

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.50 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present was Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and three members of the public.

2009.74 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Rachel Kay.

2009.75 **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.75.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.76 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2009.77 **Public Participation.** Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) informed members that the temporary Tree Preservation Order on two cherry trees outside Tarndale had been removed. The DISC campaign group letter was also mentioned (to be discussed at the next meeting).

2009.78 **(For the School Project)**

**Proposed Plans for a Supermarket.** Letters received from pupils at the school regarding (fictional) plans to build a supermarket on land adjoining the school were considered, and it was noted that they were evenly divided between those who supported the project and those who opposed it. Councillors considered that a suitable response would be as follows:

2009.78.1 The width of the road is not suitable for a car park as large as that suggested. Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) would find it difficult to turn into the entrance.

2009.78.2 The proposal is for development within the Conservation Area, which is afforded extra protection.

2009.78.3 The ancient ridge and furrow landscape, still visible in this field, would be damaged by the development.

2009.78.4 The development would blight the view from Kirby Hall Bridge (a listed structure).

2009.78.5 The proposal is for development outside the development limit of the village.

2009.78.6 The proposal would damage existing businesses in the village – the village shop and Post Office.

2009.79 **Progress Reports.**

2009.79.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.53.1 refers). The Clerk advised members that the allotment site had now been registered.

2009.79.2 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.53.2 refers). The 'Breathing Places' lottery funded grant has been underspent, because of some very generous donations from local residents and businesses. The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with Breathing Places and they confirmed that they would consider further proposals for spending on the Freelanding. They were not able to extend the grant to cover work to the riverbank. Cllrs suggested: further work to level and improve the entrance and track, to clear soil and rubbish near the bottom of the car park area, to have an interpretation board and a height restriction bar at the entrance, and to create hardstanding beneath the picnic tables.

2009.79.3 Land at Branton (minute 2009.58 refers). The Clerk advised that Harrogate Borough Council have confirmed that they do have the Parish Council's response to the earlier LDF consultations on file. The revised timetable for final submissions to the LDF will be available in early June.

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## 2009.80 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2009.80.1 Trees at the rear of the school. It was noted that some cherry trees will be removed.

## 2009.81 **Planning applications.**

2009.81.1 Tregaron Lodge, 103 Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension to replace conservatory. (*Cllr White declared a personal interest*). The Parish Council had no objections.

2009.81.2 Moor Farm, Moor Lane. Change of use of agricultural building to use as a waste recycling facility. The Parish Council had no objections but asked that safeguards or conditions were put in place to ensure that traffic movements are no greater than those stated on the application.

2009.82 **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding the condition of the pavements, and also the impaired visibility turning onto Branton Lane because of the growths on the trees there. She was also asked to obtain Neighbourhood Watch signs for the Village Hall and at Branton.

2009.83 **Conservation Area Character Appraisal.** The draft document drawn up by Harrogate Borough Council was considered and it was agreed that a response to the consultation should be compiled by the Clerk, to include the information from the work done on the Village Design Statement. There were some factual corrections to be sent as well. It was agreed that the Parish Council should invite a representative from Harrogate Borough Council to the exhibition of photographs and other documents, planned for later in the year when the document was approved.

2009.84 **Commuted Sums.** The Chairman reported that he had attended a training event on 30<sup>th</sup> April, run by Harrogate Borough Council. A new spreadsheet of commuted sums available to the Parish Council had been issued, but there were still concerns that a number of developments were missing from the spreadsheet. This is being followed up.

2009.85 **Village Sign at Carrside Road.** A request from a local resident for a replacement sign was considered, and it was agreed that the new Improvement Manager at the Highways department should be contacted.

2009.86 **Extension of Speed Limit on Carrside Road.** A request from a local resident that the 30mph speed limit be moved was considered, and it was agreed that this should also be followed up with the Highways department.

2009.87 **Basketball Court.** It was noted that Biffaward would be conducting a site visit on 27<sup>th</sup> May and it was agreed to ask members of the Youth Forum to attend the meeting.

2009.88 **Daffodil Bulbs.** It was noted that Harrogate Borough Council are offering Parish Councils daffodil bulbs again this year, to be collected in October.

2009.89 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – 20<sup>h</sup> May 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P8/09	R A White - refurbishment of water pump	13.45
P9/09	York & North Yorks Playing Fields Assoc.	12.50
P10/09	D R Johnstone Ltd	2,006.75
P11/09	CPRE	29.00
P12/09	Came & Co (insurance)	1,092.07

## 2009.90 **Correspondence received.**

2009.90.1 Whixley Parish Council – request to support the DISC campaign against incineration at Allerton Park Quarry, and to set aside funds to support the campaign. As this request arrived too late for inclusion as an agenda item in this meeting, it will be included for discussion at the next meeting.

2009.91 **Reports from representatives.**

- 2009.91.1 **Village Hall Committee.** The Village Hall Committee requested a donation from the Parish Council of £2,800 towards the final bill from the structural architect. It was agreed that this bill could be met by funds in the commuted sums Village Hall fund. Quotations for the flooring were noted and the quote from Excel Flooring was approved. There was some discussion regarding the financial controls in place within the Village Hall Committee, and it was agreed that this would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- 2009.91.2 **Youth Forum.** The Community Police Officers came to a recent meeting.
- 2009.91.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.
- 2009.91.4 **Yore Vision.** Some grant funding is available from Yorkshire Forward – it was suggested that this could possibly be used for improvements to the Freelanding.
- 2009.92 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda** included an update on the situation with the trees at Tarndale, liaison with the School, maintenance of the playing field, and canvassing local views on the proposals for an incinerator at Allerton.
- 2009.93 **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> June 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.