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Executive summary

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1. Village Hall
2. Playground
3. Footpaths
4. Mobile phone and broadband coverage
5. Preferred means of communication
6. Natural environment and sustainability
7. Policing, emergency services and local health care

A questionnaire was produced and circulated around the Village in January/February 2014.

Key results are as follows:

Response rate – 105 questionnaires were distributed of which 45 were returned. This represents a response rate of approximately 43%.

Village Hall – The responses to the questionnaire give a clear indication that improvements are necessary, in particular to the kitchen, storage, tables and chairs and to the windows.

Playground – The responses indicated the need to consider the possibility of incorporating both adult and child play facilities into the current playground.

Footpaths – Various comments were passed regarding general maintenance and improving views from footpaths. There were many expressions of interest in developing a network of footpaths from Oswaldkirk to neighbouring villages. As a result, a small group will be formed to progress this issue.

Mobile phone and broadband – Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting should consider the comments passed (e.g. a willingness from some respondents to pay for an improved broadband connection) if/when any planning issues or proposal regarding improving mobile phone reception and/or broadband reception are received.

Preferred means of communication - The Parish Meeting should consider the development of a monthly on-line newsletter, archiving information on the website and focusing the website on day-today activity. It is also proposed that Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting communicate their role in decision-making.

Natural environment and sustainability – General themes coming out of the questionnaire were as follows:

- a) Concern regarding the management of Chestnut Bank
- b) Maintenance of the verge between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth so that it could be used as a footpath
- c) Attractiveness of the entrances to the village
- d) Speeding traffic
- e) State of roads and drains
- f) Retention/removal of trees
- g) Maintenance/non-maintenance of hedgerows

Policing, emergency services and local health care – The results indicate excellent awareness of both the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the First Responders Scheme. It is, therefore important that this awareness is maintained.

Village Plan Steering Committee – Pat Thompson, Roger Dexter-Smith, Eric Dunstone, David Goodman, Del Jenkins, Caroline O'Neill and Mark Clook

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1 Introduction

In 2005 a decision was made at an Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to draw up a Village Plan to reflect the opinions of villagers in regard to what life was like in Oswaldkirk and how it could be improved. The resulting Plan (see www.oswaldkirk.org) was then used to achieve the following improvements:

- It was used many times by the Parish Officers when comments were required on planning applications. In particular, it was used extensively when providing feedback on the Conservation Area Action Management Plan.
- It was instrumental in pursuing and getting a speed limit through the village.
- It contributed to the wealth of evidence that helped Oswaldkirk win the Calor Village of the Year Award in 2008.
- It resulted indirectly in the production of the Oswaldkirk Village Information Booklet (see website).

Whilst village plans are not legal documents, local authorities and other planning bodies, such as the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the North York Moors National Park, increasingly recognise them. They also provide a very important tool in identifying the views of residents. Therefore, in 2013 as the Village Plan was over eight years old, it was agreed by Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to revisit the Plan to determine if it needed to be updated and if so, in what areas. In order to do this a Steering Committee¹ was constituted to review the original plan to decide whether it needed revisiting. This work was done in consultation with Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY)².

As a result of the discussions with RAY, it was agreed not to revisit the whole plan but to focus on seven key areas, namely:

1. The Village Hall
2. The Playground
3. Footpaths
4. Mobile phone and broadband coverage
5. Preferred means of communication
6. The natural environment and sustainability
7. Policing, emergency services and local health care

In January/February 2014, as a first step in the updating process, the Steering Committee sent a questionnaire relating to these seven aspects to every household in Oswaldkirk. A copy of the questionnaire is presented in Appendix 1.

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² Rural Action Yorkshire contact was Mrs Maggie Farey

Of the 105 questionnaires distributed, 45 were returned, which represents a response rate of 43%. However, it should be noted that for some forms there were multiple entries, indicating a difference of opinion in the responding household. Therefore, the return rate of 43% is potentially an underestimate.

Ryedale District Council (RDC) analysed the responses to the questionnaire and the results are presented below, together with a list of recommendations made by those members of the Steering Committee responsible for each key area.

It should be noted that there is often a potential 'mismatch' between the comments passed and the quantitative part of the questionnaire i.e. the comments tend to highlight issues of concern to the respondent that may not be reflected by those who are more ambivalent and hence did not comment in writing. Please note that this applies to all areas of the questionnaire.

2 Village Hall

2.1 Introduction

The Village Hall Trustees are keen to ensure that the Village Hall meets the needs of the Village. In order to do this they drafted a set of questions aimed at seeking an indication of the usage of the Village Hall as well as what improvements were required.

2.2 The results of the questionnaire

On average the Village Hall was used monthly by approximately 22.2% of those who replied to the questionnaire; 60% less often and 17.8% claimed never to use the Village Hall.

A total of 63.3% considered that the Village Hall did not need enlarging; as regards specific improvements, the results were as follows:

Proposed improvement	Percentage of respondents who considered improvement necessary
Tables and chairs	65.5%
Storage	65.5%
Windows along the south wall	64.5%
Kitchen	61.3%
Toilets	48.3%
Parking area	36%
Outdoor lighting	34.6%

Proposed improvement	Percentage of respondents who considered improvement necessary
Disabled access/facilities	30.4%
Heating	12.5%
Indoor lighting	9.1%

In addition, respondents were asked to comment on those improvements they considered necessary. Presented below is a summary of those comments; please note that these have been edited and grouped together under common headings:

Storage

Internal storage needs to be improved.

Windows

Increase the number of windows on the south side.

Kitchen

Improve catering facilities.

Toilets

Renew toilet facilities; possibly increase the number of toilets in the ladies.

Interior

Re-polish floor, improve disabled access.

General comments

'Village Hall is key to village and community activities and therefore the Trustees need to consider the scope of activities and its' role'

'The old hall was a sports venue for teenagers. Could that happen again?'

Full detailed responses are presented in Appendix 2.

2.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of the Village Hall Trustees

Over the last few years, the Village Hall Trustees have discussed the possibility of extending the Village Hall both at meetings of the Trustees as well as Parish

Meetings. The response to the questionnaire gives a clear indication that the majority of respondents do not think that extending the Village Hall is necessary although certain improvements are considered necessary, namely to the kitchen, storage, tables and chairs and to the windows. The detailed comments tend to reinforce this view. However, it is not clear how some of the improvements can be addressed without extending the Village Hall. In addition, there are a few comments regarding the scope of use of the Village Hall. It is recommended by the Steering Committee that the Village Hall Trustees consider the above results and corresponding comments and in particular the following proposals:

- Possibly improving the kitchen
- Improving internal storage
- Improving the tables and chairs
- The addition of windows
- Scope of use

3 Playground

3.1 Introduction

The Playground has been around, in its present form, since the mid 1990s. It has a range of play equipment as well as a grass area for football and other games. Recently a gazebo has been erected to try to make it more attractive for families to spend time there. However, the Playground Committee has experienced problems in attracting volunteers and in addition, questions have been raised regarding whether it is addressing the needs of the community. Therefore, the questionnaire was aimed at trying to obtain views on these key issues.

