



Osgoldcross Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2008 at the Beal Village Hall.

Members present: J Vause (in the chair), E Beechey, B Crossdale, F Blackburn, K Westwood, H Bickerton, L Amerigo, K Ronksley, R Dunning, R Stephenson, M Whittles, M Skirrow, I Sewell, A Pound, G Ivey, J Stables and S Gill.

Item 4. Play Equipment Inspections and Maintenance

Caroline Thompson of Record RSS Limited was present to give a PowerPoint presentation. She told members that Record RSS limited had existed for 40 years. The company offers quarterly, biannual or annual inspections. The cost of the inspections is the same, no matter how many pieces of equipment are in the playground. Repairs can be carried out at the same time of the inspection for just the cost of the replacement parts, saving the travelling costs. Most spare parts are carried in the engineer's van at all times.

Caroline told members that if several parishes joined together and booked inspections on the same day, the cost of each inspection could be reduced. Urgent repairs can also be prioritised.

The cost to one parish having one playground would be £50 for an operational inspection and £390 for an annual inspection. If three parishes joined together so that three inspections were carried out on the same day, the cost of the annual inspection would be reduced to £250/parish.

The Chair then asked members if they had any questions.

A member asked what would happen if the necessary part was not carried on the engineer's van. Caroline replied that the engineer would carry virtually every part up to a pre-arranged value. Any part costing more than that value would have to be organised.

The Chair thanked Caroline for her presentation.

Item 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from S Ryder, J Mitchell, M Langan and D White.

Item 2. Minutes of the last meeting on 25th September 2008

The minutes were proposed, seconded and agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Item 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Gillian Ivey told members that the Smartwater scheme was still running but, from a police point of view, had been superceded by the "Immobilise" website. Ken Ronksley told members he had a pricelist for new Smartwater customers.

Gillian Ivey told members that, so far, she had been unsuccessful in securing a later bus from Selby to Kellington than the one at 16.05 but would keep the Chair of Kellington PC informed of any progress made.

Gillian Ivey told members that the motocross setup at Whitley did not have planning consent and that Sue Ryder had approached Environmental Health because of the noise problem.

Item 5. The Osgoldcross Forum's Youth Board

The Chair of the Youth Board, Andy Pound, announced that the funding application for £9,005 to Awards for All had been successful. The funding was to pay for a feasibility study to be carried out by Selby 4Youth. The study was to find out what the young people of the area want before making another funding application to provide it.

Item 6. The Osgoldcross Forum's Environment Board

Frank Blackburn told members that the Environment Board was monitoring and collecting information on the proposed wind farms and, to a lesser degree, eco-towns in the area.

The Board was hoping to launch a scheme to promote recycling in the area for which 25% match-funding must be provided. A member asked how economical it now was to recycle in view of the price crash of recyclable material and asked if the material was now being stockpiled. Andy Pound, a member of Selby DC's Environment Board, said that the new contract that the District Council was introducing meant it would not "take a hit" as it was not price-reliant. A member asked what would happen to the weekly collections. Andy Pound said it would become alternate weeks, domestic one week, recyclable the next.

Item 7. The Osgoldcross Forum's Highways Board

The Chair of the Highways Board, Eric Beechey, told members that Kirk Smeaton PC has shown an interest in a "quiet lanes" scheme through and near the village. When the proposal was put to Highways and the Police Traffic Division, they were not impressed. However, after the scheme was developed using cycle tracks and buffer zones, the decision was made to join the village near Kirk Smeaton using a cycle track. The scheme will join West and South Yorkshire through North Yorkshire.

Eric Beechey told members of the Police's project to enable volunteers to use hand-held speed guns that was to be trialled in York. It may or may not be rolled out throughout North Yorkshire.

A member asked whose responsibility it was to clear pavements alongside roads in rural areas. Gillian Ivey said it was Highways' responsibility and she would pass on the complaint.

Item 8. Payments

The Chief Executive reported that there was £731.39 in the account.

Payments due were:

Postage - £14.32
 Paper - £12.64
 Recordable Cds - £11.49
 Toner - £12.49

Fuser - £13.70

All agreed to pay.

Item 9. Any Other Business

A member reported that 10 lights were faulty at the Whitley underpass and the glasses needed cleaning. Gillian Ivey said she would report the fault.

A member asked if a presentation on the new waste collections could be arranged. Andy Pound, as a member of the Selby DC Environment Board, said he would try to arrange it for the next meeting.

A member asked if a representative of Highways could attend a questions and answers session. The Chief Executive explained that Highways receive so many requests to attend meetings that they could not physically attend them all. However, they were happy to attend meetings of the Forum's Highways Board and so any questions or complaints should go through that committee.

Additional Item

The Chair told members that he had invited Dave Broadbent, a Community First Responder covering Whitley and Eggborough, to give a presentation on the work of the volunteers.

Mr Broadbent showed members a PowerPoint presentation and said he was prepared to answer questions.

A member from Balne said he knew of two volunteers who had applied to become First Responders quite some time ago and had since heard nothing. The Chief Executive explained that it sometimes takes a long time for the CRB checks to be carried out but he would check on the present situation.

A first Responder who covers Beal, Kellington and Birkin said that he was receiving calls to go to Knottingley and asked if there was a similar scheme covering the town. Mr Broadbent said he did not know of one.

The Chair thanked Mr Broadbent for his presentation and said he hoped it would persuade more volunteers to come forward.

Item 10. Date and venue of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 19th March 2009 at 7.00 pm, provisionally at Womersley Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.