

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th January 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 three members of the public.

2010.1. **Apologies for absence.** None from Parish Councillors, but Councillor John Savage (NYCC) sent his apologies.

2010.2. **Declarations of Interest.**

2010.2.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2010.4. **Public Participation.** Councillor Martin Leather informed members that Harrogate Borough Council is freezing the cost of Council Tax for 2010/11. North Yorkshire County Council is proposing a small increase, and will be prioritising the areas of child protection, education and the elderly.

2010.5. **Progress Reports.**

2010.5.1. Highways issues (minute 2009.186.3 refers). The Highways Department had emailed to confirm that:

(a) the white lines would be re-marked and the proud drain cover on the Broad Gate bend would be replaced at no cost to the ratepayer

(b) weight restriction signage would be put at the junctions with the B6265, and other signage would be improved

(c) the speed limit on Carr Side Road would be extended to beyond the first house

(d) the dropped crossing at Pipers Lane/Brown Lane would be constructed by the end of the financial year

(e) The request for a 20mph speed limit outside the school, and a vehicle activated sign, were both refused, but the road markings would be refreshed and other low-cost alternatives would be looked at.

(f) The issue of the footpath across the Village Green to be discussed again at the next meeting, and the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries about the control of the basal growths on the lime trees, and about re-siting the 'Slow' sign at the entrance to the village.

2010.5.2. Tree planting project (Yore Vision grant) (minute 2009.186.4 refers). This project had been delayed because of the bad weather but planting should take place within the next week.

2010.5.3. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.186.2 refers). Cllrs Potter and Rampling to follow up the idea of purchasing rocks. A draft of the design for the interpretation panel was discussed and various amendments made.

2010.5.4. Exercise Equipment for older people (minute 2009.193 refers). The Chairman informed members that he had investigated prices/designs of equipment, and it was agreed that the opinions of local residents should be sought on whether there was sufficient support for the provision of this type of equipment.

2010.6. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None received.

2010.7. **Planning applications.**

2010.7.1. 2 Hills Cottages, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension. No objections.

2010.8. **Questions from Councillors.** The issue of parking near the school to put on the next agenda.

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2010.9. **Community Emergency Plan** (minute 2009.190 refers). The Clerk advised members that she was meeting with officers from Harrogate Borough Council to work on developing the plan, and would report to the next meeting. An offer of help with the refilling of grit bins from Thorpe Underwood Estate was accepted with thanks, and an offer from Thorpe Underwood Estate of the provision of further grit bins for the village was also accepted – the bins to be sited on Branton Lane and on Carr Side Road. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Estate.

2010.10. **Bus Shelter on Branton Avenue.** It was noted that a request has been made for the installation of a bus shelter on Branton Avenue. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact NYCC in the first instance to see if they can help with this.

2010.11. **Verges on Church Field Lane** (minute 2009.189 refers). Correspondence regarding damage to the verge near to a building site was noted, and it was also noted that the developer has offered to re-seed the verge when the work is done. The suggestion that some kerbing should be installed to be discussed at the next meeting. There is a problem with drainage on the road, and the Clerk was asked to contact Highways about this issue.

2010.12. **Village Hall Accounts 2008/9.** The Chairman advised members that it would not be possible to approve the Annual Return and Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for Great Ouseburn Village Hall at this meeting, as the Independent Examiner's Report had not yet been received. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to express the Parish Council's disappointment.

2010.13. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes). The effectiveness of the internal audit was reviewed and it was agreed that current measures are adequate.

P39/09	Clerk's salary and expenses - 3rd quarter	877.88
P40/09	adey.com - website hosting/domain name	45.00

2010.14. **Correspondence received.** To consider correspondence received, as follows:

2010.14.1. Circular received from the Parish Councils of North Deighton, Kirk Deighton, Little Ribston and Hunsingore, Great Ribston with Walshford & Cattal regarding a proposed Waste Transfer & Recycling Station at Walshford Bridge. Noted, but no reply required.

2010.14.2. Invitation to a Police Control Room visit – York or Newby Wiske. It was agreed that this would be a very useful visit and the Clerk was asked to arrange this.

2010.14.3. Thornborough Trust – request for a letter of support – agreed.

2010.15. **Reports from representatives.**

2010.15.1. Village Hall Committee. A proposal for a wind turbine for the roof was being considered. A grant for £3,000 has been received from the Community Chest, which will go towards the cost of installing the lift. Further grant funding is being applied for. The accounts for the current year show a healthy state of affairs.

2010.15.2. Youth Forum. Youngsters continue to enjoy letting off steam on Tuesday evenings, although the start of term was delayed by the snow.

2010.15.3. Police Liaison Group. No report.

2010.15.4. Yore Vision. No report.

2010.16. Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda – parking at the school, the installation of kerbing on Church Field Lane, Highways issues.

2010.17. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.