3.2 The results of the questionnaire

The majority of respondents (57.1%) indicated that they never use the Playground and 42.8% use it monthly or less often. This, to some extent, is not surprising given that the playground is only likely to be used by those with children or grandchildren. Nevertheless, it is important to remember that it is an asset to the village as reflected by 90.9% of respondents; the key issue is whether it is addressing the needs of the whole village. One indication is that 48.9% considered that the Village would benefit from additional sporting facilities, in fact 57.2% considered that there should be additional adult sporting facilities, whereas 39.5% considered it should remain as a children's playground.

3.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of the Playground Committee

As stated above, the Playground Committee has experienced problems in attracting volunteers³ and there has also been concern regarding what the village wants from the playground. In light of the responses to the questionnaire, it is recommended by the Steering Committee that the Playground Committee consider the possibility of incorporating both adult and child play facilities in to the current playground.

4 Footpaths

4.1 Introduction

Oswaldkirk is situated in a very picturesque area that is popular with walkers. There are a few footpaths leading out of the Village as well as one circular footpath – The Millennium Footpath. The questionnaire included questions regarding the condition of footpaths and pavements around Oswaldkirk as well as the views from the footpaths. In addition, ideas were invited regarding the possible development of a network of footpaths linking Oswaldkirk to nearby villages. Full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

4.2 The results of the questionnaire

Over 45% of respondents indicated that the condition of the footpaths was not satisfactory. The following general themes emerged:

- Millennium Footpath – poor conditions underfoot, being overgrown, lack of handrails, presence of barbed wire
- Jacob's Ladder – maintenance and possible addition of more steps.
- The Millennium Walk and The Terrace – dog mess
- Pavements along the Main Street – flooding
- Pavements in Manor View and St Oswald's Close – poor condition

Footpath maintenance is important, and whilst the Parish Meeting arranges for the Millennium Footpath to be cut regularly, it is clear that at times more could be done. As regards the conditions under foot – the footpaths referred to are rural footpaths that will inevitably get muddy, however it is important that they are usable at all times. Therefore, the key issues regarding maintenance will be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting.

³ As part of the questionnaire (See Appendix 1) offers of volunteers were requested and as a result two potential volunteers came forward.

A total of 85% of respondents indicated that they were pleased with the views from the footpaths around Oswaldkirk. Despite this very positive response, there was a small number of respondents who made less positive responses, a summary of which is as follows:

- The entrance to the village from the Helmsley/Malton road is poor
- Trees and shrubs should be tidied up on the south side of Oswaldkirk Bank
- The hedge on Oswaldkirk Bank should be cut low to improve views and increase light on that part of the Bank
- We would object very strongly if people wanted to chop down trees to "improve" any view
- There is no view south once you are up on the Hagg. Allowing clearance of some of the trees would hugely improve views over farmland to the south
- Too many trees on the Hagg - need to thin and remove
- Could improve open views from the Hagg and from top of footpath between The Terrace and the top of Oswaldkirk Bank
- Sometimes views are blocked along top of Oswaldkirk Bank

Views are obviously key, as are trees and the shelter they provide but from the responses provided it is clear that whilst some want clear views and hence trees removed, others do not. The above results will be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting.

Regarding the comments about chopping down trees, Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting already has a tree policy which encourages consultation with neighbours before any work is carried out (see Section 7).

Other comments passed focus on the need for a footpath down Oswaldkirk Bank. This issue has already been discussed with North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department and in light of the comments in Appendix 2, it is proposed that Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting considers this issue further.

A total of 85% of respondents indicated their support for a network of footpaths between Oswaldkirk and neighbouring villages and there were comments – see Section 7 below – regarding developing a footpath along the road to Ampleforth. In addition, many offers of help were received to assist in developing such a network. Therefore, it is proposed by the Steering Committee that a small group be formed to work with the community and local landowners to investigate the development of a network of footpaths.

4.2 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

- Improve maintenance of the footpaths around the Village
- Promote the development of a network of footpaths from Oswaldkirk to neighbouring villages
- Increase awareness of the tree policy in Oswaldkirk

5 Mobile phone and broadband coverage

5.1 Introduction

Oswaldkirk is relatively poorly served in terms of the quality of mobile phone coverage and speed of internet connection. In light of this, the Steering Committee included some general questions to determine the views of the Village.

5.2 The results of the questionnaire

The results of the questionnaire stated that 69% of respondents consider that the mobile phone reception in the village is not acceptable. As regards broadband coverage, while 55% of respondents thought that the coverage is acceptable, nearly 70% of the respondents indicated that they would be willing to pay a little bit more for a better service. As regards improving mobile phone reception, 61% said that they would support the erection of a mobile phone mast close to Oswaldkirk.

5.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

The above responses should be taken into consideration if/when any planning issues or proposals regarding improving mobile phone reception and/or broadband reception are received.

6 Preferred means of communication

6.1 Introduction

Although Oswaldkirk is a very small village, good communication is essential to ensure that everyone is aware of what is going on.

6.2 The results of the questionnaire

Means of communication	Percentage indicating that this was their preferred means of communication
Mail drop to your home	77.8%
Word of Mouth	75.6%
Notice-Board	55.6%
Email	51.1%
Meeting Point	35.6%
Village website	28.9%
The Malt Shovel	15.6%
Local Paper	11.1%

The Village has had a website since about 2008 and 90% of respondents stated that they were aware of it, with 67.5% using it on monthly basis or less frequently.

The following suggestions were made for improving the website:

1. Archive village history on to the website
2. Increase the focus on to day-to-day life in Oswaldkirk, especially in light of the demise of Meeting Point
3. Upload draft minutes of the Parish Meeting to be uploaded
4. Increase accessibility via Internet facilities in the Village Hall

The full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

The majority of respondents (78%) were interested in having access to a regular Parish newsletter on the website with 51.9% considering that this should be monthly.

As regards the Parish Meeting, 61.4% of respondents attended a Parish Meeting either often or occasionally. The following reasons were given for not attending the Parish Meeting:

- Lack of time to attend
- Time of meeting not convenient
- Little influence of key issues

6.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

It is proposed by the Steering Committee that the Parish Meeting should consider the development of a monthly newsletter that is available on the website. Improvements to the website should be considered, for example investigating the possibility of archiving information and focusing the website on day-to-day activity. The latter point was considered especially relevant due to the demise of Meeting Point. Finally, the Parish Meeting should take steps to ensure that communicating their role in decision-making is improved and timings of meetings are reconsidered.

7 Natural environment and sustainability

7.1 Introduction

In drafting the questionnaire, it was agreed to seek peoples' views regarding whether there were any:

1. Specific areas of the local environment that could benefit from improvement
2. Specific comments on views of the surrounding countryside, woodland, hedges and access

Full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

7.2 The results of the questionnaire

General themes coming out of the Point (1) were as follows:

- a) Concern regarding the management of Chestnut Bank
- b) Maintenance of the verge between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth so that it could be used as a footpath
- c) Attractiveness of the entrance to the village
- d) Speeding traffic
- e) State of roads and drains

As regards point (a) the concerns raised will be brought to the attention of the *ad hoc* committee in charge of the maintenance of Chestnut Bank.

