates on village issues had been provided by newsletter and The Grapevine email in the interim.

**Planning Applications** **and Enforcement** – eight planning applications had been received since the update, the majority of which were not controversial:

Orchard House The Terrace Oswaldkirk Helmsley YO62 5XZ

Removal of the lower three branches pointing north west which are encroaching and overhanging

Received: Wed 05 May 2021 Status: Registered

Crag Cottage, Main Street, Oswaldkirk

Proposal alterations and construction of single storey extension with terraced balcony above, following demolition of existing extensions

Decision Approved with Conditions 28-05-2021

Newton Grange Farmhouse Newton Grange Oswaldkirk Helmsley YO62 5YG

Erection of a detached garden building for use as a home gym

Received: Mon 26 Apr 2021 Status: Approved

Mir-West Barn The Terrace Oswaldkirk Helmsley North Yorkshire YO62 5XZ

Erection of a detached outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding.

Received: Sat 20 Feb 2021 Status: Approved

The Old Rectory Main Street Oswaldkirk Helmsley North Yorkshire YO62 5XT

Erection of single storey rear garden room extension following removal of existing conservatory with installation of internal door to garage

Received: Thu 18 Feb 2021 Status: Approved

St Gregory’s Barn, Main Street, Oswaldkirk, Helmsley, North Yorkshire YO62 5XT

Erection of 1no three bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing barn with associated parking and landscaping

Received 29 October 2020 Status: Withdrawn by Applicant

Golden Square Caravan Park, Oswaldkirk

Application 13-08-2020

Application Type Change of Use

Proposal use of existing holiday park for 11 months of the year (closed 05 January to 03 February in any one calendar year)

Decision Approved with Conditions 06-11-2020

A discussion took place in relation to the St Gregory’s planning application received in October 2020 requesting permission to demolish and rebuild the barn as a four bedroom house on the St Gregory’s site. This application was withdrawn but previous permission to develop (but not demolish the barn) to a three bedroom house had been granted in 2014 and renewed in 2019. The Chairman highlighted to the meeting that the previously approved application for St Gregory’s House and the Cottage had required three off street parking spaces to be provided as a condition prior to occupation. These parking spaces had not been provided and only on street parking is available. A compliance order has been placed on the developer by Ryedale District Council, however the compliance requirements will have a significant impact on the current tenant of the Cottage. Mr Wade as neighbour to the property, confirmed he is intending to make a formal complaint to the Council and Highways Authority re their repeated reluctance to address this matter.

**Village Hall Update**

Roger Dexter Smith, Chair of the Village Hall Trustees updated the meeting on the progress of the village hall improvements. He confirmed the car park would be completed the following week.

He advised approximately £130,000 had been raised over the last five years, including government business support grants received as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Chair of the Trustees had recently provided a written update to all Oswaldkirk parish residents detailing the arrangements for a new village hall charity to be created - a ‘Charitable Incorporated Organisation’ (CIO). The village hall, car park and playground land would all be registered as assets of the village hall with the current charity which would then transfer to the new CIO.

The Village Hall Trustees Chair also presented the following motion for discussion in relation to the Telephone Box:

*That the Parish Meeting do hereby consent for no monetary consideration to transfer whatever rights of ownership or otherwise of the structure of the Telephone Box or Kiosk standing adjacent to the Old Post Office in Main Street, Oswaldkirk, North Yorks to the Trustees of the Oswaldkirk Village Hall [The Trustees] on the strict condition and understanding that as from the date hereof the Trustees do assume all liabilities and civil obligations in respect of the said Telephone Box or Kiosk and grant to the said Parish Meeting a full and sufficient indemnity in respect thereof and in all respects as to liability to any Third Party.*

All present were in favour and the motion was carried.

The Chair of the Trustees also hoped that social activities would soon recommence. A Coffee Morning had been planned for 3 July 2021, however a discussion would take place at the next Trustees meeting as to whether this would go ahead, in light of the delay to the final lifting of Coronavirus restrictions.

The Chair of the Parish Meeting thanked the Village Hall trustees for the excellent work undertaken.

**Current Village Developments**

**Millennium Trail footpath steps -** The Chairman confirmed he had contacted the National Park Service in relation to the poor state of the footpath and steps ascending from Oswaldkirk Bank. They were both slippery and dangerous when wet. £1500 had been received from the Park Service towards the repairs. A number of quotes had been sought, the provider of the lowest quote (£2268) had been contracted. The work has now been completed to a very satisfactory standard.

**Defibrillator –** The village was soon to be in possession of a centrally located defibrillator, which had been sourced with input and advice from Peter Stone. Grants had been provided from Ryedale District Council (25% of the total cost), with a significant donation (£1,000) provided by the Freedom Group who had undertaken the work to place the electricity cables underground. The total cost of the device is £1536 the difference being funded through parish meeting funds.

The Chair confirmed that the device was registered with Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) with a guardian to be appointed. Peter Stone has agreed to undertake this role. Dr Stone confirmed that whilst a defibrillator had always been available to the meeting, through the Community First Responders it was very helpful to have a centrally cited one in the village. When the device is required for use, YAS will advise and co-ordinate the appropriate steps through the 999 call.

The defibrillator will be cited on the western gate post at the entrance to the village hall and YAS have agreed to attend the next village meeting to demonstrate its operation. It was agreed it would be useful to place a notice on the village noticeboard detailing the availability and location of the device for visitors and passers-by.

**Sewer Blockages –** a resident of Main Street had highlighted to the Chair that there had been a number of blockages of the main sewer through their garden causing considerable mess and unpleasantness. Yorkshire Water had been contacted to unblock it and had advised that the reason for the blockage was the disposal of wipes down the toilet. The Chairman reminded all residents that wipes should be disposed of in household waste bin.

**Chestnut Bank –** The Chairman had noticed that the path on Chestnut Bank was in need of some refurbishment and suggested that, dependent on available funds, a small working party be convened to undertake this work.

**The Terrace –** It had been highlighted that the Terrace does not have a street name sign, which in view of the increasing number of deliveries, would be beneficial. It was agreed that an approach would be made to the Highways Department of North Yorkshire County Council enquiring how this might be put in place.

**Oswaldkirk Bank –** The Chair confirmed he had been advised by Mr Coyne, of NYCC that the resurfacing work to Oswaldkirk Bank was due to commence on 27 July for 9 days. It was likely that the Bank would be closed for most of this time.

**Any Other Business**

**Bob’s Eggs –** it was advised that eggs would not be available for purchase at present as Bob is unwell.

**The Malt Shovel –** A discussion took place regarding the pub’s future. It was noted that following concerns raised in relation to falling masonry, swift action had been taken by the Brewery to rectify the problem. It was highlighted that the gate to the pub garden was also in need of repair. The Chair agreed to write again to the Brewery regarding the gate and seeking an update of their plans for the pub.

**Telegraph Poles –** The Chairman confirmed that BT were to apply for a road closure permit for the end of August in order to replace the six rotten telegraph poles identified through the Freedom Group electricity works. In response to a question raised regarding the remaining tall electricity pole on the Terrace, the Chairman suggested any concerns relating to this were best made by those affected by it.

**Tree felling –** The Chair of the Village Hall Trustees advised, due to disease, 5 Ash trees were to be felled along the main road to the playground. The tree surgeon consulted confirmed the other native saplings present would come through to fill the gaps so additional planting was not required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.