

## **Minutes of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting 16 November 2022**

### **1. Attendance/apologies**

**Apologies-** Alison Hampshire, David Lis, Roger and Jane Dexter-Smith, Andy and Shirley Halliwell, Wendy Skilbeck, Ursula Webb, Caroline and Peter O'Neill

#### **Attendees-**

Chair - Shena Stewart (SS)    Treasurer – Mike Aherne (MA)

Susan Aherne

Pauline Henley

David and Gaynor Badham

David (DG) and Helen Goodman (HG)

David Key (DK)

Gerard Simpson (GS)

Carol Wilford (CW)

Bridget Hannigan (BH)

Lisa Halmshaw

Stuart Charman

Roger Wade

Chris Hamlin (CH)

Eric and Mary Stainforth

David and Beryl Lee

Veronica Dunne

Pat Thompson (PT)

Gordon and Margaret Beaumont

Michal Karasinski

David Nelson (DN)

Peter (PS) and Jill Stone

Ambrose Greenfield (AG)

Councillor George Jabbour; North Yorkshire Council

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The Chair noted that if there were no comments on the minutes these would now been taken as Approved. No comments were raised by the meeting (of which many were present at the previous meeting) and the minutes were approved unanimously by the Meeting.

The Chair reminded the Meeting that future minutes will be distributed electronically as well as a copy on the Parish Notice Board.

### **3. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 7 pm.**

#### **4. Matters Arising**

##### **a. Malt Shovel**

- i. Proposal for the pub and garden to be registered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Some discussion by DG regarding the history of the building and SS noted that the draft application form had utilised information from the Village History book to complete and that she would be happy to share the draft application form for comment from any interested parties to ensure accuracy. Question from DN regarding whether the field was in scope of the application and AG about the permitted building line crossing this field. SS explained that didn't think there was sufficient evidence of the field being used for community events etc and thus the application would not include the field.

SS noted that DK had initially raised the possibility of registering the Malt Shovel as an ACV. SS explained the potential benefits and limitations of an ACV and gave examples of other registered pubs in our area of Ryedale. PS noted that there had been residents that were serious about buying the Malt Shovel previously and SS noted that in the context of the application it would be a community purchase, similar to what is happening with The Plough in Fadmoor, but it reiterates the level of support a potential purchase of the Malt Shovel could receive.

The meeting voted unanimously for the Chair to proceed with the application.

- ii. The Chair has had correspondence with Mark Butler at the Samuel Smith Brewery regarding renovations of pub and priority given to the outbuildings which require attention. SS read the following extracts from the letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022:

"I am afraid that I am unable to provide an update on timings in relation to the renovations and reopening of the Malt Shovel. Since writing to Mr Wilkinson in 2018 you may have noticed that extensive renovation works have been undertaken on the Ampleforth side of the pub and work has already started in a small way on reducing the extension on the Stonegrave side, but much is still to be done in that respect. Our intention is to turn our attention to the outbuildings as the next priority on site, given their increasingly poor structural condition. At present we are trying to agree a programme of work and a price with the stonemason involved, whose availability at present is also a little uncertain due to his significant workload.

It is clearly going to take considerable time to see the overall project through to its conclusion, particularly in the current financial climate which, with our limited resources, means that we can only progress works on a phased basis. As stated in my letter of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018, once the project has been completed it then remains to be seen how easy it will be to find a management couple to run the premises, given the recruitment challenges that the hospitality sector is facing post-pandemic."

The Chair will acknowledge his letter, after the ACV application has been made, and restate the sentiment in the village that the Malt Shovel is missed and we collectively hope it will be reopened as soon as possible.

**b. Emergency Plan for the village.**

- i. This had last been updated in 1989 by the late Mr Adrian Stewart, and that would be useful to be updated as relevant, i.e., power cuts. The meeting agreed an update would be a useful exercise. David Key agreed to update the plan including coordinating contributions from residents, who should reach out to him if they want to be actively involved.