Point (b) regarding the maintenance of the verge between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth overlaps with Section 3 above.

Money has been allocated in the 2014/15 precept for the maintenance of the flowerbeds at the entrance to the Village (point c).

Much work has been done by the Parish Meeting regarding point (d).

General themes coming out of Point (2) were that Oswaldkirk is located in a very attractive part of the world and we are fortunate to have such excellent views. However, there were concerns raised regarding the need to open up these views by removing or trimming trees. Conversely there were concerns that the environment should remain as it is. Similar comments were passed regarding hedgerows – some people wanted them cut regularly whilst others wanted them left.

7.3 Issues to be brought to the attention of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

As regards point 1(e) officials of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting should liaise with residents and North Yorkshire Highways Department regarding the state of roads and drains to ensure that they are repaired as quickly as possible.

As regards point 2, Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting published guidance a few years ago regarding what should be done in the event that someone wanted to remove a tree from their property; it is recommended that the officials of Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting consider reissuing this guidance.

8 Policing, emergency services and local health care

8.1 Introduction

Given its' relatively isolated location and distance from main towns, the Steering Committee considered that it would be useful to obtain a view regarding the emergency services, as well as perception of crime.

8.2 The results of the questionnaire

The vast majority of respondents (81.8%) considered that crime and antisocial behaviour is not a problem in Oswaldkirk. This is reflected by the fact that 86% of respondents had not been affected by crime in the last three years; in addition, 95.3% of respondents were aware of the Oswaldkirk Neighbourhood Watch

Scheme. It should be noted that the detailed responses gave more of an impression that crime, especially petty crime was more of an issue than the quantitative responses. This could be due, not unexpectedly, to those affected by crime feeling the need to comment in detail.

A total of 90.9% of respondents were aware of the First Responder Scheme and 12.2% had been attended to by a First Responder. The vast majority (76.3%) of respondents were not aware of any health and social care support.

Detailed responses are presented in Appendix 2.

As regards local emergency services, the following results were obtained:

	% of responses				
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No opinion
General Practitioners	22.0	53.7	14.6	7.3	2.4
District Nurse	16.0	22.5	6.0	2.5	55.0
Ambulance	14.6	26.8	24.4	4.9	29.3
Fire and rescue	4.9	14.6	14.6	4.9	61.0
Police	2.4	14.3	31.0	21.4	31.1

The results indicate excellent awareness of both the Neighbourhood Scheme and the First Responders Scheme, it is, therefore important that this awareness is maintained.

9 Three things

As part of the questionnaire, respondents were asked to state three things they liked about Oswaldkirk, three things they didn't like and three things they would like to change. A summary of the top four or five responses in each category are presented below. The full responses are presented in Appendix 2.

Three things respondents liked about Oswaldkirk

Overall 95 responses were received, some containing two or three comments, while others were single observations.

Priority	Things liked	Number of times chosen
1	Friendliness of villagers – with reference to a caring spirit in the village community	43
2	Landscape, location and scenery – including the views and importance of Chestnut Bank and the Hagg	38
3	Village activities – Ten positive statements were made about the variety of village activities and the Parish Meeting	25
4	Churches and church activities	8

Three things respondents disliked about Oswaldkirk

Overall 79 responses were provided, most of which were single observations.

Priority	Things disliked	Number of times chosen
1	Traffic – speeding, heavy vehicles, danger through lack of footpath, noise	23
2	Dogs – noise and fouling	7
3	Pub – décor, closed on Wednesdays, food	5
4	Lack of shop Street lighting – too much, too little, too modern Limited footpath network, without using the roads	4
	In addition, two responses mentioned the lack of mobile/broadband reception, two were concerned about loss of the bus service and two indicated that they had no dislikes	

Three things respondents like to change

Priority	Choice	Number of times chosen
1	Current traffic calming measures	8
2	Playground – should include facilities for adult sports such as tennis court Village Hall – improved facilities and more activities, a social every two months	4
3	Too much street lighting Pub – improve all round and use more as social hub	3
4	Street lighting – a few more Street lighting – more sensitive in style Internet speed/superfast broadband	2
	In addition, single responses suggested a dog litter bin, bench sited with a view, electricity wires to be buried, better footpath access to other villages	

10 Next steps

Outlined below is a collation of all the 'action points' or 'issues to note':

Issues to be brought to the attention of the Village Hall Trustees

It is recommended that the Village Hall Trustees consider the results of this questionnaire and in particular the following:

- Possibly improving the kitchen
- Improving internal storage
- Improving the tables and chairs
- The addition of windows
- Scope of use

Issues to be brought to the attention of the Playground Committee

It is recommended that the Playground Committee consider the possibility of incorporating both adult and child play facilities in to the current playground.

Suggestions for action for Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting to consider

- Improve maintenance of the footpaths around the Village
- Promote the development of a network of footpaths from Oswaldkirk to neighbouring villages
- Increase awareness of the tree policy in Oswaldkirk
- Keep in mind the comments passed regarding mobile phone and/or broadband reception if/when any planning issues or proposals are received
- Develop an online monthly newsletter
- Improve the website, for example investigating the possibility of archiving information and focusing the website on day-to-day activity
- Ensure that communicating the Meeting's role in decision-making is improved and timings of meetings are reconsidered

11 Steering Committee

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Oswaldkirk Village Plan

Questionnaire 2014

In 2005, a Village Plan was produced (see www.oswaldkirk.org). The aim of the original plan was to draw out what issues were important to you and what changes you wanted and what you wanted to remain unchanged.

The following were notable successes from the Village Plan:

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- It was also instrumental in pursuing and getting a speed limit through the Village.
- It contributed to the wealth of evidence that helped Oswaldkirk win Village of the Year in 2008.
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Whilst the Village Plan is not a legal document, local authorities and other planning bodies, such as the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the North Yorks National Park, recognise them. The plan provides a very important tool in highlighting the views of the Village. As our Village Plan is now 8 years old, it is proposed to revise it.

In order to update the Plan, we have decided to focus on a few key issues that the Committee thought were relevant to day-to-day life in Oswaldkirk.

A good response from villagers will provide evidence of local consultation that could be used to influence the future of your village and could be used to support grant applications when necessary. The questionnaire is an opportunity to have your say on a range of subjects from planning and recreation to communications and policing. If you have any additional comments, please submit these on a separate sheet of paper. The questionnaire is confidential; therefore, you do not need to give your name(s).

Once completed please drop the questionnaire off at 1 Manor View or 11 St Oswald's Close by Friday 14th February 2014.

Thank you very much your co-operation.

