

Oldstead Annual Village Meeting

7.00 pm 31st May 2023 Oldstead Hall

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cain.

Cllr Cain welcomed the 16 residents attending the meeting, Chair of the Parish Council Cllr Christine Bradley and Parish Clerk Mike Bradley.

He also welcomed the guest speaker Daniel Fawkes from North Yorkshire Police Cybercrime Unit.

2.0 Apologies

Denise and Gary Marshall, Martin and Andrea Barnes, Sue Pember, Andy and Cath Jones, Claire Burrows, and finally, Jane Cain.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes of last meeting 18th May 2022

Minutes of the last meeting had previously been circulated to residents. Tom Kevill proposed and Roger Tarling seconded that the minutes were a true record. AGREED.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 Jubilee Tree

Cllr Cain thanked Margaret Bradley for officiating at the tree dedication. Further thanks was given to all who made donations towards the tree, especially Richard and Alison Menage who paid for the tree guard.

The tree can be easily be registered on the “Queen’s Green Canopy” website. Photograph and citation required. ACTION: Cllr Cain.

4.2 Traffic Calming Measures

North Yorkshire Council are investigating the use of 20 mph speed limit in built up areas across North Yorkshire (20s Plenty) and have asked for feedback from Parish Councils and residents as to whether it should be introduced. The scheme will not be cheap and initially NY Council would require a budget of £1 million to commence the rollout.

The meeting unanimously agreed that it should be rolled out. ACTION: Parish Clerk to feedback to North Yorkshire Council.

4.3 Defibrillator Training

The Defibrillator for Oldstead has been installed on the wall of the Black Swan who kindly agree to pay for the installation and upkeep of it.

10 residents present thought that it would be a good idea to receive training on the use of the Defibrillator. ACTION: Cllr J Williams to organise training.

4.4 Village Communications

Email and WhatsApp systems and now running for the majority of Oldstead residents. Any other residents who would like to join should contact Cllr. Cain.

5.0 Millennium Fund Balance

The Millennium Fund Balance currently stands at £342.56. The Millennium Fund has paid (£712 in part) to purchase the Defibrillator with the remainder coming from surplus money from the Rondel. Any donations/contributions to the fund would be gratefully appreciated.

6.0 Planning Applications

A small number of Planning Applications were made in Oldstead over the year. The Parish Council registered “No Objection” for the applications.

7.0 Tree Felling around Oldstead

Forest England are proposing to commence tree felling activities in July 2023 around Oldstead. Nick Short from Forest England unfortunately could not attend this evening’s meeting but he did promise to consult once plans had been formulated. Forest England have already approved improvements to the roads and tracks and have appointed contractors to undertake the work. Unfortunately a number of orchards have already been destroyed in the verges being widened. ACTION: Cllr Cain to talk to Forest England about this.

8.0 Village Picnic

The Oldstead Biennale will be held on 2nd September 2023. Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Annie Kevill have kindly agreed to host it at Mill House. Further details to follow nearer the time.

9.0 Guest Speaker

Daniel Fawkes from the Cyber Unit of North Yorkshire Police gave an interesting presentation on Cybercrime in North Yorkshire and how individuals can protect themselves from Email and text “Scams”.

It is vital that Email Passwords are strengthened to prevent criminals accessing sensitive information on PCs and Phones. Use of a Password Manager was recommended.

10.0 Any other Business

No items of “Any other Business” were raised at the meeting.

11.0 Vote of Thanks

Cllr Cain thanked Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Sheila Gillham for the use of the Gallery, the speaker (PC Fawkes) and Mrs. Gill Williams and Mrs. Jane Cain for the refreshments.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in May 2024