**c. Extension of Millennium path as far as Ampleforth.**

SS explained this is a topic that has previously been discussed and the meeting was supportive to pick this back up. It was agreed that getting the landowners on board of any chosen path is the key, including understanding liability issues, as well as agreeing who maintains the path.

Currently the path descends back to the village north of Oswaldkirk Hall. CH, GS, CW and PS spoke to this and the current stumbling block seems to be land ownership and an existing footpath which descends to Bolton House in the College grounds from Stocking Lane. A solution maybe to involve the new College Estate manager as the path could cross the existing zebra crossing into the college grounds and then along a safer route into Ampleforth village, which the students currently utilise.

CH, who has been involved with the previous discussions, was nominated by the meeting to take this forward. It was noted it would be useful to liaise with the Ramblers Association who are investigating lost paths in the UK.

**d. Ideas to improve road safety at the corner of Oswaldkirk bank.**

There are two items that are already approved and pending delivery, being an adult holding a child's hand sign for the bank, and double yellow lines on the corner of the main street (8.5m which cover the gates of The Red House and along to the electricity box). HG asked whether it was possible to extend the double yellow lines further along the main street. SS noted that it is acknowledged that the existing proposal is accepted as a compromise to provide more space for cars entering the junction vs. creating more congestion further up the street.

Discussion of various traffic calming measures to keep crossing pedestrians safe, especially from silent electric cars. The following ideas suggested at the meeting will be investigated and feasibility/costs etc reporting back on at the next meeting.

- A new path along the verge bank adjacent to Ledbrooke house boundary to allow for a place to stand when crossing towards entrance to The Red House, which is lower

down the hill towards Gilling giving better sight lines both ways for pedestrians and motorists. HG noted that they would be supportive of such a new path but it would need to be done to ensure the bank side did not collapse into the road.

- Reduced speed signs
- Chicanes
- Zebra crossing
- Mirrors (non-reflective)
- Writing painted on the road
- Making the main junction a crossroad / have traffic lights.

The Chair agreed to liaise with Councillor Jabbour who attends regular weekly meetings with the Highways agency where Oswaldkirk Bank was a regular topic.

## **5. Financial Update.**

Financial statement distributed to the meeting and no questions were raised.

- a. Oswaldkirk village signs are the village's responsibility not Highways and the Treasurer has applied for grant funding to repair or refurbish these.
- b. The meeting agreed unanimously that the Village Hall rental for new First Responder training be paid from public funds to the amount of £50.

## **6. Planning Applications**

SS noted that as of the meeting date, there were no open applications, that the meeting had been made aware of. There has been one planning application approved since the last meeting, which was Will and Alice's house (Mulberry House – Planning Ref 22/00556/FUL) and rebuilding work had started. SS apologised for not having had a meeting for this planning application and would plan to do so for future significant planning applications.

Peter Stone said they had applied to replace an existing conservatory behind their house and that it was live on the website, Planning Reference 22/FUL/0179. SS noted she would follow up why the meeting had not been notified and would look at the application. PS described the application and said the new conservatory would slightly bigger than the existing conservatory, but within the footprint of an existing raised terrace. No concerns were raised at the meeting by those present and SS noted it seems uncontroversial and not the type of planning application for which a meeting would need to be called for.

## **7. Planning enforcement**

There are 2 previously discussed open planning enforcement issues, re required off street parking at St Gregory's House and Spring Wood.

There was no update of note to St Gregory's House.

Re Spring Wood, since the last meeting a site meeting involving Martin Macbeth, Planning Enforcement Officer, and a representative from the AOBM has taken place. As a result, it was requested that the site was cleaned up, which appears to have been actioned but a further visit is anticipated to check on the maintenance. It was initially expected that an application for retrospective application was going to be pursued, however it is now expected that instead a Certificate of Lawfulness for Spring Wood residence (4-year timeframe for residential) will likely be applied for.

