

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th December 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr Keith Scott (Chairman), Mrs R Kay, Mr L Paterson, Mr M Rampling
and Mr R White

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

There were two members of the public present.

2008.198 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr J Burton and Cllr B Robinson.

2008.199 **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.199.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.200 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 19th November 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2008.201 **Public Participation.** None.

2008.202 **Progress Reports.**

2008.202.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2008.182.1 refers). No further progress – the Clerk confirmed that she was pressing the solicitors on this matter.

2008.202.2 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2008.182.3 refers). It was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for further grant funding available from Breathing Places. A lot of work has been done so far, including clearance of brushwood, the improvement to the entrance, and planting of hedges. Thanks to Cllr Brian Robinson for all his help. Cllrs White and Rampling agreed to source the orchard trees (maximum of 6) and the extra hedging plants required.

2008.202.3 Recycling facility at the Crown Inn (minute 2008.182.5 refers). Despite being asked to reconsider, Harrogate Borough Council have confirmed that they do not believe that there is sufficient need for a Mini Recycling Centre, given that the kerbside collections take everything that a MRC would take.

2008.202.4 Provision of a new seat near the bungalows, Branton Lane (minute 2008.182.6 refers). Quotations for the work were considered and approved, with the hope that volunteer labour will help keep the cost down. The Clerk to apply for commuted sums funds.

2008.202.5 Traffic Speed survey (minute 2008.182.7 refers). No further progress.

2008.202.6 Provision of new footway between Branton Lane and the Village Hall (minute refers). The Clerk advised that the Highways Department have costed this project out at £10,000 and it was agreed that the Parish Council should obtain independent quotes for the work.

2008.202.7 Trees on Churchfield Lane (minute 2008.196 refers). The Clerk to contact the owners before the next meeting.

2008.202.8 Condition of Roads (minute 2008.185 refers). The Highways Department have agreed to mend the potholes on Carrside Road and Lightmire Lane as a matter of urgency – all other potholing work will now be after April 2009.

2008.203 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2008.203.1 Fields View, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of rear conservatory. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.203.2 Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 detached dwelling and felling of 1 fruit tree within Conservation Area. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.204 **Planning applications.** None received.

2008.205 **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to contact YRCC regarding possible grants available to local businesses.

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2008.206 **Proposed Incinerator Site at Allerton.** A request was considered from Whixley Parish Council asking what the views of Great Ouseburn PC are regarding the proposals for a site for a waste incinerator/thermal treatment plant at Allerton. It was agreed that the Clerk should advise Whixley PC that at the moment Great Ouseburn PC has an open mind on the issue, because there is insufficient information about any new proposals that might be made for the site. As and when further information is available then Great Ouseburn PC will consider all the issues.

2008.207 **Newsletters.** It was agreed to issue four Newsletters per year instead of six.

2008.208 **Application for Listed Building Status, Ouseburn Workhouse.** A proposal was considered to apply to English Heritage for Listed Building status for the old Ouseburn Workhouse (now Campbell & Penty, Carrside Road). It was agreed that this substantial building should be afforded the protection that listed status would give it, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Campbell & Penty to ask them to support the application.

2008.209 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2008 – 16th December 2008.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes). It was agreed that the invoice for the installation of the new windows at the Village Hall should be paid when received (quote previously approved, minute ref 2008.107).

P34/08	BTCV - brushcutting etc	587.50
P35/08	Thorpe Trees - hedging for freelanding	187.45
P36/08	BHP Ltd - haulage on road scalplings	66.62
P37/08	Clerk's salary and expenses - 3rd quarter	786.80
P38/08	Peter Smith Associates - Village Hall fee	1,350.00
P39/08	JSJ Structures Ltd - Village Hall extension	1,638.75
P40/09	JSJ Structures Ltd - Village Hall extension	649.75

2008.210 **Village Hall Accounts 2007/8.** The Annual Return and Trustees' Annual Report and accounts for the Great Ouseburn Village Hall (charity reg. no. 523617) were approved.

2008.211 **Parish Precept 2009/10.** The budget proposals for a 5% increase in the precept to be demanded for 2009/10 were considered and approved.

2008.212 **Correspondence received.**

2008.212.1 Church Lane Surgery, Boroughbridge. Letter regarding the Pharmacy White Paper "Dispensing Doctors' Consultation". It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of support for both Boroughbridge and Green Hammerton surgeries.

2008.212.2 "Performance Matters" Y&NY Waste Partnership Newsletter. To be circulated.

2008.212.3 "Country Air" Rural Action Yorkshire Newsletter. To be circulated.

2008.212.4 YRCC Annual Report 07/08. To be circulated.

2008.212.5 "The Playing Field" N&NY PFA Newsletter. To be circulated.

2008.212.6 Harrogate Area CVS December mailing. To be circulated.

2008.212.7 North Yorks Fire & Rescue Service Summary of Accounts 2007/8. To be circulated.

2008.212.8 NYCC – salt bins. The Clerk advised members that the Highways Department had confirmed that under the new Winter Maintenance Review some of the salt bins in the village would not be refilled. It was agreed that she should contact the various parties affected.

2008.213 **Reports from representatives.**

2008.213.1 **Village Hall Committee.** The brickwork is now complete and the installation of the windows should be completed before Christmas. Quotes have been obtained for various items of expenditure and it was agreed to approve the quotes from Marsland (wood flooring), Johnsons (internal fittings) and C&L Interiors (suspended ceiling).

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- 2008.213.2 **Youth Forum.** The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party was another success with over 40 local residents served without a hitch by members of the Youth Forum. Next term starts on Tuesday 6th January.
- 2008.213.3 **Police Liaison Group.** Cllr White reported that an additional officer has joined the Safer Neighbourhood Group, and that local Community Police Officers have visited schools in the area talking about road safety. There has been a small increase in crime figures, and an increase in poaching activities in the area. The next meeting will be on 2nd March 2009.
- 2008.213.4 **Yore Vision.** Talks are taking place with Boroughbridge Town Council to create an amenity area at the back of the car park in the town.
- 2008.214 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** The Village Post Office, public service awards, grants available to the cricket club for new outdoor nets, the cost of cutting the playing field.
- 2008.215 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 21st January 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.