

OSBALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Osbaldwick Parish Council Meeting held in St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7.15pm

Present from Parish - Cllr M Warters (Chairman), Cllr W Maddocks (Vice-Chairman), Cllr K Lamb, Cllr J Starzynski, Cllr M Rowley, Cllr S Cambridge & Cllr I Eiloart, Clerk - Louise Pink. 2 members of the public (1 part meeting only before becoming a parish councillor).

A1.ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mark Warters was elected as the Chairman for 2025/26.

A2. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed the declaration of office of Chairman.

A3. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Wendy Maddocks was elected the Vice Chairman for 2025/26.

A4. TO APPOINT PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:-

None noted.

A5. TO REVIEW THE COUNCILS FOLLOWING POLICIES:-

- (a) After review, the Standing Order policy document was adopted.
- (b) After review, the Financial Regulations & Financial Risk Assessment policy documents were adopted.
- (c) After review, the Code of Conduct policy document was adopted.
- (d) After review, the Co-Option policy document was adopted.
- (e) After review, the Publication Scheme policy document was adopted.
- (f) After review, the Complaints Procedure policy document was adopted.
- (g) After review, subject to some minor changes to be made by the clerk, the Equality & Diversity policy document was adopted.

Clerk to add copies of policies to the parish council website.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors L Pye, K Salt, B Lakeman, H Ripley & D Jackson.

2. Declaration of Interests

Nothing noted.

3. Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 15th April 2025 were a true account of what happened during the meeting and were therefore duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Co-option of New Parish Councillor

Roger Bedford was allocated into the vacant parish councillor position and as such, signed the Declaration of Office. Clerk to issue Roger with a copy of the Register of Interest form to complete and return.

5. Public Participation

No members of the public had registered to speak.

5A. Exclusion of the Public

Not Required.

6. Plans for Approval and Other Planning Matters

6.1 The following new planning applications were received this month:-

25/00745/FUL 52 Moat Field, Osbaldwick, York

Single storey side/rear extension.

Decision - Osbaldwick Parish Council support the above planning application.

25/00631/FUL 65 Osbaldwick Lane, York

Change of use from office (Use Class E) to 5no. flats (Use Class C3) including single storey rear extension and associated alterations to fenestration.

Decision - Osbaldwick Parish Council object to the above planning application and as such, a strong objection was submitted containing matters of legal importance.

25/00547/FUL Agricultural Land North Of Meadowville, Hull Road, Dunnington, York

Erection of a battery energy storage system with 8no. battery stations and 4no. substations, siting of a storage container with associated structures and infrastructures.

Note – Although the above planning application is not within the parish, it is felt it is relevant to the residents of Osbaldwick.

Decision - Osbaldwick Parish Council object to the above planning application, on the following grounds:-

Osbaldwick Parish Council object most strongly to the potential imposition of yet another BESS between Osbaldwick and Murton and most especially to any further spread of industrialisation of the area to accommodate more of these incendiary devices as proposed with 25/00547/FUL.

The adjacent scheme that was unfortunately approved under 18/02659/OUT in early 2019 has seen years of chaotic construction and is still not complete (despite the oft repeated 12 month construction period for sites like this) and that approval was granted after the applicant misled all concerned that it would be the only such installation due to lack of capacity at the grid site.

The adjacent site developers (same company, different name?) have shown a blatant disregard to landscaping obligations and the conditions to paint the hideous infrastructure green even to submitting an application to vary this condition (refused) and in an even more crass action hacked down the front hedgerow bordering Hull Rd so that everyone passing by had a clear view of the desecration of the York Green Belt at this location.

So there is no confidence whatsoever in any landscaping conditions that may be imposed in the unfortunate event of this application being approved.

Objections are raised in the same way as to all the other applications in this parcel of land between Osbaldwick and Murton namely;

Impact on the important Green Belt separation between the two villages as specifically referred to in the recently adopted Local Plan and the soon to be adopted Murton Neighbourhood Plan, if approval was granted for this or any of the other BESS schemes those LP policies would be completely undermined and the Murton Neighbourhood Plan rendered pointless.

Industrialisation of the Green Belt that despite assurances will, likely never be returned to its former state.

Loss of productive farmland which can not be viewed in isolation but cumulatively in the local area and across York.

Fire risk of this inherently dangerous BESS technology and the very real prospect of a catastrophic thermal runaway event caused by so many of these incendiary devices so close in one area.

It is not worth expanding on such reasons for objection as all concerned with this latest application and all the rest in the system know full well determination hinges greatly on the result of the PINs appeal into the refused 23/02030/FUL currently awaiting a hearing date.

In the unfortunate event that scheme is allowed on appeal, which given Government policy seems highly likely then EVERY field between Osbaldwick and Murton will no doubt be covered in BESS industrial schemes.

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

Approved:-

25/00091/FUL 48 The Leyes, Osbaldwick, York

Two storey and single storey extension to the rear, out building with solar panels to the rear, following the demolition of a garage – resubmission.