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47 **We are seeking views from all members of your household. If there is a**
 48 **difference of opinion, please indicate this in your response, alternatively**
 49 **you can contact either David Badham (01439 787 046) or Mark Clook (01439**
 50 **788 247) for extra copies.**

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 52 **1. Village Hall and Playground**

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 54 1.1 On average, how often do you use the village hall and playground?
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	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Never
Village Hall					
Playground					

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 57 1.2 Please tick one box for each of the following statements.
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	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
There is a lack of play facilities in the village					
The playground is a useful asset to the village					
The village would benefit from additional sport facilities					
Adult sporting facilities, e.g. tennis court, bowling green, should be incorporated into the playground					
The playground should remain as a children's playground					
If you think the playground should be changed, please explain how					

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 60 Would you be willing to help run the playground? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.
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62 1.3 Do you feel that the Village Hall is important to the village of Oswaldkirk?

Yes	No

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 66 1.4 Do you think the Hall needs enlarging?
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Yes	No

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 69 1.5 If you have answered yes, please provide a brief outline below:
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1.6 What, if any, improvements do you feel are needed to the Village Hall?

Improvements to	Yes	No
Toilets		
Heating		
Kitchen		
Disabled access/facilities		
Storage		
Indoor Lighting		
Outdoor Lighting		
Tables and Chairs		
Windows along the south wall		
Parking area		
Others please specify		

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1.7 If you have answered yes to any of the above, please provide a brief outline below (or on a separate sheet of paper)

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The role of a Trustee involves attending approximately three meetings a year, taking responsibility for the running of the Village Hall and ensuring that it remains an asset to the community. Would you be willing to become a Village Hall Trustee? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

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2. Footpaths

2.1 Are you happy with the condition of the pavements, footpaths and bridleways in and around Oswaldkirk?

Yes	No

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2.2 If no, please state where and why:

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2.3 Are you happy with the views from footpaths in and around Oswaldkirk?

Yes	No

94 2.2 If no, please state where and why:
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97 2.3 Do you think that it would be useful to develop a local footpath/bridleway network
98 between Oswaldkirk, Ampleforth, Gilling and Hovingham?
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Yes	No

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101 2.4 If you answered yes, please add any other comments below:
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104 2.5 Do you have any suggestions for new footpaths around Oswaldkirk? If so, please give
105 details below:
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108 If you are willing to help with developing a network of local footpaths or bridleways, please fill in
109 the separate volunteer form.
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111 3. Mobile phone coverage

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113 3.1 Is mobile phone reception acceptable where you live?
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Yes	No	Don't use

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117 3.2 What network do you use?
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120 3.3 Would you support the erection of mobile phone masts close to Oswaldkirk to improve
121 reception?
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Yes	No

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4. Broadband coverage

4.1 Is the broadband connection acceptable where you live?

Yes	No	Don't use

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4.2 What internet provider do you use?

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4.2 Would you be prepared to pay a little more to have superfast broadband if this improved your internet connection?

Yes	No

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5. Preferred means of communication

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5.1 Where do you usually get information about events taking place in the village? Please tick more than one box if appropriate.

Local Paper		The Malt Shovel	
Mail drop to your home		Word of Mouth	
Email		Village website	
Notice-Board		Meeting Point	
Other – please specify			

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5.2 Would you be willing to help deliver notices around the village? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

5.3 Are you aware of the village Website (see www.oswaldkirk.org)?

Yes	
No	

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5.4 If so, do you use it?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Never

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5.5 Do you have any suggestions as to how the Village Website could be improved?

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5.6 Would you be interested in being able to access a regular Parish Newsletter on the Village Website?

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5.7 If YES please tick the frequency you would prefer.

Monthly	Every 2 nd Month	Quarterly	Half Yearly

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5.8 Do you attend Parish Meetings?

Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Never

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If you have ticked RARELY or NEVER please state why this is so

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6. Natural Environment and sustainability

6.1 Are there any specific areas of the local environment that you think could benefit from improvement?

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6.2 Do you have any specific comments on either views of the surrounding countryside, woodland, hedges and access?

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Would you be willing to help with any local community projects aimed at improving the local environment? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

7. Policing, emergency services and local health care

7.1 Crime & Anti-social behaviour is **not** a problem within our parish.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

7.2 If you believe that a problem exists, please give examples of the issues that you would like to see addressed:

7.3 Have you been affected by crime in the village during the last 3 years?

Yes	
No	

7.4 Are you aware of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

Yes	
No	

Would you participate, (for example deliver leaflets, keep an eye on property when people are away etc) in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme? If yes, please fill in the separate volunteer form.

7.5 How would you rate the following local emergency services and health care coverage?

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	No opinion
Police					
Ambulance					
Fire & Rescue Service					
General Practitioners					
District nurse					

7.6 Are you aware of the first responder scheme?

Yes	
No	

7.7 Have you or any member of your family been attended to by a first responder since its inception?

Yes	
No	

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211 7.8 Would you like to join first responders? If so, please fill in the separate volunteer form.
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213 7.9 Are you aware of health and any social care support, e.g. befriending service and social
214 care local champion?

Yes	
No	

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219 7.10 Do you have any comments on policing, emergency services and local health care?
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Please could you list:

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Three things that you like about Oswaldkirk

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Three things that you dislike about Oswaldkirk

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Three things that you would like to change in Oswaldkirk?

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**Is there anything else that you would like to tell us?
Or is there anything we have forgotten?**



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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Appendix 2

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242 **Complete set of written responses as produced by Ryedale District**
243 **Council.**

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245 **Q2**

246 **If you think the playground should be changed, please exp...**

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248 A putting green would be fun.

249 Additional sporting facilities should not be incorporated at the expense of any of
250 the children's play area. Indeed a (better) wider range of children's play furniture
251 would be very nice.

252 I think a tennis court if incorporated into the playground would be an asset to the
253 village.

254 Re-position all play equipment to the lower part of area and construct a tennis
255 court at the top of the play area.

256 Lot of land, opportunity to broaden usage.

257 In its present state, it is not often used and it is expensive to maintain, volunteers
258 are few! Were it a tennis court it would be used often and maintenance self
259 financing and volunteers would be forthcoming.

260 Children's playground to be combined with adult sporting facilities.

261 Tennis court would attract greater usage.

262 Imaginative play area e.g. willow screen den, hiding places, long grass area,
263 sand pit.

264 Multi-use surface, single tennis court sized for all weather use.

265 Incorporate tennis court or bowling green into play area.

266 Should be a facility for use by all ages, all weather pitch for tennis/badminton etc.

267 More facilities for children over 10 years old.

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269 **Q4 – related to improving the Village Hall**

270 **If you have answered yes, please provide a brief outline:**

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272 More windows on the South Side. Some storage space level with hall opening
273 from east end for excess chairs or tables. Renew toilet furniture Facilities
274 otherwise good

275 It would, if we are able to allow for it in any new layout. Be useful to incorporate
276 facilities for live performance. Thereby improving the scope of use both for the
277 villagers and other who may wish to hire it.

