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Osmotherley Area Parish Council

Covering the communities of Osmotherley; Ellerbeck; Thimbleby; Kirby Sigston; West Harlsey; Winton, Stank & Hallikeld and Sowerby under Cotcliffe

What is a Parish Council?

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community. It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district authority above it in the hierarchy (as of 1st April 2023 this will be North Yorkshire Council (NYC), replacing Hambleton District Council (HDC) and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) with a single unitary authority). As it is the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first place people will go with concerns or ideas. For this reason they are a vital part of any community.

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), helping local groups, managing green spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

It's true to say that on their own, parish councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the opportunity to negotiate with, and have the ability to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the district or unitary council, national park, police etc).

In this respect parish councils are influencers. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

What powers do Parish Councils have? What can we do?

They have a wide range of responsibilities which essentially relate to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, village greens, play areas, graveyards and cemeteries, public conveniences, bus shelters, and much more. The council also has the power to raise money through taxation, the precept. The precept is the parish council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, currently the district council, which collects the tax for the parish council. The majority of our annual budget goes towards village maintenance including grass-cutting and the provision of public conveniences in the village. Our accounts are audited in line with all local authorities in the UK.

What don't we do?

We don't look after roads, footpaths and other highways issues such as gully emptying. We do however report concerns to North Yorkshire Highways to rectify issues, such as pothole repairs. Lighting, flooding and drainage issues are also not our area of responsibility but any report to the Clerk will be passed onto the relevant authority.

We don't look after public footpaths, green lanes or bridleways. These are maintained by landowners and the relevant authority either North York Moors National Park (NYMNP) or NYCC, Countryside Services. We are not responsible for overgrown hedges, broken stiles or gates on footpaths or indeed rubbish left in hedgerows. However, if you see things you feel need reporting then contact the Clerk.

If you see poor or inconsiderate behaviour such as public nuisance or bad or irresponsible parking, then contact the police on 101. We also do not get involved with neighbourhood disputes!

As mentioned earlier we are a consultee for planning matters. The planning authority, in Osmotherley's case NYMNP, has responsibility to consult, but also the decision to grant or decline an application rests with them, not us. HDC is currently the other planning authority in our area who also have a duty to consult. These powers will pass to NYC in April 2023.

Our Council

Our councillors are all volunteers, giving their time to represent the village and wider community. We contract a Village Caretaker to help maintain the green areas in the village that we are responsible for and a Burials Clerk to look after the Cemetery. The Clerk is the only paid employee.

The council communicates electronically through the village website at www.osmotherley.org.uk and monthly via the Messenger newsletter. The council's email is clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com.



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Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meetings December & January. Various culverts continue to cause problems to the village and both Yorkshire Water and NYCC have attended to repair damage over the last few months, this work has now been completed. The footpath to Bog Hole from the Osmotherley side will need our intervention in the Spring as NYCC will not join the footpath to the road in a hard surface. Tree works have been completed and a review in Spring will take place on the remainder of the trees on North End. Inconsiderate parking continues to plague the village, with concerns being raised by residents of School Lane and Back Lane. Should residents encounter this they are to contact the Police. Unfortunately, as much as the Parish Council have tried to persuade NYCC to install more yellow lines, as we have done for many years, they have again refused to act, in part because they do not acknowledge that there is a problem.

Concerned residents of Clack Lane Bottom have, independently, asked for a speed survey to be undertaken with a view to reducing the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph after exiting the A19 towards Northallerton and from Ellerbeck in the other direction. The PC agree that this would be beneficial to reduce the dangers of potential accidents at this key point of entry into Osmotherley. Five planning applications were considered and supported by the PC in this period. Thanks were expressed to Mr B Manners and Mr T and A Forsyth for the erection, decoration and disposal of the christmas tree.

Finally, the Chairman provided an update on privately owned land for a potential car park within the village. More details and information on this will be provided in the coming months.

John Robinson, Clerk to the Parish Council, 07801591566

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Table Tennis

Table tennis is re-starting; every Wednesday 7-9pm. All abilities welcome!! Bring own bat if you have one. Cost dependent on number of attendees but not much!

Phil Mayes

Summer Games 2023 - Saturday 1st July 2023

We will be organising a meeting in March but would like to start to fill the stall holder rota so we are confident the games can go ahead. We have 6 stalls - coconut shy, tombola, crash the crock, raffle, darts and golden box. Ideally we need 2 people on each stall. We have split the afternoon into 3 one hour slots from 12.45. If these aren't filled, the stalls can't run. Please email to book a one hour slot (or more if you want!) and state which stall you would like to do.

Someone to take on the wellyhoying at 4.30 would be great too. mkrowe61@gmail.com

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Osmotherley Community Group

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Coffee Morning at the beginning of December. It was a joyful occasion and lovely to have the children from Osmotherley Primary School singing with us. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a special occasion.

