

OSBALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Osbaldwick Parish Council Meeting held in St Thomas Church on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.15pm

Present from Parish - Cllr M Warters (Chairman), Cllr W Maddock (Vice-Chairman), Cllr K Lamb, Cllr J Starzynski, Cllr M Griffiths (part meeting only), Cllr S Cambridge, Cllr L Pye & Cllr M Rowley & Cllr H Ripley. Clerk – Louise Pink. 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor M Keeley.

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

The three members of the public who attended the meeting hadn't registered to speak but were asked by the Chairman if they wished to raise anything to which they all declined.

4A. Exclusion of the Public

The members of the public present at the meeting were excluded from Item 11.5 (a) as this item dealt with staffing financial matters.

5. Plans for Approval and Other Planning Matters

5.1 New planning applications received this month:-

23/00457/CLD Brook Nook, Murton Way, York
Certificate of lawfulness in relation to the implementation of planning permissions 03/00230/FUL and 03/02793/FUL (proposed use as caravan site and the erection of an amenity building, construction of new access road).

Decision – No comments, content to rely on PC determination.

23/00396/FUL Village Hall, Osbaldwick Village, Osbaldwick, York
Two storey side extension following demolition of existing extension.
Decision – Not appropriate to comment given this is a Parish Council application.

23/00572/FUL 19 Meadlands, Osbaldwick, York
Two storey side and single storey rear extensions, dormers to front and rear after removal of side extension and rear conservatory.
Decision – Osbaldwick Parish Council support the concerns of neighbouring residents in Cherry Garth as to the loss of privacy should this application be approved but are fully aware that rear dormers and permitted development rights introduced by government restrict the ability of City of York Council as LPA to control such applications.

The Meadlands estate as originally built consisted of 'chalet style' bungalows set amongst generous garden plots which were well maintained and provided private garden areas.
Sadly in recent years that well ordered original design concept has been thoroughly compromised by many of

these bungalows being altered and extended in such ways that neighbouring amenity and community spirit has been lost.

Whilst the Parish Council are sympathetic to neighbours concerns and object to the proposal on grounds of the gross overdevelopment of the original property impacting on neighbouring amenity the Parish Council are acutely aware as to how the application will likely be determined.

23/00540/FUL 129 Osbaldwick Lane, York

Single storey rear extension and dormer to rear.

Decision – Osbaldwick Parish Council object strongly to the proposed application to extend an existing student let HMO.

The Parish Council fully support neighbours concerns over any increased occupancy of the property increasing the already evident problems of car parking, waste disposal and noise and disturbance.

Of course the addition of a dormer is detrimental to neighbours amenity in terms of overlooking and loss of privacy.

Osbaldwick Parish Council wish to query the validation of this application that seeks to make significant alterations to a pitched, slate roof without a Bat Survey as the Parish Council were led to believe recently that such a survey was a pre-requisite for validation involving applications in this area that involved roof works of potential bat roosts.

5.2 To hear results of applications decided by City of York Council:-

Approved:-

23/00362/FUL 65 Derwent Way, York

Installation of 1no. roof light to front and 3no. roof lights to rear.

23/00301/FUL 7 Baysdale Avenue, Osbaldwick, York

Installation of air conditioning unit with acoustic enclosure to rear.

Refused - None.

Withdrawn - None.

5.3 Other Planning Matters – Nothing noted.

6. York Local Plan

Nothing noted.

7. Clerk's Report

Nothing noted.

8. Matters Arising

(a) The Chairman provided an update on the Village Hall, which included the following:-

- Skips are now outside the Village Hall and being used.
- The ceiling has started to be removed.
- A request has been made by the Church to re site the memorial plaque from the Village Hall to the Church.
- Lights to be disconnected and then removed.
- The parish council are awaiting the payment from the guarantor.
- After a discussion, it was agreed that the parish council would accept the offer made by Zurich to settle the insurance claim.
- Thanks were passed onto Les Ripley for his hard work clearing the hall.