278 Kitchen and cloakroom facilities

279 A limited enlargement to provide better toilet facilities, some storage and a patio
280 like area facing south.

281 Storage area, do away with shed, have more windows and a patio on south side

282 Key to village, community activities - need more storage space, better use of
283 existing layout.

284 It needs a makeover, the kitchen is small, the loos are depressing and there
285 needs to be external storage of decent tables and chairs.
286 Internal storage, Improved kitchen - size, Improved ladies wc = 2xwc.
287 Better catering facilities would be useful.
288 Extend kitchen area into car park.
289 Larger kitchen and storage area.
290 The old hall was a sports venue for teenagers. Could that happen again?

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292 **Q5 – related to other improvements to the Village Hall**

293 **Others, please specify:**

294

295 The front of the hall should be landscaped by planting bulbs along the wall that
296 will need little care or maintenance.

297 Refrigerator important. No windows needed.

298 Don't visit often enough to comment

299 Have only been in the village hall briefly, can't really say about any other
300 improvements.

301 Don't use enough to make an opinion

302 None

303 Investment required in tables and quality stacking chairs, replacement chairs look
304 scruffy and dirty and are heavy.

305 Insufficient knowledge to make comment.

306 Bigger kitchen with two sinks.

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308 **Q6a – related to Village Hall improvements**

309 **If you have answered yes to any of the above, please provide...**

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311 The windows should be the first priority. I think that the best direction to extend
312 would be on the west side even if this resulted in the oil tank being used to the
313 east side.

314 The floor of hall needs redoing, repolishing

315 Toilets - Require updating/refurbishing Kitchen - Requires updating/refurbishing &
316 addition of fridge, dishwasher and better instant hot water (beverages) More
317 options of power saving, motion sensor/timed lights in toilets/storage area, new
318 tables/chairs that fold stack and store. Windows a benefit to all particularly
319 painting/art groups

320 As I live at April Cottage and park around the back near my garage. I would love
321 to have better lighting in village hall car park. Parking looks a bit cramped for
322 village hall patrons.

323 Storage needed at floor level, East End space best and is bigger than current
324 space. Full set of South Windows would improve quality of hall. Parking area
325 need better grit free surface

326 Another toilet in the Ladies would be helpful. The kitchen would be much
327 improved with a new cooker and a dishwasher. Windows along the South Wall
328 would provide more light.

329 Kitchen is poor, small and badly organised. Toilet needs modernising. Lighting
330 dismal
331 Kitchen needs better cooking facilities and more space if possible. Windows
332 would be a nice view but very much a "nice to have"
333 It would help to have more than one toilet for women, and also more pegs
334 available for hanging up coats.
335 Doors/entrance awkward with wheelchair
336 We need a village hall to be proud of, not one where things are done "on the
337 cheap" - The present tables and chairs are a prime example. We have funds and
338 more could be applied for.
339 Disabled toilet facilities needed. The kitchen needs a fridge. Storage - move to
340 external storage at St Gregory's end of the hall to enable windows looking
341 southward and have French doors and paved to the fence for an outside area.
342 Ladies should have 2 x wc. Current storage identified as potential H&S hazard.
343 Kitchen is too small would be easy to have an accident but not user friendly.
344 Table and chairs quality would not encourage us to use the VH as a function
345 room.
346 Integral storage. Make more of the aspect across the valley.
347 Kitchen is small for larger functions. Disabled access - convert to unisex single
348 cubicle on 'mens' side?.
349 Present chairs seem a retrograde step compared to those deposed of.
350 Kitchen needs fridge, dishwasher, cooker and microwave. Extend as necessary.
351 Kitchen: Larger area, more work top, modern cooker, fridge, pots, pans, utensils.
352 Storage: self explanatory.
353 Outdoor benches and tables for summer events in the field.

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355 **Q7 – related to Footpaths**

356 **If no, please state where and why:**

357

358 The Millennium walk needs improvement, particularly on the way up through the
359 woods (at the Ampleforth end) and in parts along the top. The handrail on the
360 path above X's house should be extended lower down.
361 I would like to see a better path/sidewalk for the children who catch the bus to
362 Ryedale School. I would also like there to be a bus shelter for cover from rain.
363 Millennium walk - slippery Path from the Terrace - top break is dangerous Jacobs
364 ladder - slipper- dangerous
365 Pavements fine but need footpath on south side of Bank Road, especially on top
366 bend below existing path; footpaths need more attention to slippery sections,
367 barbed wire, nettles, and brambles.
368 The Millennium walk is often overgrown and difficult for walking. The pavements
369 and terrace do suffer from dog mess.
370 It is dangerous walking up and down the bank with nowhere for pedestrians.
371 Path above Terrace very slippery
372 The path from the top of Oswaldkirk bank that travels along the top of the terrace
373 coming out adjacent to the barn is unsuitable
374 Some of the footpaths are potted

375 Footpath (off road) access to Gilling and Ampleforth is needed.
376 Conditions yes happy. Parking of cars on footpath should be stopped. Particularly
377 west of Church.
378 Continuing subsidence of road surface by Red House. Poor drainage, uncleared
379 ditches leading to flooding and deterioration of road surfaces.
380 Bank
381 Broadly happy
382 The route up the bank at the west end, steps to be sorted which in is hand. It is a
383 good idea to put steps up Jacobs Ladder as it enables a route to bank top without
384 going up the road.
385 Footpath from Bank Top to Terrace. Barbwire is dangerous particularly when
386 muddy/icy. Pavement required down the Bank Road.
387 The path from the top of the bank down to the terrace is not safe for taking
388 children down either muddy and slippery or overgrown with nettles.
389 Since the new kerbs were laid, water collects both in the road and on the
390 pavement outside la Manor View. Bad workmanship!
391 No pavement up the hill along the road makes it incredibly unsafe, especially
392 when walking on Millennium trail.
393 Footpaths to Ampleforth College would enable links with existing network.
394 Those pavements repaired by "coating process" are as bad now as they were
395 before attention.
396 Bridleways need attention in summer.
397 Pavements crumbling covered in algae/moss.
398 There was a track most of the way to Ampleforth. Now covered in brambles.
399 Hagg footpath is too narrow along the top, leading to a muddy path - should be
400 widened. Hagg climb / descent - steps too uneven and dangerous when leaf
401 covered or muddy.
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403 **Q8 – related to being happy with footpaths in and around Oswaldkirk**
404 **If no, please state where and why:**
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406 The entrance to the village from the Helmsley/Malton road is poor. I would
407 appreciate the trees and shrubs tidied up and on the south side of the bank at the
408 top and half way down having the hedge cut low to help views and light on the
409 part of the bank.
410 Views would be much improved by tree thinning and pruning particularly on
411 South side of Bank Top Road and existing footpath.
412 We would object very strongly if people want to chop down trees to "improve" any
413 view
414 There is no view south once you are up on The Hag. Allowing clearance of some
415 of the trees would hugely improve views over farmland to the south.
416 Too many trees on the Hagg - need to thin and remove
417 Could open views from Hagg and from top of footpath terrace - top of bank.
418 Unsafe to walk along the road to the college. (Especially in the summer when the
419 nettles are high). For most of the way there is a wide bank on the north which if
420 tamed would be a good place to walk.

