

# **OSBALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a meeting of Osbaldwick Parish Council Meeting held in the St Thomas's Church on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.15pm**

Present from Parish - Cllr M Warters (Chairman), Cllr W Maddock (Vice-Chairman), Cllr D Jackson, Cllr K Lamb, Cllr S Cambridge, Cllr L Pye, Cllr H Ripley, Cllr J Starzynski & Cllr I Eiloart. Clerk - Louise Pink. 5 members of the public.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Councillors B Lakeman, M Griffiths & M Rowley & K Salt.

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

Nothing noted.

### **3. Minutes**

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were a true account of what happened during the meeting and were therefore duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Public Participation**

No members of the public had registered to speak.

A member of the public present at the meeting expressed his desire to join the parish council. Clerk to add co-option to the April agenda.

### **4A. Exclusion of the Public**

Not Required.

### **5. Plans for Approval and Other Planning Matters**

#### **5.1 The following new planning applications were received this month:-**

25/00386/FUL            27 Thirkleby Way, Osbaldwick, York  
Single storey side and rear extension and front canopy.  
Decision - No Objection.

25/00396/FUL            43 Osbaldwick Village, Osbaldwick, York  
Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and detached store to rear.  
Decision - No Objection.

24/01851/FULM        Site At Junction Of Osbaldwick Road And Hull Road, Osbaldwick, York  
Erection of 2no. battery storage facilities, with 1no. facility of 40no. battery storage units within the existing Osbaldwick substation area and 1no. facility of 4no. battery storage units on land to the east of the sub-station, with ancillary structures and infrastructure, associated vehicle accesses, including new access track, and enclosed by 3 metre high palisade security fencing, 3.5 metre high acoustic barrier, and with 5.1 metre high lighting and CCTV columns.

Decision - Osbaldwick Parish Council offer no objection to the above planning application which is the only one of multiple different BESS applications that have been submitted in recent months that is actually proposed to be sited where a BESS might rightfully be expected.

As such the proposal has none of the Green Belt/Landscape/Visual issues that other such applications have. The only concern surrounds the safety implications of the unreliable and dangerous BESS technology so close to a housing estate alongside Osbaldwick Link Road with a new housing estate to be built opposite alongside Hull Rd and nearby watercourses. However given the location of the proposed BESS access for fire engines ought to be suitable and of course located directly alongside National Grid facilities it would be an imperative for all concerned to maintain the safety of the site.

Osbaldwick PC would like to request that the existing landscaping around the site being largely deciduous and mature is supplemented with some native species evergreen planting such as Holly and Yew, which presumably can be conditioned as part of any approval? Planting in late Autumn with small stock ought to be successful and eventually increase Winter screening at the site.

25/00350/FUL                      4 Coxlea Grove, York

Single storey side/rear extension and partial conversion of garage to habitable space.

Decision - No Objection.

25/00318/FUL                      8 Meadlands, Osbaldwick, York

Single storey rear extension, roof lights to front and rear roofslopes, and other elevational alterations to include render, revised fenestration and removal of chimney stack.

Decision - No Objection.

25/00270/FUL                      28 Moat Field, Osbaldwick, York

Single storey rear extension and raised mono pitched roof to side.

Decision - No Objection.

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

### **Approved:-**

24/01852/TPO                      Heritage House (York) Limited, Heritage House, Murton Way, York

Trenching and installation of root barrier as per submitted method statement near to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 1979/21.

**Refused - None.**

**Withdrawn - None.**

## **5.3 Other Planning Matters - Nothing noted.**

## **6. York Local Plan**

No further update.

## **7. Clerk's Report**

Nothing noted.

## **8. Matters Arising (not elsewhere on the agenda for information)**

(a) Village Hall - The Chairman advised of the following:-

- All the open events have now taken place and were a great success. Following the open day, it has been suggested that the parish council put in an application for a York Design Award for the Village Hall.
- The work on the allotments has now started.
- A flag flying protocol document has been produced by the parish council and after discussion and agreement, the document was signed by both the parish council and York Montessori.

## **9. Community Safety Issues**

Your Neighbourhood is covered by the York North Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Team is based at: Athena House, Kettlestring Lane, Clifton Moor, York. YO30 4XF.

E-mail: [snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

No police report was received for the period of the 1<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

## **10. Correspondence**

Full list of correspondence emailed to all Councillors.

## **11. Financial Matters**

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

### **Parish Council Invoices:-**

L Pink	Clerks salary (Net)	£798.80
L Pink	Expenses	£19.80
HMRC	Tax & NI	£232.77
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll Services	£94.56
Vertigrow	Plants	£53.60
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### **Village Hall Renovation Project Invoices:-**

Mark Warters	Refund for flagpole	£224.53
A.B. Electrical	Village Hall Renovation Materials	£15.52

The accounts listed for payment were accepted. The payments to be made via BACS using the dual authorisation process with Cllr Ripley and/or Cllr Rowley.

11.2. No payments were submitted for payment by cheque.

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

### **Parish Council Invoices:-**

JWS	Bus Shelter cleaning	£50.00	BACS
Les Ripley	Painting & repairs in play area	£150.00	BACS

### **Village Hall Renovation Project Invoices:-**

Selco	Village Hall Renovation Materials	£16.20	BACS
Tracey's Red Hat	Rotovator Hire	£66.00	BACS*
CeeJays	Signs	£114.00	BACS
YBS Properties	Village Hall Renovation Project	£800.00	BACS
Nancy Kotecha	Refreshments for open day	£18.10	BACS

\*Payment made to Mark Warters as he made the payment direct to the supplier.

11.4. The following income was received:-

06.03.25	HMRC	VAT Reclaim	£347.30	BACS
28.02.25	York Montessori	Village Hall Rent	£1,600.00	BACS

11.5. An update was provided from the Finance Committee – Nothing noted.

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

- (a) The use of Account-ant (Yorkshire) Limited to carry out the 2024/25 internal audit was agreed.
- (b) The grass cutting quotation received from Aspects Horticultural Services for the 2025/26 grass cutting season was discussed. After discussion, it was agreed to proceed. Clerk to advise Aspects that the parish council do not require the sports field hedge cutting in future.
- (c) The donation of £500.00 to St Thomas's Churchyard was discussed. After discussion, a donation of £500.00 was agreed. David Jackson advised that some funding has been given from the National Lottery.

## **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 Jackson spoke of the war memorial that was previously in the village hall and that is currently being stored in the church. After discussion, it was agreed that the memorial will be returned to the village hall and displayed upstairs in the large meeting room.

Thanks were given by Cllr Starzynski to the Chairman for all his hard work on the village hall project and recent open events.

Cllr Jackson spoke of the broken streetlight in Bedale that was knocked over and is still awaiting repair. Chairman to chase with CYC.

## **14. Recording of Parking Issues**

Continuing parking issues raised at various locations within the parish, including, Nursery Gardens, Tranby Avenue, the Village Green, Murton Way and Osbaldwick Lane.

## **15. Items for Next Newsletter**

Nothing noted.

## **16. Items for Information**

Nothing noted.

## **17. Items for Next Agenda**

Co-option of a new parish councillor.

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 7.15pm in St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick.

Meeting Closed at - 7.56pm.