

*c/o: Ossett Community Centre,
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**Notes of the meeting held on Thursday
26 March 2015**

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

Present: 15 members

1. Declarations of Interest

None declared

2. Introduction and Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting:

The notes of the meetings of 26 February 2015, were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

In respect of the application that has been submitted for 30 units (flats/houses) at the side of the doctors surgery, in Church Street, it was clarified that the only exit and entrance is via the Health Village car park on Church Street. As far as we know, there are no plans for any improvement to the exit. There was a view that there needs to be some double yellow lines to enable a clear view when exiting from the car park. We requested the councilors to raise this with the Highways Department but it was pointed out that this would be considered as a matter of course.

In respect of the 'Welcome to Ossett' sign at Sowood bends, the secretary has approached Persimmons to request a new sign. This will be followed up.

The mini roundabout on Station Road centre has been filled in but there are still potholes round the side.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Fund application for hanging basket was submitted but it has been turned down because the Council can no longer commit to watering the baskets

The pinfold has been cleared and the first layer of stones have been put in but they appear to be unsuitable. We are waiting for additional stones to be delivered.

No progress has been made on the Spa Street planning application which was rejected and has been appealed.

There is to be a 'Fake Festival' in June on the school playing fields at the top of Queens Drive. The application for a license has now been accepted by Wakefield Council planning committee. Approval has been given for the event in the large playing field belonging to Southdale School. There will be parking off Lime Street on the field. There will be marshals and wrist bands to indicate that payment has been made.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported on our finances.

6. Chair & Secretary's Report:

The Chair has received an email from YHACS (Yorkshire and Humber Association of Civic Societies) regarding the Horbury Civic Trust. YHACS have taken over Horbury Civic Trust to avoid it being wound up and to try and reinvigorate the Trust and encourage new members. We have offered any support we can give.

There will be a YHACS members event about re-evaluation of the Green Belt on Saturday 25 April in Abbeyfield Ilkley.

Ossett Civic Trust is applying for a stall at Ossett Gala on 11 July, sharing with Town Centre Partnership.

There will be a Beer Festival 29 & 30 May and also a Morris Dancing festival on 30-31 May in the Town Centre.

There is an event in the Town Centre this coming weekend including an Easter bonnet competition.

There is an Organ Society event this coming Sunday in the Town Hall. They are expecting over 200 as there is a well known organist, Robert Wolfe, who will be playing. The Organ Society is going from strength to strength and improvements have been made to the organ.

7. Planning matters:

There is little of any note. The conservation officer has indicated that they are not happy with the request for planning permission at the Carpenters.

8. Roads and Parks:

Potholes in the roads in Ossett have started to be filled. Many more have been drawn round, thereby indicating that they will be filled.

Members were informed about the annual Eggstravaganza in Green Park on Easter Saturday, 4 April. The event is open to any children in the locality and events include an egg hunt, egg and spoon races, egg rolling, egg decorating competition and face painting. Anyone who can help on the day between 10am and 12 noon would be very welcome. There is a possibility of bulb/flower planting in Green Park, further information will be sent out by email.

9. Social Calendar

An event will be organized in the near future.

The Gawthorpe maypole will be held on Monday, 4 May

10. Other Business:

The library is having its windows replaced.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 30 April 2015