

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th March 2006 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mrs R Girdham, Mrs R Kay and Mr M Rampling.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were 5 members of the public.

2006.33 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Paul Thompson and Cllr Chris Lewis (Harrogate Borough Council).

2006.34 **Declarations of Interest.**

2006.34.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in items relating to the Village Hall.

2006.34.2 Cllr Keith Scott declared a personal interest in item 2006.38.1.

2006.35 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 15th February 2006 having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2006.36 **Progress Reports.**

2006.36.1 Land at Carrside Road (minute 2006.23 refers). The developer of this site is Accent Housing, who is proposing to build three 'dormer bungalow' style shared ownership properties on the garages site. The Chairman reported that, together with other members of the Council and residents of Carrside Road, he had attended a meeting with representatives of Accent Housing at the site earlier that evening. Various concerns about the possible development of the site had been raised and it had been agreed that Accent Housing would liaise with the Parish Council in the future in developing their plans further.

2006.36.2 Adoption of Moor Lane (minute 2006.24.1 refers). The Clerk reported that this matter is still with North Yorkshire County Council's legal department.

2006.36.3 Damage to wall at junction of Boat Lane and Main Street (minute 2006.24.2 refers). The Clerk reported that she understood that North Yorkshire County Council accepted that the wall was their responsibility and that repairs would therefore be carried out in due course.

2006.36.4 Tree Preservation Order, Church Field Lane (minute 2006.10 refers). The request for tree preservation orders to be placed on the lime trees planted in memory of Judge Stanley-Price had been refused, because the planning officer did not consider that the trees were under any threat at present. However, should circumstances alter, it would be possible to reapply. The age of the trees was not a major consideration.

2006.36.5 Car Parking at Cattal Station (minute 2006.15.8 refers). The Clerk reported that Mr Andrew Easson, the Policy Support Officer (Rail) at North Yorkshire County Council, had written to say that the matter is currently the subject of discussion between NYCC, Network Rail and Northern Rail.

2006.37 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decision was notified by the Borough Council:

2006.37.1 Box Tree Cottages, Carr Side Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of two storey rear extension. Granted subject to conditions.

2006.38 **Planning applications.**

2006.38.1 Land comprising OS field nos 0050 & 0029, Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn. Erection of agricultural barn, for use as hay/straw storage, sheep lambing area and machinery storage. The meeting was briefly adjourned to take contributions from members of the public, and concerns were expressed about the size of the proposed building and its possible future use. After further discussion the Parish Council decided to object to the proposal because it would have a significant visual impact on the character and appearance of the area. There are no sheep on the land at present and so there is no proven current need for the building.

2006.39 **Reports from the Clerk.**

- 2006.39.1 Flytipping on Cross Lane. More car tyres have been dumped on the lane, and some tyres have now appeared on Pipers Lane. Harrogate Borough Council has been asked to remove them.
- 2006.40 **Basketball Court.** It was noted that the grant application to the Rural Target Fund had been successful, and that all funding was therefore in place for this project. It was agreed that the protective fencing should be extended, and that the Clerk be delegated, in consultation with Cllr Rachel Kay, to finalise all the contracts from the quotes received and get the project under way.
- 2006.41 **Condition of roads and pavements.** It was noted that the condition of repair of the roads and pavements in the parish had deteriorated. The Highways Authority has confirmed that the footway surfacing in Main Street is programmed for later this year. The road surface will be inspected, and repairs to the worst areas would be made. The Clerk to remind the Highways Authority of the programme of works agreed following the meeting with the Divisional Engineer on 6th April 2005.
- 2006.42 **30mph sign, Carrside Road.** It was resolved to request the Highways Authority to replace this sign, due to its poor condition.
- 2006.43 **Insurance.** The current insured values of the Council's assets were noted, and it was resolved to obtain up to date valuations in order to reduce insurance costs.
- 2006.44 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2005 – 14th March 2006.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes):
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| P33/08 | Harland – service/overhaul gang mower | £553.07 |
| P34/08 | Inland Revenue PAYE (4 th qtr) | £116.38 |
| P35/05 | Heath Blacker Fabrications – scoreboard | £275.00 |
| P36/08 | Ouseburn Cricket Club – padlocks | £ 50.00 |
- 2006.45 **Correspondence received.**
- 2006.45.1 Harrogate Borough Council – Spring Clean April 2006. Local volunteers would be sought to help with this initiative.
- 2006.45.2 Harrogate Borough Council – Local Development Framework – provision for open space, sport and recreation, and provision for village halls. To be circulated.
- 2006.45.3 Ripon CVS – Funding Bulletin March 2006 and various other documents. To be circulated.
- 2006.45.4 Craven Harrogate & Rural District NHS Annual Report 2005. To be circulated.
- 2006.45.5 North Yorkshire County Council – Scrutiny News February 2006. To be circulated.
- 2006.45.6 Calor Village of the Year competition. To be circulated.
- 2006.45.7 YRCC – Country Air Winter 2006 and 'The Playing Field' Winter 2005-6. To be circulated.
- 2006.46 **Reports from representatives.**
- 2006.46.1 **Village Hall Committee.** No report. It was agreed that the Village Hall minutes should be circulated amongst Parish Councillors by email, instead of via the correspondence file.
- 2006.46.2 **Youth Forum.** No report.
- 2006.46.3 **Police Liaison Group.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th March were noted. With effect from 3rd April there would be a change of boundaries for the Neighbourhood Policing Teams – with the Ouseburns being policed from Knaresborough instead of Boroughbridge. It was agreed that the new Neighbourhood Police Officer should be invited to a future Parish Council meeting.
- 2006.47 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Enforcement of the speed limits, condition of the roads, tipping and the possible damage being caused to trees by the travellers' ponies.
- 2006.48 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 19th April 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.