



*c/o: Ossett Community Centre,
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Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 May 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

Present: 11 members

Apologies: 5 members

We started the meeting with a minutes silence in memory of a previous member, Mavis Ross, who died earlier in the month.

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 30 April 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, this has now been approved by delegation and will not go to the full Planning Committee.

In respect of the 'Welcome to Ossett' sign at Sowood bends, the secretary has approached Persimmons to request a new sign. This is ongoing.

A building in the centre of Ossett is proposing to replace their wooden framed windows by plastic windows, which should not have been approved as it is in the conservation area. This is an ongoing issue as other buildings are also in the conservation area, are planning to replace the windows with plastic windows. It was the view of the OCT that there needs to be consistency in policy and application and this is the responsibility of Wakefield Council. Although it would be ideal if we could insist on traditional wooden windows, it may be better to accept that we need to accept that plastic windows are the future but that the style and quality need to be in fitting with the buildings and previous appearance.

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

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

There is to be a 'Fake Festival' on the school playing fields at the top of Queens Drive on Saturday, 6 June. There will be parking off Lime Street on the field. There will be marshals and wrist bands to indicate that payment for entry has been made. There has been a meeting with the headmaster of Ossett School and with the deputy head to put everyone's concerns and these are being looked into and the deputy was going to report back in due course of what extra safeguards have been put in place.

Ossett Civic Trust has applied for a stall indicating to be shared with Town Centre Partnership for Ossett Gala. We are waiting for confirmation as to whether we have been successful but understand that there have been 85 applications and that all Ossett organisations will have a stall. The Gala is being organised by a group called Ossett Gala Association.

5. Chair & Secretary's Report:

Civic Day 2015 – We agreed that we would have a stall at the Car boot at Ossett Community Centre on Saturday 20 June 2015 as our contribution to this event.

6. Ossett Related Events:

There is a beer festival on Friday & Saturday, 29 & 30 May with over 40 beers available and ciders. There is also a morris dancing event over the weekend.

Sunday, 7 June is the organ concert. If anyone can contribute some home baking it would be much appreciated.

7. Planning matters:

There is little of any note.

Lidl are now applying for 24/7 delivery, which will mean constant movement of vehicles from and to the store. They are wanting to extend their site.

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. High Street in Gawthorpe and Dale Street are due to be resurfaced. The big wagons are damaging the roads but there is no way of getting from one side of Ossett to the other without using residential roads.

The area around The Green/Manor Road is extremely dangerous and congested at school ending time. It was agreed that a pelican crossing would be more suitable than the zebra crossing.

Illingworth Park are having a Gala on Sunday, 7 June, 11am until 4pm.

Yorkshire Cancer research have a sale in the Community Centre on Saturday morning, 6 June.

Church Street park are hoping to put a shelter up for young people and are currently seeking views from local residents and potential users.

9. Social Calendar

Town Partnership proposed to hold the WW1 commemoration on Heritage Day. It was agreed that we would have the stalls during the morning and also ask the Organ Society if they could play WW1 music and songs from 2-4pm. We could even have a WW1 sing song as well with song sheets.

Date	Event
2015	
Thurs, 15 Jan	<i>OCT meal out at Gandhi Spice</i>
Sunday, 18 Jan	<i>Sunday Lunch at the Community centre £11 per person</i>
Sunday, 29 March	<i>Organ concert with Robert Wolfe. 2.00pm for 2.30pm</i>
Sat, 4 April	<i>Eggstravaganza at Green Park. 10am to 12noon</i>
Fri 29 & Sat 30 May	Beer Festival in Ossett
Sat 30 & Sun 31 May	Morris Dancing in Ossett Town Centre
Sunday, 7 June	Organ concert. 2.00pm for 2.30pm
Saturday, 20 June	OCT indoor car boot sale at the Community Centre
Sat, 11 July	Ossett Gala in the town centre.
Sun, 5 July	Organ concert with David Ivory. 2.00pm for 2.30pm
Sat, 12 September	Heritage Open Day
Sunday, 4 October	Organ concert 'Songs from the Shows' with Blackpool organist, David Lobban. 2.00pm for 2.30pm
Sat, 14 November	Ossett Civic Dinner and Ossett Civic Trust Awards
Sat, 28 November	Christmas Lights Switch on with OCT tombola
Sunday, 5 December	

Dates of meetings for 2015

28 May	25 June
30 July	27 August
24 September	29 October
26 November	