421 Sometimes views blocked along top of bank - visitors with bench?
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423 **Q9 – related to proposal to have footpaths linking villages**

424 **If you answered yes, please add any other comments:**
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426 It would be a really good idea to have more local walks.

427 Excellent Idea

428 Have walked on the road to Ampleforth and feel it would be safer to have a
429 footpath.

430 I would love to be able to step outside my house and go for a safe run/walk
431 between those villages. Instead I have to drive to Ampleforth or Helmsley for
432 exercise.

433 From pub to pub!

434 Continuation of Millennium Way along the Bank Top to the West as far as
435 possible.

436 It would be an advantage to open up the walks from the village.

437 Ampleforth yes in particular and maybe Gilling. There is one to Hovingham.

438 Would be useful for present footpaths, however outside these named villages do
439 join up along existing pathways

440 It is impossible to walk to Ampleforth or Gilling without having to go along a road.

441 This is a real shame, I would really appreciate the formation of new footpaths.

442 Walking on roads is less than good fun.

443 A footpath, between Ampleforth and Oswaldkirk would be useful. Its getting too
444 dangerous to walk on the road due mainly to speed of traffic. Also a cycle route
445 would be good to be used for Children and adults. Suggest along the right side of
446 the road on flat bank.

447 The road between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth is dangerous for pedestrians. In fact
448 it is difficult to walk anywhere from Oswaldkirk.

449 It would be useful to have pathways out of the village. There isn't much scope for
450 dog walking in the village.

451 Oswaldkirk to Gilling a very valuable development. I am surprised there is not an
452 old path between the churches. To Ampleforth a must because the bus
453 reductions means the only route to the shop is along the road.

454 We very strongly agree, especially between Oswaldkirk to Gilling and Ampleforth.

455 The road from Gilling to Ampleforth is dangerous to walk and cycle on.

456 Along quarry track then alongside wood past house to the college. To Gilling via
457 Collinson's farm?

458 Not easy to go for a walk without using main roads.

459 For exercise and safety an off road circular network of paths is needed. It would
460 be nice to try to establish a footpath across to Gilling but I appreciate this would
461 be very difficult knowing the legal requirements necessary.

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463 **Q10**

464 **Do you have any suggestions for new footpaths around Oswa...**

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466 Any footpaths that would be needed to correct the four villages.

467 Would be nice to be able to walk to Gilling Woods from Oswaldkirk avoiding
468 roads.
469 I am new to the area and don't know for sure to be able to suggest any.
470 Need footpath on South Side of Bank Road particularly at top bed for pedestrian
471 safety.
472 For safety reasons, there should be a footpath up Oswaldkirk Bank
473 One from the south side of the village across/ around fields to Gilling. Another
474 extension of the beginnings of a path from Oswaldkirk to Ampleforth.
475 Across farm land to Gilling
476 Path running along the road leading to Ampleforth College and Oswaldkirk
477 inbetween the road and Hagg Cottage and Woods. (diagram on survey).
478 Extend Millennium footpaths towards Ampleforth, negotiate right of way between
479 Hall Farm Oswaldkirk and Hall Farm Gilling and on to B1363.
480 Instead of having to climb to get out of the village is there any merit in looking at
481 developing a footpath out south towards Gilling or Cawton.
482 The path west to Ampleforth to continue at the top of the wood to join with the
483 other paths.
484 The ones that we have need to be better condition.
485 It would be great to be able to connect by foot with other villages around us.
486 Horse owners would benefit by a linked bridleway.
487 Hall Farm house - Hall Farm - Gilling? Along the Hagg to the bank top behind the
488 college.
489 Oswaldkirk to Ampleforth college extending existing foot path westwards all the
490 way along the top of the Hagg (haven't tried it, as map indicates path goes to
491 Stocking Lane, but if it could continue along the top it would be nice).
492 Along quarry track then alongside wood past house to the college. To Gilling via
493 Collinson's farm?
494 Oswaldkirk Bank.
495 A footpath along the grass verge on north side of Ampleforth road between
496 edges of our village to the steps leading up through the wood to Millennium Walk.
497 Path to Gilling? Hovingham?
498 Opening up lost paths/bridleways/green lane would be more than adequate.
499 (Sproxton, Gilling, Cawton). Safe path up Oswaldkirk bank. Verge side path to
500 meet bottom of Hagg path enroute to Ampleforth.
501 No.

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Q12 – mobile phone networks

503 **What network do you use?**

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506 O2 = 21

507 Vodaphone = 14

508 Orange = 5

509 BT = 2

510 Virgin = 1

511 Talk Talk = 1

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Q15

What internet provider do you use?

- BT = 28
- Plusnet = 2
- Timico = 1
- AOL = 2
- Tesco = 1

Q17 – other means of communications

Other - Please specify

- Church St Oswald's bi-weekly newsletter
- Church newsletter

Q20

Do you have any suggestions as to how the Village Website...

A lot of the content connected with history of the villages etc could be archived and the whole site be made more relevant to daily life of the villages and surrounding villages.
Didn't know the website provided current events/updates/info. I used it to research the village before I moved here. Will keep an eye out for uupdates.
Minutes from Parish Council meetings to be uploaded within one week if possible.
Continued improvement of the website to include news of upcoming events and what is going on in the village generally.
More contributors
In Slingsby sign outside the village advertising the website.
Keep the archive of pictures. The recent redesign has lost all the old photographs from it, which is part of our social history. But I am not sure how inclusive this approach is, especially those who cannot afford access to ICT and do not have use or are not confident users. Do we need a village hall or pub IT access equipment point?
Draft minutes available - possible auto email function to subscribers to a list.
Replace meeting point content with internet content.
For a village our size, it is fit for purpose. However searched for certain events eg Christmas party and could not find it. Important security notices - eg breakings, unusual events/news would also be handy. There is a gap in information with meeting point being on hold.

Q23 – related to attending Parish Meeting

If you have ticked RARELY or NEVER please state why this ...

- Work full time
- Time availability

559 I am new to village and haven't got around to attending one yet. My time is
560 dominated by my son and his activities. Not had chance to attend yet.
561 Often still working at the time they begin
562 No reason really - There are plenty of opinions most of which we share already.
563 Too busy - demands of work make it impossible.
564 No interest
565 Due to family commitments in other parts of country unable to get to meetings
566 (aged parents!!)
567 Timings don't work.
568 Time pressure of work and young family; church commitments.
569 We feel Parish Meetings have little influence. Ryedale DC is the controlling
570 factor.
571 Away, busy etc.
572 We have been involved in the past, but believe change should be in the vote of
573 younger people.
574 New to village.
575 I have done over 28 years in village but certain persons who attended turned my
576 interest away.

