

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st February 2007 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Before the Parish Council meeting there was a short talk from Mr Ian Fielding of North Yorkshire County Council regarding waste strategy and proposals for Allerton Park. The Council's target is to divert 75% of municipal waste from landfill by 2013 – either as energy from waste or through biological or sorting/recycling treatments. New facilities will have to be built, and there are two sites at Allerton Park (out of a total of sixteen put forward) now being considered under the consultation scheme. After his presentation, Mr Fielding answered questions from the floor.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr M Rampling and Mr B Robinson.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were Cllr John Savage (NYCC) and nine members of the public.

2007.25 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr R Kay, Cllr R Girdham and Cllr L Paterson.

2006.135 **Declarations of Interest.**

2006.135.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2007.26 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 17th January 2007 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2007.27 **Progress Reports.**

2007.27.1 Adoption of Moor Lane (minute 2007.9.3 refers). The Clerk reported that the legal department at NYCC had apparently made recommendations to the Highways section regarding this matter, and that she was now waiting for a formal response.

2007.27.2 Village Design Statement (minute 2007.9.6 refers). No report.

2007.27.3 Dog Fouling at Playing Field (minute 2007.14 refers). The Clerk advised members that she had contacted Harrogate Borough Council's Dog Warden service, and that they had agreed to make patrols of the area with a view to enforcing the legislation. The land is designated under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, which makes it an offence not to clean up after your dog has fouled. Harrogate stated that they do not have any plans at present to use their resources to enact Dog Control Orders under the 2005 legislation, requiring dogs to be on leads.

2007.27.4 Piper's Lane Pond (minute 2007.17 refers). The Clerk advised members that following advice from the Council's insurers, Harrogate Borough Council and the Health & Safety Executive, the only action necessary in this situation was that a suitable risk assessment was carried out. This had been done.

2007.27.5 Use of Aldwark Manor footbridge (minute 2006.161.8 refers). The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the new general manager about the possibility of walkers using the footbridge, but that he was unwilling to permit this as he was concerned about people being hit by golf balls and also about dog mess on the course. The Clerk to contact the fishing club about having the footpath designated, and to clarify the situation regarding the original transfer of land.

2007.27.6 New Bus Shelter/Gazebo. (minute 2006.181 refers). The supplier has now confirmed an installation date of the end of March. A deposit of 50% to be paid.

2007.28 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2007.28.1 Lyndlea, Branton Lane. Retention of two storey front and side extension with increased roof height and additional rooflight and window. Appeal part allowed (roof height) and part dismissed (garage and link).

2007.28.2 Land at Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 3 terraced dwellings for affordable housing. Granted subject to conditions. The changed designs were noted and it was agreed that a meeting with Accent Homes should be arranged to discuss the Parish Council's concerns and to try to find the best solutions for various problem areas.

- 2007.28.3 Bay Horse Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2007.28.4 Prospect Farm House, Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn. Tree preservation order.
- 2007.28.5 St Imoges, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Withdrawn.
- 2007.28.6 Lyn Garth, Branton Green. Withdrawn.
- 2007.29 **Planning applications.**
- 2007.29.1 The Firs, Carrside, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of basement and increase of roof height to form additional living accommodation, erections of single storey front and rear extensions, 3 dormer windows to rear, detached double garage, hard and soft landscaping. No objections.
- 2007.29.2 Sunny Bank, Seggans Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of detached garage and store. No objections.
- 2007.30 **Questions from Councillors.**
- 2007.30.1 Queries were raised about the skip on Main Street, as it was still not lit. The Clerk to report to the next meeting.
- 2007.30.2 The Clerk was requested to contact NYCC to get Church Field Lane cleaned, as it is very muddy at present.
- 2007.30.3 The Clerk was asked to report to the next meeting regarding the silting up of Ousegill Beck.
- 2007.31 **Reports from the Clerk.**
- 2007.31.1 **Flytipping.** Two further instances of flytipping of old car tyres on Cross Lane since the last meeting, both of which have been cleared away. The Chairman commented that it must be costing Harrogate Borough Council (and therefore the ratepayer) a considerable amount to keep clearing this lane.
- 2007.32 **Proposed Alteration to Bridle Path at Branton.** The Chairman advised members that the agreement from North Yorkshire County Council to alter the route of the bridle path has lapsed, as the landowner had not responded for nearly 18 months. He has urged NYCC to discuss this matter with the landowner as it would be to the benefit of the local community if the route were altered.
- 2007.33 **Village Hall Extension.** No decision has yet been received regarding the Big Lottery Fund application. The Clerk advised that planning permission was required for this work, and the Chairman presented the new plans to members, which were approved. It was agreed that a planning application should be made, and that enquiries should be made about what exactly could be paid for out of commuted sums funds. Members were advised of the commuted sums that would be generated for the Village Hall (under the new scheme) from the affordable housing projects at Dunsforth and Carrside Road, and it was agreed that a request should be made to Harrogate Borough Council to redesignate the freelanding area under the Natural and Semi Natural Green Space heading. Clarification to be sought over the status of the land adjacent to the Boroughbridge road.
- 2007.34 **Millennium Seat.** Quotations and designs for a replacement seat were considered and the quotation for the teak bench seat was approved. The Clerk to place an order for immediate delivery.
- 2007.35 **Grass Cutting.** The increased cost quoted for cutting the verge on Boat Lane was agreed, and the quotation from Harrogate Borough Council for grounds maintenance works 2007 was also approved.
- 2007.36 **Use of Commuted Sums.** A price and design for a set of moveable football goals was agreed from the various options considered. The Clerk to place an order for immediate delivery.
- 2007.37 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2006 – 20th February 2007.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P27/06 | ATM – fencing at basketball court | £1,633.14 |
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- 2007.38 **Correspondence received.**
- 2007.38.1 Mr John Clark – letter regarding speeding traffic. Mr Clark's comments were noted and it was agreed that his letter should be copied to North Yorkshire County Council.

The following items to be circulated for general information:

- 2007.38.2 Communities and Local Government. A revised Model Code of Conduct.
 - 2007.38.3 NYCC – new Unitary Council proposal.
 - 2007.38.4 Harrogate & Ripon CVS joint monthly mailing February 2007.
 - 2007.38.5 Harrogate Borough Council – co-option of Parish Council Representative to Standards Sub-Committee.
 - 2007.38.6 NYCC – Scrutiny News January 2007.
 - 2007.38.7 Harrogate Borough Council – Shopfronts design guide consultation.
 - 2007.38.8 YLCA – mailing February 2007.
 - 2007.38.9 St George's Day mailshot.
 - 2007.38.10 NALC – review of Quality Parish Council scheme.
 - 2007.38.11 Audit Commission – appointment of external auditor.
- 2007.39 **Reports from representatives.**
- 2007.39.1 **Village Hall Committee.** Dealt with at 2007.33 above.
 - 2007.39.2 **Youth Forum.** A DVD afternoon is planned on a 1930s theme. Members will also be taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of breast cancer support this summer. There will be a barbeque at the end of term.
 - 2007.39.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No report.
 - 2007.39.4 **Yore Vision.** No report.
- 2007.40 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 21st March 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.