

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd June 2010
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr L Paterson, Mr G Potter, Mr M Rampling,
Mr B Robinson and Mr R White

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and one member of the public.

Before the meeting started, a one minute silence was held in memory of Mr Tony Burrell, who passed away recently. Mr Burrell had been a previous Parish Councillor for over thirty years.

2010.94. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr John Savage (NYCC) presented his apologies.

2010.95. **Declarations of Interest.**

2010.95.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.96. **Minutes of the previous meetings** held on Wednesday 19th May 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to minute reference 2010.80 being amended to read:

“Public Participation. The owners of Horseshoe Cottage spoke with regard to their application to the Highways Authority (minute ref 2010.85 below refers) and gave explanations and clarifications on various details. Mr G Barr Young raised concerns that the proposal might cause problems with visibility.”

2010.97. **Public Participation.** Cllr Martin Leather gave a brief update on the progress of Harrogate Borough Council’s Local Development Plan. There will be further consultations in September. There is a possibility that the system of levying charges on developers for the benefit of local communities (commuted sums) may be changing in the future.

2010.98. **Progress Reports.**

2010.98.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.81.1 refers). The interpretation board has been put in place, and bare areas re-seeded with wildflower meadow mix. Scalpings have been put down on the track (with thanks to BHP in Boroughbridge) and rocks set along the edge of the track. It was agreed to apply to the Big Lottery Fund’s Community Wildlife Fund in September for further funding for Phase 2 of the project (riverbank), and Cllr Rampling agreed to obtain further quotes for this work.

2010.98.2. Exercise Equipment (minute 2010.81.2 refers). This is due to be installed shortly.

2010.98.3. Community Emergency Plan (minute 2010.81.3 refers). The Clerk advised she had had a poor response so far to the request for volunteers for First Aid training.

2010.98.4. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2010.81.4 refers). No progress.

2010.98.5. Drainage Issues, Carrside Road (minute 2010.81.5 refers). The Clerk reported that she had received no further correspondence on the matter. After some discussion about the general condition of the properties it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the housing association again to try to speed things up.

2010.98.6. Standing Orders (minute 2010.81.6 refers). To be distributed shortly.

2010.98.7. Community First Responder Scheme (minute 2010.81.7 refers). The first five volunteers have had their first day’s training and further training sessions are taking place shortly. Once seven volunteers have been fully trained the scheme can go live. Further volunteers are always welcome and training sessions take place every month at the ambulance headquarters.

2010.98.8. Proposed Stopping up of Highway, Horseshoe Cottage and Horseshoe House (minute 2010.85 refers). A letter from Mr Barr Young was read out and the contents noted. The Chairman advised that the Order has been amended to exclude a strip one metre wide along the roadside. The new wall/railings are going to be installed along the front of both properties, and the householders have agreed to keep shrubs etc pruned back.

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- 2010.98.9. Adoption of Moor Lane by NYCC Highways Authority (minute 2010.81.4 refers). The Clerk advised that the Highways Authority have sent a standard response to the request, and that she has asked for a quote for the cost of testing/inspection of the road.
- 2010.98.10. Great Ouseburn CP School, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Partial demolition of outbuildings and erection of single storey extension (minute 2010.57.2 refers). The Chairman advised that the building work was dependent on a grant and had to start by the end of June, and any delay due to the Parish Council's concerns about the roof of the new toilet block would have caused a problem with the funding. He had been assured by the Governors that if at all possible they would try to make some changes to the block.
- 2010.98.11. Article 4 Directive (minute 2009.156 refers). The Clerk told members that Harrogate Borough Council's Conservation Officer had viewed the photographs sent in, and had advised that she thinks there is probably sufficient justification for an Article 4 Directive to create additional planning controls within the Conservation Area over uPVC windows. It was agreed that the Clerk should apply to the Planning Department.
- 2010.99. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:
- 2010.99.1. The Manor House Main Street Great Ouseburn York North Yorkshire YO26 9RG. Listed building application for the installation of 2 replacement windows and formation of window opening etc. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2010.99.2. Mole Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Enforcement Notice.
- 2010.99.3. Longfield House, Great Ouseburn. Enforcement notice appeal.
- 2010.100. **Planning applications.** None received.
- 2010.101. **Questions from Councillors.** Various Highways issues were raised, including the new road signs, the dropped kerbs at the edge of the Village Green, and the condition of the footpath at Branton, and the Clerk was asked to follow this up. It was also mentioned that some of the verges needed cutting – the Clerk to ensure that this is carried out in accordance with the agreed verge management plan.
- 2010.102. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 22nd June 2010.** The quote from HBC for the annual inspection of the children's play area was accepted. It was agreed to make a further donation of £100 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes)
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| P14/10 | ATM - fencing at play area | 1,777.53 |
| P15/10 | BHP Ltd - freelanding | 593.85 |
| P16/10 | HBC - grasscutting (5 cuts) | 371.65 |
| P17/10 | Great Ouseburn Beer Festival Assoc loan | 500.00 |
| P18/10 | Clerk's salary & expenses (1st qtr) | 754.24 |
- 2010.103. **Correspondence received.**
- 2010.103.1. Harrogate Borough Council – commuted sums policy training events. Noted.
- 2010.103.2. NYCC- the Way of the Roses cycle route consultation. Cllr Potter to respond.
- 2010.104. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2010.104.1. **Village Hall Committee.** There is currently a vacancy for the position of Secretary to the Committee. The Chairman for the new year is Sue White and the new Treasurer is Richard Houlden. The Committee is drawing up a schedule for repairs needed and obtaining quotes. The lift is now installed.
- 2010.104.2. **Youth Forum.** Things are generally quiet at the moment, but new volunteers are always welcome. Caroline will be retiring as organiser in September.
- 2010.104.3. **Police Liaison Group.** Cllr White reported that reported crime is down on the same period last year, and that the police have responded to concerns about poaching activity

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with further patrols. Several people have been prosecuted for poaching and other rural crimes as a result.

2010.104.4. **Yore Vision.** A new project is the creation of a new cycle route to York.

2010.105. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None raised.

2010.106. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.