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578 **Q24**

579 **Are there any specific areas of the local environment tha...**

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581 Keeping the verge along side the Hag walkable would be safer (as it is at
582 present)
583 More footpaths
584 Just footpath to Ampleforth
585 Camouflage of Armitage buildings.
586 Improving light and views on Oswaldkirk Bank. Trimming hedges. Need another
587 Horse chestnut removed on south side of bank.
588 Lighting through village burying underground electric wires
589 Do not like hearing the 'shooters'. The road to Ampleforth needs widening. Street
590 lighting could be better.
591 Remove the abundance of potholes appearing on the streets
592 Chestnut Bank
593 Regular cleaning out of the drains
594 We need to replace the boarding along the north side of the path along Chestnut
595 Bank. A bench and flower trough beside the phone box to help create a focal
596 point.
597 Slow down traffic flow through the village possibly road humps or flashing speed
598 signs.
599 Greater biodiversity through flower / wild meadows and more hedgrows would be
600 desirable.
601 Roads and footpaths Drainage Speed Restrictions
602 Bank Top Kerbstones
603 The bank at the side of the road to Ampleforth to be cut to make sure it is
604 accessible for walkers throughout the year.

605 Removing litter. Replacing hedgerow trees.
606 The Chestnut Bank should be placed on a proper maintenance contract not left to
607 volunteers.
608 Pavement frontages could be cleaner.
609 Entrance to the village from bank top and from Ampleforth should be kept tidy
610 and more inviting.

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612 **Q25**

613 **Do you have any specific comments on either views of the surrounding**
614 **countryside, woodland, hedges and access**

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616 We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area!

617 Love the views!

618 Leave alone.

619 These MUST be preserved, particularly with regards to future housing
620 development

621 View would be much improved by thinning trees along Bank Top and lower
622 hedge top so they can be seen over.

623 I am very strongly against chopping down trees unless they are a specific danger
624 A proper footpath from the Hall to the base of the Millennium Walk steps at the
625 west end of the village.

626 No

627 Trees on Oswaldkirk Bank are too big and vegetation has been allowed to get out
628 of control - needs trimming, pruning on a regular basis

629 Too much cutting of wild hedges and verges lets encourage more wildlife. The
630 noise level caused by shooting has got worse this winter due to the organised
631 'kill' allowed by the Parish Council.

632 Generally excellent.

633 Trees and hedgerows should be regularly pruned, particularly trees which have
634 grown too large and are hazardous.

635 Don't mess with it.

636 More hedges in Ryedale Danger from spraying to public footpath users.

637 Getting the wood next to the sewage works / light industrial buildings part felled
638 and replanted to form a cyclical plantation might ensure that the buildings
639 remained screened.

640 I have noticed (and commented on) set aside paths being ploughed to the hedge.

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642 **Q27 – related to crime**

643 **If you believe that a problem exists, please give example...**

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645 Dog Litter is an on going problem unfortunately

646 There have been several thefts in the village recently but I haven't seen any
647 reports on there on the online Scarborough and Ryedale Police Newsletter (or on
648 the village notice board).

649 A little bit of petty theft going on. We had a parcel taken from our porch, a
650 neighbour had eggs taken from the doorstep. oil taken etc.

651 Speeding on B1363 within 30mph area and Main St
652 Dog fouling
653 Theft of small work tools has increased to a worrying level
654 Lot more burglaries/theft, see more of police.
655 Break in at manor view. Antisocial behaviour of local farmer. Antisocial behaviour
656 of some members of the public at local parish meetings. Bullying.
657 Better communication with police
658 Inconsiderate neighbours (not mine) but elsewhere in the village. Barking dogs -
659 when it becomes incessant.
660 More information on any incident that do occur would be nice, eg burglaries,
661 suspicious events etc.

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663 **Q34**

664 **Do you have any comments on policing, emergency services ...**

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666 I am under the impression that there is very little police coverage in this area - in
667 spite of what the newspapers says! Newscutting attached to the form
668 It would be nice to know that we had a good chance of getting to hospital in an
669 emergency quickly particularly if the person was aged or has heart problems. For
670 example the case in Wales where a man died due to no ambulance available.
671 How experienced are our first responders?

672 Good - can always be improved.

673 Difficulty getting prompt appointment at GP's. Function of isolation but
674 ambulance when needed severely delayed! (was 12 years ago though).

675 To look at a care support/befriending service in the village, in addition to the
676 informal approach may be useful.

677 Where we have expressed no opinion it is only because we have not had
678 personal experience.

679 We believe first responders are away for ambulance service to avoid their
680 adherence to stipulated call out times.

681 We have no experience of policing and emergency services. Local health care
682 we have found excellent.

683 Unless you have used these services it's difficult to comment.

684 No, but we could benefit for a traffic calming scheme on the entrance to the
685 village from the Ampleforth direction.

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687 **Q35**

688 **Three things that you like about Oswaldkirk**

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690 The views and location

691 The people

692 Quality of Life

693 Friendliness

694 Tranquillity

695 Social Life

696 In Ryedale.

697 The Surrounding Countryside.
698 Size you can get to know most people
699 Church activity - Christian presence
700 Variety of village activities
701 Location People
702 Community Spirit
703 Village Community
704 Environment Not Extensively Developed
705 Views and scenery
706 Most people are friendly and helpful
707 No crime
708 Friendly villagers/community.
709 Beautiful streets/surroundings/houses.
710 It is a good sized village.
711 The views
712 A small co-operative community
713 Parish meeting
714 The Village Churches
715 The friendly community
716 The views
717 The Anglican Church
718 The views - unpolluted by such things as mobile phone masts
719 Community spirit, friendly rural pleasant environment.
720 Lovely views
721 Friendliness Community Care
722 Community spirit
723 Control over development
724 Green policy/non light pollution
725 Community spirit
726 Social interaction
727 Village hall facility
728 Friendly active community
729 Rural location
730 The pub
731 Community spirit
732 Walking group
733 The pub
734 The village Hall
735 The people
736 Position
737 Good neighbours/community.
738 Beautiful environment (views).
739 Peaceful.
740 The People
741 The Location
742 The Church

743 Happy Valley
744 Small and generally quiet village
745 Good easy access to open countryside by car
746 Proximity to Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside and their amenities & York.
747 Neighbourhood spirit, and opportunities to do things together which brings about
748 neighbourliness and support, concern and friendships.
749 Respect and liking for the countryside, not urbanised and not suburbia in the
750 country.
751 Having the abbey community meeting with sports centre, spiritual centre, facilities
752 and employment.
753 Community Spirit.
754 Location.
755 The fact it has a pub and village hall.
756 Community spirit (generally).
757 Views.
758 General location.
759 Friendly, inclusive, helpful neighbours.
760 Active calendar of village events.
761 It is nice to have a recreation area / play grounds.
762 Friendly community.
763 Church and its activities - ecumenical.
764 Active Village Hall / playground / Parish Meeting - Village events.
765 Friendliness of most of the residents.
766 Friendly community.
767 Beautiful countryside.
768 Good pubs in the area.
769 Friendly community.
770 Being a small village.
771 Social events i.e. walking group, village hall events.
772 The community spirit especially in wintry weathers.
773 The views.
774 Chestnut Bank.
775 The village hall and management of it.
776 Position.
777 Lovely people.
778 Peaceful.
779 Friendly people.
780 Lots of young children.
781 Good neighbours.
782 Shelter of the Hagg.
783 Friendliness.
784 Pub.
785 Setting.
786 Small.
787 Peaceful.
788 Climatically very much better than many other villages.