Our first event in 2023, will be a Soup Lunch in St Peter's Church on **Tuesday February 7th from 12 noon - 1.30pm**. This will be a welcome return and we hope everyone will enjoy the opportunity to renew friendships and to reconnect with our community. As always, there will be the usual choice of delicious soups.

We hope to continue to deliver soup to anyone who is ill or housebound - do let Michelle know of anyone who would benefit from this on 883783.

There will be another soup lunch on **Tuesday 7th March**.

We look forward to welcoming you in February and to our programme of events in 2023.



Make a date and join us for this month's film – an enjoyable evening is guaranteed!

Friday 17th February :

THE DUKE [2020][UK] Cert. 12 96mins *Starring: Jim Broadbent, Helen Mirren*

In 1961, a masterpiece by Goya disappears from the National Gallery in London. Its loss is kept secret from the public. The Gallery and the Police investigate an audacious theft by sophisticated professional art thieves. Meanwhile, 200+ miles north of London in NE England, Kempton Bunton, taxi driver, carries on with his daily life. Have the Metropolitan Police got it wrong?

Where? Village Hall **Doors open:** 7.30pm, film starts 8pm

Guests welcome. Guest Fee: £6 (you must be 16+ yrs of age)

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Are you looking to get involved in a community 'something'? Would you like to help us stay successful? If so, get in touch! Be part of the friendly film crew! Help us run the season and select the films. Enthusiasm, teamwork, enjoyment of film : that's what it's about (ps you don't have to be a film guru).

Want to know more? Come and chat to us at a film evening.

Email us at: osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com Tel 07971 863332

Things only stay happening and successful by getting involved : if you think likewise...hello!

Osmotherley Brass Band

We would like to wish everyone a happy new year and to thank all those who supported us over the Christmas period. Support shown in many ways - the much appreciated provision of yummy mince pies, cakes and warming mulled wine (that added hiccups to a Silent Night) and for all the donations in our collection buckets. We'd like to make a special thank you to The Golden Lion, Osmotherley and Guisborough Brewery for their continued support. Watch this space and our Facebook page for our 2023 events.

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Dates for your Diary

February

Wed 1st 7-9pm. Table Tennis. Village Hall.

Tue 7th 12-1.30pm. Soup Lunch. St. Peter's Church.

Wed 8th 7-9pm. Table Tennis. Village Hall.

Tues 14th 2.30pm, OWLS talk, Trevor Swales on Beekeeping. St Peter's Church.

Wed 15th 7-9pm. Table Tennis. Village Hall.

Fri 17th 7.30pm Osmotherley Film, The Duke. Village Hall

Wed 22nd 7-9pm. Table Tennis. Village Hall.

Thurs 23rd 10-12noon. Mobile Library, Oswaldene

March

Tue 7th 12-1.30pm. Soup Lunch. St. Peter's Church.

Thurs 23rd 10-12noon. Mobile Library, Oswaldene

Christmas Quiz, Save The Children

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Quiz in the Village Hall on 4.12.22. Your generosity raised a fabulous £465 for the Save The Children Somalian and Ukrainian emergency aid appeal!

Special thanks go to Barrie Robinson for being an ace Quiz Master, Bob Manners for being the music technician, Eleanor, Claire, Sarah and Marion for their help and support in running the Quiz and for everyone who provided wonderful raffle prizes, especially Top Shop and Kate and Trevor at the Coffee Shop for their generous donations.

Here's to next year's event!

Hilary Day

Osmotherley New Year's Eve Party

A massive thank you to everyone who came to the New Years Eve Party in the Village Hall. It was a great night and brilliant to have so many people together again. A special thank you must go to DJ Jim Easton who provided his excellent services free of charge. All profits have been shared between Macmillan and the Village Hall.

It would be great to repeat the event next year- the hall is provisionally booked and support from some of this year's organisers is there for anyone else who would like to take it on for next year. Please contact me if you are able to do this.

Heather Rowe: mikeandheatherowe@btinternet.com

Mobile Library - Here are the next 2 dates for the Mobile Library visits to Osmotherley, Oswaldene:

Thursday 23rd Feb Thursday 23rd March

OWLS - There will be a talk in St Peters at 2.30pm on Tuesday 14th Feb, the speaker will be Trevor Swales on Beekeeping. After the talk, we hope to have a brief look at the outline programme for 2023!

Moving Matters - Moving Matters is a new chair-based exercise class in Osmotherley Village Hall every Thursday from 10.30 - 11.45am. It's aimed at those with less mobility, maybe recovering from hip or knee surgery or with age-related conditions.

The class will include a mixture of exercises to build strength, flexibility, improve coordination and balance followed by meditation and relaxation. And afterwards, there'll be time for a cup of tea and a chat. If you'd like to join or want further information contact Clare Walker on 01609883011 or 07595873221. All welcome!

Village Hall Bookings - Please contact Clare Scott via bookings@osmotherleyvh.org.uk

Quaker Meeting House Bookings - Available for bookings. Costs are £12 /half day or £24/full day. Contact Annie Peart (Anniepeart@live.com)