

OTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th May 2011

Present:

Clerk: Mrs Osborne
Chairman: Mr Smith
Councillors: Mr Childs, Mr Cant, Mr A Ling, Mr R Ling, Mrs Lincoln, Mr Hook, Mrs Grant.

1. Acceptance of Office

Chairman - Mr Smith - proposed by Mr R Ling, seconded by Mrs Lincoln and agreed unanimously.
Vice Chairman - Mr A Ling – proposed by Mr Hook, seconded by Mrs Grant and agreed unanimously.

2.Appointment of Officers

Otley Community Council representative – Mr Chris Taylor*
SALC representative – Mr Smith*
Responsible Finance Officer – Mrs Osborne*
Emergency Planning Officer - Mrs Vaughan*

Finance committee - Chairman Mr Smith, Mr A Ling and Mr R Ling*
Planning committee - Mr Cant, Mr Smith, Mr Hook, Mrs Grant and Mr A Ling*
Rights of way - Mr R Ling, Mrs Hall, Mr Smith, Mr Quilliam and Mr Rogerson *

(* Proposed on block by Mr Childs and seconded by Mrs Grant and agreed unanimously)

3. Apologies for absence - Mrs Vaughan,

4. Minutes of meeting held on 14th March 2011 – Approved and signed with amendment to point 5 - Mr R Ling declared an interest.

5. Matters arising - None to report.

6. Finance –

Balances are as follows: Community C/Acc £ 211.86 Cr
Business premium Acc £ 8711.09 Cr

The year-end submission to the Auditors, incorporating the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement, was presented by Mr Treloar and discussed in full. The individual questions in the Governance Statement were read by Mr Treloar and following discussion it was unanimously agreed that both the Statement of Accounts and the Governance Statement be accepted in their present form and that Mr Smith as Chairman and Mrs Osborne as the Responsible Financial Officer should sign the documentation. Mrs Lincoln proposed and Mr R Ling seconded the accounts be approved and accepted.

7. Planning –

Applications received –

➤ Hall Farm Cottage Extension and various alterations

Approvals

➤ Walnut Tree Farm The Green, Retention of lean too,
Ashbocking & 2 feed silos

8. Highways – B1079/Church Road – Repairs to Hillside Cottage retaining wall in progress, the resurfacing of Helmingham Road is scheduled for 16th May and the resurfacing Potash Corner to Otley Bottom is scheduled for 14th June.

9. Rights of Way – The Direction Post opposite Wood Farm is leaning over and needs resetting. Agreement has been received and confirmed for 2 footpath cuts this year.

10. District & County Councillor's report – Mr Bellfield provided his report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

11. Community Police report – WSNT had provided their report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

12. Community Council report – This had been provided at the Annual Parish Meeting.

13. SORR report – Currently have vacancies for Chair and Clerk.

14. Correspondence – None to report.

15. Any other business

Community Wind Turbine.

The sub-committee agreed a questionnaire format. 300 copies with return envelopes will be delivered to every household in Otley by the Scouts. The collection of the questionnaire is to be arranged between Otley Green and the Parish Council. Mr Childs is to have the questionnaires from 19th of this month to ensure end of month collection deadline achieved.

Mr R Ling asked if Otley College had been approached, whether the village would still receive the funds raised if the wind turbine was erected at the College and who would provide the funding for this. To date the Tolly cobbold Trust have asked for additional information and grants would need to be applied for as Otley College have not put forward any funding offers.

If the Parish Council approve the Community Wind Turbine would they be able to oppose any further applications from private land owners? It was agreed that each planning application would be looked at individually and the majority voted to add an additional question to the questionnaire to gauge residents' views. Mr Hook asked whether the County Council took consideration of the views of the Parish Council but it is difficult to quantify.

Mr Childs asked if Otley Green needed the Parish Council support in order to get grants?

Meeting closed temporarily at 20.25

Meeting reopened 20.28

It was agreed to add a collection box for questionnaires in the village shop and the sub-committee will receive and collate the responses.

Speeding along Helmingham Road

Mr R Ling raised the concerns of a resident concerning the speed of traffic along Helmingham Road. Gating is currently being erected along Charity Lane. Parish Council to investigate gating for Otley. Mr Hook volunteered to be involved in any projects concerning speeding issues. Mr T Barrett continues the speed watch programme.

Mr A Ling has cut Newlands playing field and will submit invoice shortly.

Date of next meeting – Monday 13th June at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 20.50pm