#### **8. Royal Celebrations.**

##### **a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

The Chair advised that a £123.98 surplus had been made from the weekend's events. The meeting agreed that this surplus be retained for the Coronation celebrations (as agreed under point b below) and that any future surplus be passed to the Village Hall. The meeting expressed their thanks to the Chair for her work organising the 2-day celebrations on 2&3 June which were enjoyed by many people in the village. The Chair thanked all the helpers and contributors.

##### **b. King Charles III Coronation Saturday**

The meeting agreed to the proposal for a celebration. The style and arrangements to be decided at the January 2023 meeting.

#### **9. AOB**

##### **a. Moseys Certificate of Lawfulness (ref RDC 21/01658/CLEUD)**

Hovingham Parish Council have been the most active in challenging and enforce the operating hours restriction which are being broken, including taking the matter to the Ombudsman. SS set out her understanding that there had been no official complaints from Oswaldkirk residents to the Ryedale District Council, however BH stated that she had complained to RDC and had evidence of her complaints to RDC. Councillor Jabbour asked members to find their own proof of complaints registered with RDC, dates of meeting etc., to be forwarded to him/Ryedale DC/Hovingham PC. CH & BH spoke to support this.

##### **b. Electric cables on The Terrace.**

The Chair and Treasurer have liaised with the new tenants at 3 The Terrace who will allow their electricity supply to be routed underground. Then the remaining telegraph poles will become the sole responsibility of BT once the last electric cable has been removed. PT said these poles had been condemned and were dangerous, and she had spoken to an engineer at BT, but was struggling to get some action. It was agreed this should be revisited.

Councillor Jabbour has raised this with the NYCC and had/will written to BT re the risk to the community on the Terrace.

c. Bus services

31X is sole service to the village. No comments raised except Councillor Jabbour did remind of the Ryedale Rover on demand service and said that he hoped it would soon become a free service for people with bus passes.

d. Post Office services.

e. SS has spoken to the PO and their mobile service is currently full. SS not intending to take this further at this point.

f. Village plans. This item held over to January.

g. St Aidan's Chapel

GS reminded the meeting that he had previously highlighted that if there was any proposed community use for the closed chapel it could be taken to the Abbey for consideration. However, as no proposals have been received, GS advised that St Aidan's Chapel (which was never consecrated, only blessed) would likely be sold, and any proceeds will revert to the St Benedict's Church, Ampleforth. It was noted that the land (which originally part of the Manor House) and monies to build the chapel were largely funded through donations from Oswaldkirk residents at that time. The meeting felt that it would be a shame to lose the site – it was a case of 'use it or lose it'. However, if the village had a use for the chapel building, they would need to act quickly before it is sold, but any such use would need to factor in the considerable maintenance costs, particularly in relation to the flat roof of the chapel.

h. Village wind turbine

SS noted that the possibility of having a wind turbine was raised by Andrew Hollins. It would need to be further debated re whether that would be desired by the village. However, on initial investigation the current government policy does not support on shore wind turbines and so any debate on this topic should be put on hold until it becomes more relevant.

i. Guest Speakers at future meetings

SS noted that both a speaker on 20s Plenty and Preventing rural crime were being considered.

j. Recycling day changes

SS noted the meeting had received notice that the day of certain residents would have a change to the recycling collection days. Day only, not any change in frequency. All impacted houses will be individually notified.

k. Current surveys.

SS noted that a request had been received to distribute links for interested parties to a couple of surveys and that the links would be attached to the minutes. Please see below:

Level of public trust and confidence in policing response across North Yorkshire and York: [Trust & Confidence Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Devolution: [Have Your Say Today - Survey - Devolution for York and North Yorkshire - York & North Yorkshire Devolution \(commonplace.is\)](https://commonplace.is)

#### **10. George Jabbour – Introduction and Q&A session.**

He introduced himself as he represents Helmsley and 18 other parishes including ours (though not Ampleforth). He now lives in Helmsley and his current most pressing issue is the loss of the local Post Office in the town.

DN raised the question of the transit of the Ryedale District Council to the new bigger NYC. Councillor Jabbour reassured that the same people responsible for areas in Ryedale would remain in post and there would be no interruption of current services, as no redundancies were planned.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.