

# **OSBALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a meeting of Osbaldwick Parish Council Meeting held in St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.15pm**

Present from Parish - Cllr M Warters (Chairman), Cllr K Lamb, Cllr S Cambridge, Cllr D Jackson, Cllr G Duffill, Cllr I Eiloart & Cllr R Bedford, Cllr L Pye, Cllr M Rowley & Cllr I Hutchings.

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

Absences received from - Councillors W Maddock, H Ripley & J Starzynski.  
Clerk - Louise Pink

Absent from the meeting with no apologies - None.

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

None.

### **3. Minutes**

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were a true account of what happened during the meeting and were therefore duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Co-Option of a New Parish Councillor**

No new applications received.

### **5. Public Participation**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

### **5A. Exclusion of the Public**

Not Required.

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

#### **6.1 The following new planning application was received this month:-**

26/00910/FUL                      44 Osbaldwick Village Osbaldwick York

Two storey side/rear extension and garden room to rear garden.

Note - The meeting was adjourned briefly and a site visit undertaken to better understand the proposed side parking access, following debate it was agreed to SUPPORT the application and submit the below comments.

Decision - Osbaldwick Parish Council are pleased to support the proposals at 44 Osbaldwick Village that will enable sensitive modernisation of the property and continue the long standing family ties to the property.

In particular the provision of car parking to the side of the property is a positive that the Parish Council look forward to being approved with an expectation that it is used to remove vehicle parking from the front of the property which is not only beneficial to the aesthetics of the property and Village Green but will make the long standing path used by those walking along the Village Green easier to negotiate.

As with all planning applications on Osbaldwick Village Green the Parish Council wish to reiterate that there is to be no HGV construction related traffic crossing the bridges over Osbaldwick Beck to access the Village Green and application property.

**6.2 Applications received in-between meetings - None.**

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

**Approved - None**

**Refused - None.**

**Withdrawn - None.**

**6.4 Other Planning Matters:-**

It was agreed to reiterate the Parish Council's previous objections to the ongoing No 71 Osbaldwick Village application and the updated noise assessment, as follows:-

26/00072/FUL                      71 Osbaldwick Village Osbaldwick York

Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to a childrens day nursery (Use Class E) with associated external alterations.

Decision - Osbaldwick Parish Council maintain a strong objection to proposals at No 71 Osbaldwick Village with all previous concerns standing.

The recently submitted updated noise assessment document by the applicant does nothing to reassure that the noise implications of extra children on the application site and wider site of operation can be adequately mitigated against or indeed enforced effectively.

The Parish Council would also highlight that the adverse noise implications go much further than just those affecting No 3 Murton Way but all adjoining neighbours are currently adversely affected and clearly the situation would be made worse by additional capacity being added.

Residents opposite Tiddlywinks Nursery on Murton Way are also adversely affected by noise over and above what should reasonably be expected from such a facility and clearly any increase in the number of children will only make the situation worse.

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

The clerk was not present at the meeting.

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

a) CYC Proposed Amendments to Traffic Regulation Order in Osbaldwick - After much discussion and reflection on the recent public meeting organised by St. Thomas's Church, it was agreed to submit the comments to CYC Highway Regulation that had been circulated in draft format. Comments to be submitted as follows:-

Proposed Amendments to Traffic Regulation Order - Osbaldwick & Murton.

Following consideration of the Traffic Regulation Order - Osbaldwick & Murton issued by City of York Council (CYC) on the 1st May 2026 and after the public meeting held on the 9th June Osbaldwick Parish Council OBJECT to all the proposed restrictions proposed by CYC.

At the public meeting the Executive Member for Transport very helpfully confirmed that Double Yellow Line parking restrictions were a "blunt instrument" that would merely move a parking problem along the highway, a point the Parish Council has made many times over many years.

There is clearly no public desire to see these restrictions imposed on the area, in most cases to alleviate

problems expressly created by CYC declining to enforce travel plan conditions on planning approvals, granting approval for businesses on sites with clearly inadequate parking and an abject failure to enforce current restrictions.

In that environment Osbaldwick Parish Council strongly object to having the Osbaldwick Conservation Area despoiled with DYL that clearly will move a problem along the highway and necessitate a never ending cycle of DYL impositions.

It is understood that the First Bus company is behind the request for DYL in Osbaldwick Village due to difficulties around St. Thomas's Church, these difficulties were evident when the unsuitable route was first used two decades ago and has clearly got worse since the introduction of bigger, heavier buses.

Perhaps CYC ought to look at re-evaluating the use of such buses on narrow village roads in the light of representations made at the public meeting and submitted by the Ward Councillor?

The continuing successful operation of St. Thomas's Church as the central hub of Osbaldwick Village is paramount along with the ability of residents to be able to park outside their properties opposite the church as off street parking is not available.

