

MINUTES

OLDSTEAD ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

7.00 pm, 18 May 2022

Oldstead Hall

1. Welcome

21 residents attended the meeting. Councillors Cain and Williams took the meeting. Minutes prepared by the Parish Clerk.

Introductions from all villagers recognising the changes to the village over the last couple of years.

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held 28 March 2022

To circulate with the minutes of this meeting.

Minutes from meeting held 15 September 2021 were raised as an agenda item and a copy made available during the meeting.

They were proposed as a true record by Cllr. Cain and seconded by Cllr. Williams (outside of the meeting).

4. Matters arising

4.1 Parish Council elections

Cllr Cain and Cllr Williams will continue as the Oldstead Councillors. Discussion around changes in Byland with Wass. New Chair and Vice Chair will be elected on Monday 23rd May.

4.2 Oldstead Jubilee party and tree dedication

New tree installed in the village. Alison Menage has organised a tree guard. The tree dedication will take place on 3 June led by Margaret Bradley, followed by a cheese and wine event at the Oldstead Hall. The villagers passed on congratulations to Cllr Cain and Cllr Williams for their work on installing the tree. The tree is a Hornbeam, mature examples can be seen at Castle Howard.

Details of the Jubilee party will be shared via the Oldstead WhatsApp and notice board. The plan is to meet at 5pm by Sands lane house on the 3rd June. There will be marshals on the day to slow traffic.

If anyone is able to make a small donation towards the tree, guard and plaque they would be very welcome.

4.3 Traffic calming measures

Cllr Williams (Wass) forwarded information on the 20s plenty campaign. The campaign is trying to introduce a nationwide 20mph limit in built up areas. Cllr Williams is starting to organise the PC to take it forwards.

The issue is raised at the village meeting to gauge interest in Oldstead. There was a discussion on the impact of speed in the village, pub traffic, cyclists. Villagers are invited to have a look at the website <https://www.20splenty.org>. A challenge was raised that there is no enforceable 30mph limit in the village. However, it was acknowledged that the sign does make people think. A resident raised a concern that the worst area is outside the village.

4.4 Defibrillator

The roundels repair work came in under budget, the majority of the funding was from NYCC. The NYCC have advised that Oldstead village can use the funds for another purpose. A decision has been taken that this will be to purchase a defibrillator for the village. There are funds remaining in the Millennium fund. The Councillors have looked at the options for purchasing and on-going running costs. The next step is to agree a potential site for it.

One option is to have it on the Black Swan guest house Ashbury House. This has not been discussed with the owners. The Councillors welcome suggestions on location.

One resident raised the issue of training funding and volunteering, but noted that the machine does also talk individuals through how to use the machine.

The Councillors noted that the ongoing cost would be covered by the Parish Council.

4.5 Village communications

One of the two proposed WhatsApp groups is now set up: Oldstead official. Villagers are asked to please check with your neighbours with smartphones that they have been added.

A second group will be started up: Oldstead Social. All residents can opt out.

For those who don't have smart phones the Councillors will set up an email. There is also the village notice board and Cllr Williams does deliver paper versions to residents.

5. Finance – Millennium fund

Balance of £940 no movements.

For those who have agreed to sponsor the tree: Cheque to Oldstead Millennium Fund or cash to Cllr Williams.

6. Planning applications

A small number of applications nothing major all approved

7. Guest speaker – Mike Hawtin, North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority, Dark Skies.

A very interesting speech on the NYMNP Dark Skies project. Vote of thanks from Cllr Williams. Leaflet attached to the minutes for those interested in obtaining more information.

8. Any other business

8.1 Village picnic 2023

The picnic is held every two years. Villagers are asked to consider hosting in 2023, please discuss with the Councillors.

8.2 Road closure

The road is closed from Black Swan to Coxwold. This is to allow building works which are alongside the road. The latest date for re-opening is 1 August 2022.

9. Date for the next meeting

May 2023.