

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council at 7.00 pm on 16th September 2026 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors F. Grout (Chairman), K. Scott, G. Jackson, D. Morgan and R. Jones

Clerk: J. Merriman

Public Session

A 15-minute public session was held prior to the Council commencing the meeting. Members of the public were invited to raise any matters they wish to discuss; however, they were not guaranteed an answer at this meeting. 3 members of the public were present. One member of the public asked a question about dogs on leads on the playing field. 2 members of the public raised their concerns about the amount of dog fouling found regularly on the playing fields. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should check the public space protection order to ascertain if it is possible to get one for the playing field from NYC.

2026/61 An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

2026/62 Apologies were received from Councillors Bainbridge, Ainsworth and County Councillor Warneken and reasons for absence approved.

2026/63 Declaration of Interests
a) There were no declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
b) No applications for dispensation were received

2026/64 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th August 2026 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2026/65 No member of NYC was present therefore there was no report.

2026/66 **Clerk's report**

- The Clerk has asked the playground inspectors to look at the septic tank when they visit
- The Clerk has ordered the village sign
- The Clerk has contacted Parish Online to instruct them to go ahead with the transfer
- The Clerk has contacted NYC to request the number of properties in the different bands over the last 3 years

- The Clerk has requested that the streetlights be turned off at midnight on Carrside and Main Street
- The Clerk has confirmed to Newtons that she is authorised to instruct the solicitors

- 2026/67** The following financial matters were considered:
- (a) Payments included, Patrick Watson £114.00, Signomatic £211.38
David Morgan £36.00, Keith Scott £50.50, £252.00 PKF Littlejohn,
Dave Meakin £50.50
- (b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted
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| Balance Bfwd as at 12/08/2026 | £ 19,998.20 |
| Income | £ 0.00 |
| Expenditure | £ 2,771.69 |
| Balance as at 09/09/26 | £ 17,998.20 |
- (c) The precept letter for 2026/27 was received and noted from NYC
- 2026/68** The APLA signage was considered, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should order the signage.
- 2026/69** An email was received from a member of the public re: dog fouling on the playing fields. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should consider the legalities of the situation and investigate the PSPO.
- 2026/70** The tree survey was received from Joe Waite. It was **AGREED** that a separate meeting from the Tree Working Group would take place to review the findings. The tree survey results will be an item on the next agenda.
- 2026/71** An email regarding churchyard railings at St Mary's was received and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should carry out the payments and the paperwork for commuted sums.
- 2026/72** The Village Hall Charity Commission entry was reviewed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact David Burton to change the contact for the Charity and to cc Farida Grout.
- 2026/73** The purchase of land at Carrside/Branton Lane Junction as a community asset transfer was considered and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact Philip Cowan at NYC.
- 2026/74** Planning Issues
- a) Planning applications – no planning applications were received

b) Planning enforcements – alleged breach

Case No	Alleged breach	Location
26/01020/PR15	Alleged unauthorised use of property as campsite and erection of associated permanent structures	Aldwark Bridge House Boat Lane Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9SJ

c) Planning decision – no planning decisions were received

2026/75 The status of the land dispute was reviewed, and Councillor Grout provided an update. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should follow up with Newtons.

2026/76 The pay settlement was received from NALC and approved.

2026/77 The action log was received and updated.

2026/78 The date of the next meeting will be 14th of October 2026.

The meeting closed at 20.55