

KIRKBY OVERBLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the 126th Meeting held on Monday 16 May 2022
at Low Hall, Kirkby Overblow

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr D Yeadon, Mr J Cross, Mrs P Perry, Mrs A Whiteley, Mr S Snowden, and Mr Simon Jacobs.

3 residents attended

In attendance: NYCC/HBC Cllr A Paraskos and Mr M Richards (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence** None
2. **Minutes of the 125th Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021 had been agreed as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman at the July 2021 meeting of the Council.

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, David Yeadon, presented his report, for the period 2021-22.

This is the 126th Annual Parish Meeting. There has been a change in personnel. After many years excellent service Ruth Denwood has retired and been replaced by Simon Jacobs who, along with existing councillors, was elected to the Council, at the May election.

This has been one of the most complex years I can recall for planning applications with approximately 30 received again. Of particular concern have been three refusals and a dismissed appeal for an agricultural storage building down Swindon Lane, another dismissed appeal for three new dwellings down Walton Head Lane also involving the school and complex applications on Kirkby Meadows. Work has started on four new dwellings on the former Pickard's Yard in Dunkeswick and permission granted for five new dwellings replacing the former buildings at Lane End Farm.

The Star & Garter remains derelict. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been set up known as the Kirkby Overblow Community Hub. Some funding has been raised from pledges and an offer to purchase the building and site has recently been submitted to the owner.

Last July two sets of speed pipes to monitor traffic were installed for a week outside Brigg Hall on Follifoot Lane and outside Kirkby Chase on Barrowby Lane. Although results showed more speeding on Follifoot Lane these were not considered serious enough to pursue any further traffic calming measures at the present time.

A grant of £70000 has been received from the Borough Council towards replacing some of the equipment at the Children's Play Area and redesigning the site. In April we held another successful village litter pick, the grass cutting contract has been awarded to Sam Hesselden again with an inflationary price increase and the precept has been put up to £9000.

Forthcoming village events include lighting a beacon and a street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, another village clay shoot and a KOSAF organised barn dance at Sunrise Farm.

We were sorry to say farewell to Cliff Trotter who has retired as our North Yorkshire County Councillor after many years. We are also grateful to Andrew Paraskos, our Borough Councillor, for his attendance at our meetings and for his helpful advice and

contributions. Thanks to councillors for their help and support and special thanks as usual to our clerk, Mike Richards, for carrying out his duties in such a professional and efficient manner. That, ladies and gentlemen, concludes my report. Questions and suggestions are always welcome at any time.

4. Questions from residents

A residents asked if there was any indication at present, of how the Planning system would be affected by the Local Government reorganisation and the dissolution of Harrogate Borough Council. Cllr Paraskos responded that as yet there was no firm plan as to any changes other than planning would be the responsibility of the various Area Constitutional Committees but there was no detailed information as to how this would operate. He confirmed that Planning Officers as at present would still be the first line of contact and decision making.

As there were no other questions, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and the meeting terminated at 7.50.

**The 127th Annual Parish Meeting is planned for May 2023, 8pm at All Saints
Church
(Date to be confirmed)**