

MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
FOR LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE
UNDERWOOD

held in the Village Hall on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7pm.

1. Present: Cllrs. D. Smith (Chair), N. Orr, C. Bligh, J. Nellist. Amanda Kennerley (clerk), County Cllr. A. Warneken, one member of the public
2. Apologies: Cllr R Harrison, District Cllr. A Myatt
3. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
4. To receive the annual report of the Parish Council by the Chairman.

Firstly, it is good to be able to meet in the village hall this year after the Covid-19 restrictions of the last two years. On-line meetings are not easy, especially with slow internet speeds.

The planned changes in local government, which will come into place after this year's transition period, mean that Harrogate Borough Council will cease to exist. Little Ouseburn area will come under the new North Yorkshire authority which will begin to operate in 2023.

Local government elections were held this month and Arnold Warneken, was elected as our County Councillor. We look forward to working with him.

Main Street and Back Lane were finally re-surfaced this year after many years of complaining about the quality of the road surfaces in the village. The quality of the work has been very good.

We have received approval to erect a village sign at our boundary on approach to Fishponds Bridge. A sign at this end of the village has been on our agenda for quite a while so we look forward to it being installing soon.

Many thanks to our outgoing County Cllr. Andy Paraskos for contributing to the costs with his Locality Budget and to Cllr. James Nellist for offering his company's services to install free of charge.

Finally, I hope the planned Platinum Jubilee celebrations go ahead with fine weather and we can celebrate together as a village.

5. To receive a report from Arnold Warneken, County Councillor of the Ouseburn Division of NYCC.

I attended the AGM of NYCC last week and am now on the committee of Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny

We are now in a year of transition when, in April 2023, the new North Yorkshire Council will take over providing public services for every resident, household and community in the county. This new organisation will replace the County Council and seven District/Borough Councils, which currently operate.

I see my role as providing a strong voice for local residents for both large and local issues and am arranging a meeting with NY Highways in regard to the speeding on Boroughbridge Road.

We have encountered speeding issues in Tockwith, where I am also Chair of the parish council. We intend to install VAS signs in the village as they have proved to be very effective in other villages. It could be that following a Community Speed Watch in Little Ouseburn, VAS signs could also work in your village.

6. To receive a report from Ann Myatt, Harrogate Borough Councillor Ouseburn Ward. None
7. Open discussion from members of the public in attendance. None
8. To agree the date and time for the next meeting. May 2023