DYL parking restrictions are not required on Osbaldwick Link Rd, the tiny amount of displaced parking from an NHS building granted COU planning by CYC with totally inadequate on-site parking could be dealt with using existing legislation to prevent verge parking/obstructive parking and there is no need whatsoever to re-introduce DYL to Osbaldwick Link Rd.

DYL parking restrictions on Murton Way/Beckett Drive will only serve to push problem parking further into Osbaldwick and serve no purpose whatsoever, as with all the other cases in the local area this is business related parking that causes no issue on weekends or outside of weekday working hours.

The proposed Clearway from Outgang Lane/Osbaldwick Link Rd is completely unnecessary and potentially would see residents on Murton Way inconvenienced to deal with a problem expressly created by CYC granting planning permission to a business with totally inadequate parking provision, it is complete overkill to even think that business parking would extend that distance along Murton Way, 100 yards of Clearway restriction ought to suffice.

In summary Osbaldwick Parish Council OBJECT to the whole 1st May issued Traffic Regulation Order.

b) CYC Electoral Review of City of York Council Draft Recommendations - After discussion it was agreed to submit the comments to the Local Government for England Boundary Commission that had been circulated in draft format. Comments to be submitted as follows:-

Osbaldwick Parish Council object most strongly to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England proposals for the Osbaldwick & Derwent Ward.

Ideally the current electoral Ward structure would remain the same for the 2027 Local Elections pending City of York Council carrying out a Community Governance Review (CGR), a process stalled since 2016.

Such a CGR could address previously expressed concerns by Osbaldwick Parish Council as to Parish boundaries, concerns that have been heightened now, albeit inadvertently by the LGBCE electoral Ward proposals.

In 2010 Osbaldwick Parish Council requested that City of York Council followed the historical precedent when land in the Parish was developed for housing and alter the City boundary to take the Land West of Metcalfe

Lane out of Osbaldwick Parish and into the City boundary.

This area has become Derwenthorpe that the LGBCE has suggested putting into three electoral Wards which is ridiculous but has somewhat highlighted current anomalies.

Osbaldwick Parish Council would suggest that any CYC CGR looks to take Derwenthorpe out of the Osbaldwick Parish and a new town/parish council is created for the governance of Derwenthorpe which as a whole would become within the City boundaries and the inclusion as part of a Tang Hall & Derwenthorpe electoral Ward would make perfect sense.

If the current LGBCE proposals are adopted it will create nothing but confusion amongst Derwenthorpe residents and a distinct breakup of cohesive identity, in the absence of the CYC CGR Osbaldwick Parish strongly suggest putting the LGBCE proposals on hold for another electoral cycle.

It is understood that requests for inner city areas to have town councils created have not been dealt with in a timely manner by CYC that could further undermine the electoral Ward patterns proposed by the LGBCE proposals.

In addition to the change above Osbaldwick Parish Council requested in 2010 that former parts of the Parish - Broughton Way and Sadberge Court were brought back into the Parish to create a sensible, understandable and long lasting Parish Boundary, again such changes if brought in by a CYC CGR would have implications for the current LGBCE proposals.

The LGBCE proposals for Murton Parish with regard to Tranby Avenue and Cavendish Grove are entirely sensible and in line with what Osbaldwick Parish Council suggested in 2010, again this needs addressing in a CGR without introducing further confusion amongst electors.

Having a proper CGR before any LGBCE proposals are implemented would enable all these anomalies being sorted out and prevent Osbaldwick & Murton Parish Councils undergoing the ridiculous and largely unworkable 'Warding' which will only create confusion and reduce voter engagement.

The notion that Meadlands is removed from the Osbaldwick electoral Ward is completely rejected given the confusion and reduction in voter engagement that is inevitable from such a proposal.

Indeed Meadlands residents very strongly rejected this in 2013/14 at the time of the last LGBCE review and the only way this will be resolved is by full consultation with those residents as part of a CYC CGR.

Should the LGBCE decline to pause the current electoral Ward boundary review until CYC carry out the CGR then Osbaldwick PC suggest that to balance numbers appropriately the Osbaldwick & Derwent electoral Ward is retained as it is with the whole of the Derwenthorpe estate placed within a Tang Hall & Derwenthorpe Ward where that Ward can be a multiple councillor Ward.

Heworth and Heworth Without Wards should be merged into a multiple councillor Ward or broken up into four single councillor wards whereby the numbers can be made to add up along with greater community identity.

As for Osbaldwick & Derwent Ward the very strong ties between Osbaldwick & Murton would be retained - historical, ecclesiastical, social and geographical and the ties between the nearby villages would equally be retained - points the LGBCE made in the 2013/14 review when proposing linking Osbaldwick & Derwent to Dunnington, Holtby and Kexby.

So the change in stance of the LGBCE now is somewhat confusing.