25/00396/FUL 43 Osbaldwick Village, Osbaldwick, York

Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and detached store to rear.

25/00386/FUL 27 Thirkleby Way, Osbaldwick, York

Single storey side and rear extension and front canopy.

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

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

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.

Refused - None.

Withdrawn - None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters - Nothing noted.

7. Clerk's Report

Nothing noted.

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

(a) Tang Hall Park - Issues surrounding Osbaldwick Beck flood risk were discussed.

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

The following police report was received for the period of the 1st – 30th April 2025:-

| Type of Incident | Time and Location. | Osballdwick Report made and action taken by NYP | Total calls for Month |
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| ASB- Nuisance | Seebohm Mews 6/4 Lotherington Mews 19/4 Stray Road 20/4 | Youths causing a nuisance in the area. JR Housing and they are aware of issues in the area Youths causing a nuisance in the area. X2 Youths causing a nuisance in the area. | 4 |
| ASB- Personal | | | 0 |
| Burglary | | | 0 |
| Drugs | | | 0 |
| Vehicle | Lotherington Mews 14/4 Osballdwick Village 15/4 | Theft of Triumph motorbike from parking bay Theft of Benelli motorbike from outside scout hut | 2 |
| Theft | Sainsbury - Farndale Ave B&Q | 1 x incident 2 x incident | 3 |
| Violence | St Aelreds Way 24/4 | Group of parents accusing another parent of videoing their children. Police attend video footage assessed and stern words of advice given to all parents , childrens details also obtained. All told to leave area. | 1 |
| Criminal Damage | Birch Court 14/4 Stray Road 21/4 St Aelreds Mews 24/4 | Windows at front of industrial unit smashed, large ball bearings found on the ground in the car park. Possible CCTV Youths causing damage on the allotments, stealing items, building a den. Possible CCTV Damage to plants in the garden, youths causing a nuisance, being verbally abusive. | 3 |

10. Correspondence

Full list of correspondence emailed to all Councillors.

- (a) City of York Council Smoke Control Area Consultation - After discussion and review, it was agreed for the parish council to submit the agreed response.
- (b) The email from CYC advising that the parish council can co-opt for the current parish council vacancy was noted. The clerk advised that following the appointment of Roger Bedford into a vacant parish councillor position, the parish council still have 2 vacant parish councillor positions available.
- (c) The Chairman read out a letter that had been received regarding Village Green parking. After discussion, it was agreed for the clerk to submit the agreed reply to the requestor.

11. Financial Matters

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

Parish Council Invoices:-

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| L Pink | Clerks salary (Net) | £758.86 |
| L Pink | Expenses | £25.98 |

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| HMRC | Tax & NI | £286.81 |
| Aspects Horticultural Services | Grass Cutting – May | £912.48 |
| Vertigrow Limited | Plants | £33.60 |
| Vertigrow Limited | Half barrel, compost & plants | £63.20 |
| Information Commissions Office | Data Protection fee renewal | £52.00 |

Village Hall Renovation Project Invoices:-

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| Selco | Village Hall Renovation Materials | £66.00 |
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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:-

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| Stoneplan | Collection & storage of salt bins | £900.00 | BACS |
| Zurich | Annual insurance premium | £2,489.54 | BACS |

Village Hall Renovation Project Invoices:-

None.

11.4. The following income was received:-

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| 08.04.25 | City of York Council | Precept – 1 st Payment | £12,127.50 | BACS |
| 30.04.25 | York Montessori | Village Hall Rent | £1,000.00 | BACS |
| 06.05.25 | York Montessori | Village Hall Rent | £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) Annual insurance policy, due for renewal on the 1st June 2025 - The clerk advised that despite chasing, no response or quotation has been provided by DRP insurance. After discussion, it was agreed for the parish council to renew the policy with Zurich on a 3-year basis.
- (b) Clerk's annual pay review - After discussion, it was agreed for the clerk to be increased by 1 SCP from SCP27 to SCP28, back dated to the 1st April 2025. Clerk to complete the Autela Payroll change form.
- (c) It was agreed for Cllr Cambridge to be added to the online banking. Clerk to start the process.

12. Meeting Reports (for information only)

Cllr Rowley spoke of the future CYC ward boundary review consultation.

13. Exceptional Items

Cllr Maddock advised that the bench at the bottom of Tranby Avenue has been repaired.

Clerk to send a note to the PCC, to advise that the church must not use the parish council side of the noticeboard.

14. Recording of Parking Issues

It was noted that parking issues are building up again on Tranby Avenue and Nursery Gardens.

15. Items for Next Newsletter

Nothing noted.

16. Items for Information

Nothing noted.

17. Items for Next Agenda

2024/25 Annual Return.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 17th June 2025 in St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick, York @ 7.15pm

Meeting Closed at – 8.20pm.