



Osgoldcross Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2007 at the Surestart Building, Brotherton.

Members present: Councillors M Shepherd (in the chair), E Beechey, R Dunning, B Crossdale, K Ronksley, L Ruxton, R Stephenson, F Blackburn, J Mitchell, K Westwood, S Gilbert, H Bickerton, L Amerigo, K Walton, and Mr J Vause.

Item 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors J Adams, D White, J Clarkson, G Ivey, D Simpson, J Wilders and J Davie.

Item 2. Minutes of the last meeting on 4th October 2007

Passed as a true record.

Item 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Keith Westwood reported that Councillor Crane had followed up on the question asked at the last meeting about the cost of emptying the dustbins with an answer of £60 per household. This was the same amount that Councillor Percival had quoted for fortnightly collections and raised the question of the difference in costs between weekly and fortnightly collections.

The Chief Executive reported that John Vause had been co-opted onto the Board of Trustees of the NYFVO.

The Chief Executive reported that Councillor Crane would be willing to attend a meeting of the Osgoldcross Forum on an annual basis.

Item 4. Flooding and Planning Applications

As no guest speaker was present, a general discussion on the problems of flooding took place.

A member said that drainage ditches were no longer being cleared.

A member said that many different organisations had held meetings on the subject. It was pointed out that members had asked for a representative of Yorkshire Water Authority to attend to speak specifically on the planning procedure. It was decided to organise a meeting, possibly outside the quarterly meeting schedule, and to invite representatives of Leeds City Council, Selby DC Planning Department, Yorkshire Water Authority and the Environment Agency as well as local MPs. The whole issue of flooding in the area was to be discussed at the meeting.

Provisional dates for future meetings were set as March 20th, June 19th, September 18th and December 11th, 2008.

Future speakers to be invited included a representative of Your Energy to talk on the proposed wind farm at Stubbs Bridge, a planning officer to talk on the planning process from start to finish and a Police Officer to talk on the new Police policies.

Item 5. The Osgoldcross Forum's Sub-Committees

The Chief Executive reported that volunteers had come forward for the Youth and Highways Boards but volunteers were needed for the Environment Board. Four members volunteered to join the Environment Board.

Item 6. Charity Fundraising

Frank Blackburn explained his idea of organising a "fun run" from Whitley to Cridling Stubbs to Womersley and back to Whitley. He wanted to raise money for other local charities.

The question "can a charity raise money for another charity?" was raised. The Chief Executive would investigate this.

Item 7. The Defibrillation/First Responder Project

It was reported that five individual schemes were being set up to cover eleven villages. Training has been organised and a sponsor obtained by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service to supply the necessary equipment.

Item 8. Police Volunteers and Eggborough Police House

The Chief Executive reported that the Police Community Team were still using the office at Eggborough Police House but they were due to move to Community House very shortly. Eleven volunteers were undergoing training to man the front desk.

Item 9. Payments

Toner - £29.50

All agreed to pay.

Item 10. Any Other Business

A member asked about "Smartwater" but no more information was available.

John Vause reported that Jack Davie was in hospital having undergone major surgery. A card was to be sent from members of the Forum.

Item 11. Date and venue of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 20th March 2008 at 7.00 pm at Eggborough Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.