

Oldstead Annual Village Meeting

7.00 pm 8th May 2024 Oldstead Hall

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cain.

Cllr Cain welcomed the following 18 residents to the meeting:

Tony and Shiela Gillham, Jane Cain, Gill Williams, Neil and Nic Emsley, Andy and Cath Bricklebank, Jaqui and Bill Withnell, Roger and Jo Tarling, Martin and Andrea Barnes, Sue Pember, Tom Kevill, Audrey Wetherill, Claire Burrows.

The meeting was also attended by Cllr. John Williams, Chair of the Parish Council Cllr Christine Bradley and Parish Clerk Mike Bradley.

He also welcomed the guest speaker Jonathan Pomroy local Wildlife and Landscape artist.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Christopher Burrows, Annie Kevill, Angus Hudson, Catherine Breadber, Denise and Gary Marshall.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes of last meeting 18th May 2023

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

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 Condolences

The Village passed on their condolences to Betty Pearson and Sue Pember following the loss of their husbands Jeff and Alan, respectively.

4.2 Newcomers

The meeting welcomed new residents to the village, Angus Hudson, Catherine Breadber and Audrey Wetherill.

4.3 Village Sign

The stolen Oldstead sign has been replaced, thanks to Cllr. John Williams for progressing this. The cost (less excess) was recovered from the Insurance Company.

4.4 Jubilee Tree

A plaque commemorating the Jubilee Tree has been prepared and will be displayed next to it.

4.5 Defibrillator Training

A successful training night in Wass village hall was held on 2nd April 2024. 20-25 residents from Oldstead and Wass attended the training course. It was suggested that the training course be rerun annually to reinforce the importance of CPR.

4.6 Compromised Broadband and Telephony – Falling/fallen trees

Oldstead is served by a fast broadband overhead cable link which is being compromised by trees impacting the overhead cable on the Kilburn road

opposite Brookfield Farm. Openreach to be contacted to cut back and remove trees. ACTION: Cllrs Williams and Cain are to contact BT/Open Reach to advise them of the problem

5.0 Millennium Fund Balance

The Millennium Fund Balance currently stands at £454.40 up slightly from last year due to surplus from Garden Party.

6.0 Planning Applications

The following 2 planning applications were made by Oldstead over the past year:

September 18th 2023

NYM/2023/0581 Package treatment plant Oldstead – No comment

December 11th 2024

NYM/2023/0804 Provision of small retaining wall at Abbey House, Oldstead – No comment

7.0 Oldstead Biennale 2025

Tony and Sheila Gillham kindly agreed to host the event. Further details to follow.

8.0 Any other business

8.1 Motorbike/Mountain bike trespassing

Numerous incidents of trespass onto Jonnie Beveridge's land at Hell Hole. Suggest to Jonnie he installs chain and trespass sign to delineate his land from public right of way.

8.2 Inappropriate parking by customers at Abbey Inn

Number of complaints about parking at Abbey Inn in Byland. Situation has marginally improved but remains a nuisance. ACTION: Cllr Bradley to talk to Abbey Inn about extending car park.

8.3 Cars parking on Main Street Oldstead

A number of cars are now parking along the widest section of Main Street preventing cars and delivery Lorries from accessing properties. Consideration to be given to installation of "Passing Place". ACTION: Parish Clerk to speak to Highways Area 4 to arrange meeting.

8.4 Potholes on Scawling End Road by Brookfields Farm

Oldstead resident Mr. Tom Kevill advised on deep potholes in this area. ACTION: Parish Clerk to speak to Highways Area 4 to arrange meeting

9.0 Guest Speaker – Helmsley Swifts

Jonathan Pomroy is a local Wildlife and Landscape artist, resident artist at Yorkshire Arboretum, writer of book "On Crescent Wings", Area representative for Swift conservation and co-founder of Helmsley Swifts.

Swifts and Martins are now on the Red List of endangered bird species and it won't be too long before Swallows join them.

Swifts are a different genus from Swallows and Martins and are many millions of years older in the evolutionary cycle.

Swifts mate for life and return to the same nesting sites in the UK having spent 9 months travelling to Africa and back. Following mating the eggs take 20 days to hatch and a further 6 weeks for the young to fledge so there is no chance of a second brood.

Jonathan encouraged everyone to install nest boxes to their houses to help Swifts recover and he had a number of examples on display.

10.0 Vote of Thanks

Cllr Cain thanked Jonathan Pomroy for his extremely interesting talk on Swifts and Mr and Mrs Tony and Sheila Gillham for the use of the Gallery.

Refreshments were then served.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in May 2025, date to be advised.