

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr B Robinson (Chairman), Mrs R Kay, Mr M Rampling and Mr R White

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps.

There were two members of the public present, together with Cllr Martin Leather (HBC).

2009.34 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr K Scott and Cllr L Paterson.

2009.35 **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.35.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.36 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.37 **Public Participation.** None.

2009.38 **Progress Reports.**

2009.38.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.23.1 refers). The Clerk advised members that no further correspondence had been received.

2009.38.2 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.23.2 refers). Cllr Rampling reported that the 'bird box day' at the school on 18<sup>th</sup> March had been very successful. About 20 boxes were made, along with insect nests and other activities, and the top class took some sets home to build with their parents. Overall some 60 children from reception to year 6 were involved in activities during the day.

2009.38.3 Verges at Church Field Lane (minute 2009.28 refers). A report was received of a meeting with the Biodiversity Officer from NYCC and it was agreed that a biodiversity plan should be written for the management of the verges on Church Field Lane, Cross Lane and Lightmire Lane. A further meeting with the Biodiversity Officer to be held in the summer.

2009.38.4 Condition of roads. Correspondence following a meeting with NYCC's Highways Division on 25<sup>th</sup> February was noted, and it was agreed that the licences to plant the trees at Branton should be signed and returned. The road surface in Great Ouseburn is due to be patched in 2009 followed by surface dressing in 2010. The provision of a salt bin at Townend Court will be reassessed.

2009.38.5 Proposed public footpath from Aldwark village to Aldwark toll bridge. The Clerk informed members that agreement had finally been reached between all sides, and that NYCC had been in touch to confirm that they were drawing up the documents to create the footpath. A sign advising walkers of the dangers of golf balls would be erected.

2009.39 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2009.39.1 The Forge, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of detached dwelling – application withdrawn.

2009.40 **Planning applications.**

2009.40.1 Prospect Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Protected tree works application to fell 1 silver birch, tree T2 of tree preservation order 07/2007. No objection.

2009.40.2 Gilling House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Partial demolition and rebuilding of attached outbuilding to form additional living accommodation. No objection.

2009.41 **Questions from Councillors.** The condition of the building site at Carrside Road was raised as the fencing had been broken into and items removed from the site. The Clerk to write to the developer to ask them to ensure the site is secured.

2009.42 **Calor Village of the Year Competition.** It was agreed that the village should enter this competition (closing date for entries 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009). The school is keen to be involved in this, and it was hoped that other groups linked to the village would also participate.

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2009.43 **Waste Thermal Treatment plant at Allerton.** A report from the meeting at Whixley on 23<sup>rd</sup> February was received, and it was noted that the next meeting will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Recent legislation demands that the amount of waste that goes to landfill has to be reduced by 10% from the present level of 65% by 2016. No actual proposals for the site at Allerton have been put forward yet, but the scheme might involve the production of electricity from the incineration of waste. It is understood that any possible planning application for the site could be made by the end of 2009, with about a further year needed for local consultations to take place. It was noted that possible costs to the Parish Council could be very high if professional consultants were engaged, and it was agreed that at this stage no funds would be allocated to this issue, but that it should continue to be discussed as matters developed.

2009.44 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes). The payment of £160 membership fee for the YLCA was approved (due 1<sup>st</sup> April).

P51/08	M B Electrical Contractors - Village Hall extension	1,375.00
P52/08	M B Electrical Contractors - Village Hall extension	784.08
P53/08	D R Johnstone Ltd - Village Hall extension	6,080.05
P54/08	GOPCC for commuted sums received	284.14

2009.45 **Correspondence received.**

2009.45.1 Eskdalenet. Provision of rural broadband in Yorkshire. Noted.

2009.46 **Reports from representatives.**

2009.46.1 **Village Hall Committee.** No report.

2009.46.2 **Youth Forum.** Last year's older members enjoyed quad biking afternoon last month, but the planned Go-Karting activity for current members was unfortunately cancelled due to insurance problems. It is hoped that it can be rescheduled at a later date. Numbers are increasing and the Committee is keen to hear from anyone who can help with the rota.

2009.46.3 **Police Liaison Group.** In future the format for these meetings will be changing to joint public meetings with the Fire Service and other bodies. Crime figures for the local area are up slightly on last year, albeit on a very low base. The Farm Watch scheme is being very well supported.

2009.46.4 **Yore Vision.** No report.

2009.47 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.

2009.48 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.