If that stance is because of an anticipated increase in elector numbers because of developments within the Ward then it should be cautioned that whilst a large development is proposed between Osbaldwick & Murton (ST7 in the local plan) there has been no planning application even submitted yet for the Osbaldwick section of this scheme and given difficulties and the usual timescale of such matters it is not anticipated that there will be any significant increase in voter numbers for multiple electoral cycles.

This delay to any increase in numbers ought to allow a proper consideration of matters within a CYC CGR with the current LGBCE returning to their hopefully paused review in time for the 2031 Local Government elections.

Osbaldwick Parish Council hope that the LGBCE reflect on the chaos and voter confusion that could be unleashed if the current proposals are taken forward and once again request the LGBCE pause their current review to allow full consideration of Parish Boundary matters within the Osbaldwick & Derwent Ward, requests for new town councils within the City Boundary and of course creation of a Derwenthorpe Town Council.

Far better to retain the current Osbaldwick & Derwent Ward boundary as a two councillor Ward for the 2027 Local Elections and request City of York Council to progress the Community Governance Review when this can be worked upon in tandem with the current LGBCE proposals to remove once and for all anomalies within the boundaries and electoral arrangements.

## **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)

Email for local PSCO: [charlotte.creasey@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:charlotte.creasey@northyorkshire.police.uk)

The Chairman highlighted recent correspondence with North Yorkshire Police and CYC Parking Services over the obstructive parking situation on Outgang Lane & Murton Way.

The following police report was received for the period of the 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026:-

| Type of Incident     | Time and Location.          | Osbaldwick Report made and action taken by NYP                                                                      | Total calls for Month |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ASB- Nuisance</b> | Sainsbury - Farndale Avenue | 1 x incident                                                                                                        | <b>5</b>              |
|                      | Blackberry Way 11/5         | Youths causing a nuisance in the area                                                                               |                       |
|                      | Lotherington Avenue 13/5    | Youths causing a nuisance in the area                                                                               |                       |
|                      | Lotherington Mews 13/5      | Youths causing a nuisance in the area                                                                               |                       |
|                      | St Aelreds Mews 26/5        | Youths causing a nuisance in the area                                                                               |                       |
| <b>ASB- Personal</b> | Meam Close 11/5             | On-going issues with neighbour - counter accusations                                                                | <b>1</b>              |
| <b>Burglary</b>      | Osbaldwick Motors 25/5      | Alarms going off. Possible attempted burglary.                                                                      | <b>1</b>              |
| <b>Drugs</b>         |                             |                                                                                                                     | <b>0</b>              |
| <b>Vehicle</b>       | Hambleton Avenue 1/5        | Theft from unlocked BMW car. Asleeping bag and Curve DC taken. The card was used. Card now blocked.                 | <b>2</b>              |
|                      | Lotherington Mews 17/5      | Skoda Kamiq broken into and glove box searched. Nothing appears to have been taken. Possible ring doorbell footage. |                       |
| <b>Theft</b>         |                             |                                                                                                                     | <b>0</b>              |

**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:-

|                                |                          |         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| L Pink                         | Clerks salary (Net)      | £859.53 |
| L Pink                         | Expenses                 | £47.70  |
| HMRC                           | Tax & NI                 | £325.21 |
| Aspects Horticultural Services | Grass Cutting – 26.05.26 | £327.60 |
| Aspects Horticultural Services | Grass Cutting – 09.06.26 | £327.60 |
| Vertigrow                      | 1 x barrel & plants      | £202.00 |
| Vertigrow                      | Plants                   | £58.40  |
| Vertigrow                      | Plants                   | £88.80  |
| Vertigrow                      | 1 x barrel & plants      | £216.00 |

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

11.2. No payments were submitted for payment by cheque.

11.3. No invoices were received after the production of the agenda.

11.4. The following income was received:-

|          |                 |                    |           |      |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|------|
| 29.05.26 | York Montessori | Village Hall Rent  | £1,600.00 | BACS |
| 02.06.26 | M.K.M Building  | Barrel Replacement | £100.00   | 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 new recommended payment to clerks of £26.00 designed to cover the additional household costs of working from home was discussed and after discussion, was approved. Chairman to sign the Autela change form.

**12. Meeting Reports** (for information only)

The recent meeting held to discuss CYC proposed double yellow line parking restrictions in the Parish was discussed and it was noted that thirty people had attended and many gave forthright views opposing CYC proposals.

The Chairman discussed the recent walkabout session with the new CYC Chief Executive and recorded how impressed he was with Richard Webb.

### **13. Exceptional Items**

Items Raised:-

Provision of a picnic bench in the Sportsfield Play area.

Blocked gully drains and general lack of CYC maintenance in Bedale Avenue.

Ivy growing over the Church bridge parapet.

Noise from low flying aircraft disturbing residents on Derwenthorpe.

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

Nothing noted.

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

Nothing noted.

### **16. Items for Information**

Nothing noted.

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

Nothing noted.

### **18. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 in St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick, York @ 7.15pm.

Meeting Closed at - 8.30pm.