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790 **Q36**

791 **Three things that you dislike about Oswaldkirk**

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793 Can't think of anything!

794 Measures have been taken to curb speeding traffic which is the only thing we
795 dislike.

796 It is always the same group of people who volunteer to help run activities, do
797 environmental work etc

798 Traffic too fast

799 Bad mobile and broadband service

800 Speeding is still a problem.

801 Lack of visibility of traffic descending bank, mirror needed.

802 Messy hedgerows and trees on entrance to Oswaldkirk from Helmsley and
803 Malton Road

804 Dog dirt on pavements

805 Too many large lorries in village and up hill

806 Overhead electric wires inadequate street lighting needs a better pub

807 On street parking particularly Main Street/York Road Junction at bottom of bank

808 No foot path, single file up the bank

809 Heavy, long vehicles negotiating the bank corner on the wrong side of the road

810 No shop.

811 No large open space to run safely on or go for walk on.

812 No streetlights.

813 Electric poles, telephone poles, street/road signs

814 Speeding traffic on Main Street and up Gilling Road

815 Dirty footpaths Speeding traffic Dog mess

816 No speed limit on Bank Top (B1257) is an accident waiting to happen and a
817 danger to residents.

818 Poor lighting,

819 No shop

820 Village pub could be better

821 Residents' lack of interest in events - always the same people.

822 Suburban views in countryside environment

823 Poor public house

824 The pub shuts on Wednesdays!

825 Overhead electric wires

826 No streetlights

827 Fast morning traffic on the B1363

828 Linear village without a "centre".

829 Lack of lighting Lack of a good pub

830 Lack of village meetings/get togethers

831 The Dogs

832 The catholic church building

833 The traffic speed through the village

834 Noise of shooting.

835 Noise of motor cycles.
836 Speed or traffic through village.
837 Prospect or loosing bus service (reduced).
838 No shop.
839 Can't walk anywhere without using dangerous roads.
840 Poor mobile phone reception.
841 Pedestrian access between the village and the bank top needs to be improved.
842 At present it is difficult, dirty and dangerous (on the road).
843 Poor infrastructure
844 On road parking of cars and wheelie bins
845 'Dated' Village Hall
846 None
847 Dog barking
848 Difficulty getting out of the close in snowy/wintery weather
849 No gritters any more!
850 Feeling of possible isolation and forced to have and use a car because the bus
851 service is always at risk.
852 Traffic noise especially motor bikes.
853 The quality of the pub and its offerings ie alcohol offerings and food offerings.
854 One law for farmers and another for residents.
855 Pub
856 Friendly and supportive.
857 Its location.
858 Its tidiness.
859 Car seldom obey speed restrictions on Main Street.
860 Footpath network is limited 'from the door'.
861 No village shop.
862 Difficulty accessing main road in winter.
863 Speed of traffic through village.
864 Speed humps required
865 Infrequency of drain / gutter cleaning.
866 Speeding cars through village.
867 Village tends to be divided, Terrace, Main St and Close.
868 Not enough residents get involved in village life.
869 Noisy dogs!
870 The dangerous bend at bottom of Oswaldkirk Bank.
871 Dog mess
872 Traffic speed.
873 Lorry noise.
874 Motor cycle noise.
875 We do not have any.

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Q37

878 **Three things that you would like to change in Oswaldkirk?**

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880 It would be good if the Malt Shovel was more of a social hub for the village I
881 would like to have superfast broadband I would like the front of the village hall to
882 look more attractive
883 Chestnut Bank
884 Insensitive modern street lighting in Manor Close (Tinted Lanterns of a traditional
885 design seen elsewhere in Ryedale villages)
886 A further additional litter/dog bin
887 The road crossing from the Terrace into the village is still very dangerous. Made
888 worse by beech hedging planted blocking the view from the village when crossing
889 into the Terrace.
890 Street lighting - more please (if possible).
891 Eliminate electric and phone poles and reduce street/road signs to a minimum
892 20 mph limit on Terrace needed
893 Less heavy traffic on the bank
894 Speeding cars
895 Dog mess (at times)
896 We definitely need a speed limit on Bank Top before someone gets hurt.
897 Bus service, dog fouling, street lighting
898 Removal of wastebin outside 'Little Paddock' to space on Chestnut Bank - due to
899 being adjacent to young children.
900 Street lighting should be all taken down
901 Covered area into adult sports facility (tennis)
902 Thought process - Change is here to stay!!
903 Electric wires should be buried
904 A few streetlights added
905 Create a footpath to Ampleforth
906 Find a spot to site a "bench with a view"
907 Get to meet socially more often - once every 2 months
908 The treasurer of the village hall
909 The speed limit through the village Main Street (20 mph)
910 Parking on the corner of the Terrace
911 Perhaps more use of village hall venue for all age groups - for eg slide shows,
912 talks.
913 No more pheasant shooting - barbarous and noisy.
914 Maintain regular bus service (i.e. do not implement proposed cuts).
915 Close road between Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth to motor vehicles alternative
916 route via beacon bank exists and so this road not needed for cars. It was
917 wonderful when the road was closed for repairs a few years ago.
918 More housing first time buyers
919 Better pathways for walking out of the village.
920 Pub ownership.
921 Playground to tennis court.
922 Traffic calming / police supervision of speed limit.
923 Improve footpaths.
924 Improve VH.
925 The barrage of shooting at weekends is uncomfortable proximity.

926 The lack of good dining facilities at the Malt Shovel.
927 Improvements to footpath (off road) access to other villages via footpaths / cycle
928 paths.
929 Improved internet speed.
930 Playground improved to suit wider age range (adults and children).
931 Type of streetlights town manor view etc - 'old fashioned' type would be more in
932 keeping.
933 Chestnut Bank onto contract.
934 Tennis court or bowling green in village.
935 Better eating pub in village.
936 Village Hall.
937 Village Playground.
938 Speeding motorists.
939 The poor road surface along the terrace and beyond.
940 Double parking outside West End houses and Ampleforth Road.
941 Better mobile phone cover.
942 Traffic calming - Ampleforth end only.

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944 **Q38**

945 **Is there anything else that you would like to tell us? Or...**

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947 Thank you for all the hard work that you put in to running committee and looking
948 after our lovely village!

949 Thank you.

950 Traffic speeding through village

951 No to any road ramps/bumps for slowing traffic or painting road or flashing
952 warning lights.

953 Grateful to all those who volunteer to help the community from the Chairman
954 down.

955 It is very good having the pub, adds to the character of the village and place to
956 bring people together.

957 Do we need a disaster management plan - mindful of the flooding & communities
958 needing to respond, we could have fire on the hag, landslip, major traffic
959 accident? It would need to detail who, but would have an outline of what would
960 be done.

961 Try to effect change without over managing people.

962 Continual dog barking can be annoying at times, mostly in the summer.

963 Possibility of a lunch club for the elderly of the village.