- It was agreed for the clerk to reclaim VAT on a quarterly basis whilst the renovation project takes place.

9. Community Safety Issues

Your Neighbourhood is covered by the York North Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

E-mail: snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

A police report was received for the period of the 1st – 28th February 2023 and noted the following incidents:-

Type of Incident	Time and Location.	Osbalwick Report made and action taken by NYP	Total calls for Month
ASB- Nuisance	The Magnet PH 22/2	Youths causing a nuisance/breaking in to empty building	1
ASB- Personal	The Leyes 13/2	Issues with neighbour	1
Burglary			0
Drugs			0
Vehicle	Springfield Cottages 7/2	2 vans broken into, fuel card taken. Tools not taken	1
Theft			0
Violence			0
Criminal Damage	Osbalwick Village 24/2	On-going issues with neighbours. Fence has been removed	1

10. Correspondence

Full list of correspondence emailed to all Councillors.

The correspondence between the CYC Monitoring Officer and the Clerk was discussed at length and disappointment was expressed that the PC News Update that needed distributing prior to the local elections is apparently being used in some quarters to suggest impropriety.

PC Chair to respond on behalf of the PC and himself as a CYC election candidate, Cllr. Rowley offered to write himself on the same basis.

Cllr. Maddocks raised the issue of a recent York Press article and how that could affect the local election process citywide and requested that matter should be included in correspondence back to the CYC Monitoring Officer.

11. Financial Matters

11.1. The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment by BACS:-

L Pink	Clerks salary (Net)	£577.97
L Pink	Expenses	£18.50
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll Services	£69.31
A.V Etherington & Sons	Trees for free tree scheme	£44.00

Aspects Horticultural Services	Grass Cutting	£60.00
DMK Services	Tree works in churchyard	£528.00
DMK Services	Pollard of Willow tree on Village Green	£216.00
Vertigrow Limited	Feed & plants	£48.80
Vertigrow Limited	Feed & plants	£58.40
Vertigrow Limited	Plants	£112.00
Vertigrow Limited	Feed & plants	£29.60
Mark Warters	Plans	£33.46
HMRC	Tax & NI	£482.54

The accounts listed for payment were accepted. Clerk to make the payments via BACS using the dual authorisation process with Cllr Ripley approving all payments submitted.

11.2. No accounts were submitted and approved for payment by cheque.

11.3. The following invoices that were received after the production of the agenda were discussed and approved for payment:-

Louisa Starr	Payment for band for sports club Kings Coronation event.	£250.00	BACS
Information Commissioner	Data protection Fee	£40.00	BACS
Aspects Horticultural Services	Grass Cutting	£820.30	BACS
Michael Bowes	Labour costs for Village Hall	£480.00	BACS
Les Ripley	Clearing debris from Village Hall	£110.00	BACS
Les Ripley	Tree cutting at Sports Club	£20.00	BACS
St Thomas's Church	Donation	£500.00	BACS

11.4. No income was noted.

11.5. Any other urgent request submitted to the meeting:-

- (a) To discuss the Clerk's annual pay increase – After discussion, it was agreed for the clerk's salary to be increased by 1 SCP.
- (b) Following on from the March 23 approved minutes where the parish council agreed to contribute a £200.00 towards the cost of a band at the Sports Club to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May, the Chairman advised that he would not submit an invoice to be refunded to him so that the donation could be increased to £250.00. This will enable the parish council to pay fully for the band for the Kings Coronation event.

12. Meeting Reports (for information only)

Nothing noted.

13. Exceptional Items

Problems with Roads, Footpaths, Street Lights etc. Complaints to be passed to the clerk by members via e-mails supported with photographs if possible.

Cllr Griffiths spoke of concerns of moss on pavements on Moatfield. To be passed to CYC.

13A Future Newsletters – Nothing noted.

14. Items for Information

Nothing noted.

15. Items for Next Agenda

Village Hall.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 in St Thomas's Church. This will begin with the Annual Parish Meeting @ 7.00pm, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council and the ordinary parish council meeting.