

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th October 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Club Room, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Cllr K Scott (Chairman), Cllr B Robinson (Vice Chair), Cllr M Grant, Cllr C Smales and Cllr M Rampling.

In Attendance: Mrs L Evely (Clerk).

Also present was Cllr C Lewis (Harrogate Borough Council), Mr Roger Lynn (CPRE Representative) and 10 members of the public.

2012.081 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr G Potter, Cllr J Burton and Cllr Savage.

2012.082 **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2012.083 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 19th September 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

2012.084 **Public Participation.** See minute 2012.85.2.

2012.085 **Progress Reports.**

2012.85.1. **Free landing/Breathing Places project** (minute 2011.110.1 refers). North Yorkshire County Council have issued the order for the right of way now legally put onto the definitive map under footpath No's. 10.5/6 Aldwark and 15.48/16 Great Ouseburn.

2012.85.2. **LDP Affordable Housing Site, Branton** (minute 2012.074 refers). The original proposal for this site was for 17 houses for approving with landscaping and amenity land however, when it went forward to Harrogate Borough Council it went up to 56 houses then reduced to 47 houses. Cllr Lewis attended a further meeting where it was put forward for a reduction where 30 houses were approved with access off Branton Lane plus tree screening running along Branton Lane and Branton Court is also to be provided. Allotment plots have also been proposed. It was also noted that the current drainage/sewage access is not adequate for the proposed site as there are already current problems within the village. Great Ouseburn was classed through the Core Strategy as a Category B Village: A sustainable village. The number of houses proposed for development is allocated to our village due the facilities provided in our village e.g. School, Village Hall, Public House, Post Office and Shop. Therefore the village is put into this category to accommodate a mixed development.

Cllr Lewis whom recently attended a Council meeting regarding this issue explained that this development has been approved for public consultation for a 6 week period which will be held around the Christmas Period then will go onto the Planning Committee. It is currently on a selective plan to bring into line with the National Policy Framework Plan & Core Strategy. Cllr Lewis said that the 30 houses percentage has not been finalised for how many of the houses will be 'Affordable' (Owned by the Housing Association) etc but however will be a mixture.

CPRE lodged objections in 2010 to this proposed site. They believed the proposed number of houses for the size of the village and the location of the access was not correct for the village.

The Parish Council also have objected to the access and believe it should be through Branton Court where originally designed. The Parish Council agreed that 30 houses is still too large for a development in this size village and believe that so many houses will have a negative impact on the visual amenity and break the site line/countryside view.

The parish Council discussed the following planning and Infrastructure reasons objecting to the proposed development:

- The current drainage system in the village is poor and would need developing before any planning could be passed. This is not currently a viable option for a developer as will be expensive procedure. (Cllr Lewis stated that she has joined the Ainsty Drainage Board therefore will get advice and get them on board with the situation. Cllr Lewis will organise a meeting to review the drainage system in the

village with Malcolm Smurthwaite of Harrogate Borough Council and will let the councillors know the dates which will be suitable to arrange a meeting in the village for anyone who can attend).

- It is important to feed in the access through Branton Court where it was originally designed rather than creating a new access off Branton Lane.
- If developing this site we need to maintain trees and green space and to even in the way of suggesting of creating more allotments for the enjoyment of the parish. It is also crucial to maintain the space between Ouseburn and Branton i.e. not to go past the existing buildings on Branton Court, alongside Branton Lane.

It was agreed by all present that when the consultation approaches a leaflet drop to the parish may be useful raising the above points.

2012.85.3. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2011.110.2 refers). Planning application NY/2011/0328/ENV. A Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee site visit is to be convened for the 23rd October 2012 commencing at 10am at the Allerton Park quarry site. Cllr Rampling and Cllr Robinson volunteered to attend the meeting. The clerk is check when the afternoon appointment begins.

2012.85.4. **Highways issues:** The Avenue footpath is due for resurfacing in November 2012.

Carrside Drains need reporting by the clerk plus the drains from the Primary School on Main Street up to 'Fish Pond Bridge' at Little Ouseburn.

2012.85.5. Article 4 Directive, Conservation Area (minute 2011.110.6 refers). Notification of proposed Article 4(1) Direction, Great Ouseburn Conservation Area was issued on the 1st October 2012 Second Direction made under schedule 2 of the order to which Article 4(1) applies relating to Great Ouseburn. Please note the Direction, together with its map of the affected area and a list of properties included can be viewed on the Councils Website <http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/planning> or by arrangement with the clerk. If any further information is required please contact Mrs Naomi Kempton, Senior Conservation and Design Officer at Harrogate Borough Council Tel: 01423 500600

2012.85.6. Tree Management: Nigel Roskilly felled the Oak Tree on the village Green which had a split trunk and became a hazard. The Oak was left on the village green where residents could help themselves for firewood. A new Oak tree will be planted within 3 metres of the existing tree between the months of November – March. The tree is to have a girth size no smaller than 10-12cm.

The Avenue Trees have parasite/ivy growing therefore the clerk is to request Mr Roskilly services to remedy.

2012.85.7. Rose Garden, The Bungalows, Branton: Cllr Rampling confirmed no further maintenance is required at present and this item can now be removed from Progress Reports.

2012.086 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council. None to date**

To note any decisions received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: None to date

2012.087 **Planning applications.** (None to date)

To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none

2012.088 **Questions from Councillors:**

Cllr Robinson raised a query if planning has been applied for a large structure being currently erected in a field down Church Field Lane. The clerk is to contact Planning.

Cllr Robinson queried the Cricket Club Netting by the wall. Cllr Scott has put it onto the Village Hall Agenda to be raised.

Cllr Rampling suggested creating a newsletter in light of the current issues raised above.

2012.089 **Statement of accounts for the period 18th April 2012 – 17th October 2012** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes). An invoice was received by Mr Nigel Roskilly for £125 to fell the Oak Tree on the Village Green. This was agreed by all present for the clerk to pay.

P19/12	Richard Lethbridge (Playing Field Floodlights)	607.35
P20/12	Great North Air Ambulance (Donation)	50.00
P21/12	Harrogate Borough Council (Grass Cutting)	325.30

2012.090 **Correspondence received.** To consider correspondence received, as follows

2012.090.01 Harrogate Borough Council: Planning pilot towards electronic consultation: The parish council are happy for planning applications to be electronic. The clerk is to ask if on occasion if required for an agreement the parish council could be sent paper copies.

2012.090.02 Harrogate Borough Council: New parish consultation arrangements for 2012: Meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th November 2012 at 6pm at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough, HG5 9AY. The clerk is to request the following question to be added to the agenda for Great Ouseburn Parish 'How exactly is Harrogate Borough Council as an authority going to ensure that the required Infrastructure is in place e.g. Site drainage, Sewerage, before commencement of building on development sites, as required by with policy IN1 and IN2 in the draft LDF?'

2012.090.03 Harrogate Borough Council: Budget 2013/2014 consultation: It was agreed by all present that the Chairman was to complete and return the questionnaire on behalf of the parish council.

2012.090.04 Harrogate Borough Council: Litter Picking 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014. It was agreed that the parish council will continue to undertake the Litter Picking duties for the period of 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 with a payment for the period being £114.24.

2012.090.05 Harrogate Borough Council: Annual Playground Inspection 2012 report and invoice: The playground report was viewed and all equipment passed. The invoice for the playground inspection was agreed to be paid by the clerk.

2012.090.06 Allotments re: Cllr Scott email 20.09.12: Alan Meek will not be able to renew his allotment at the beginning of next financial season due to moving away from the Parish. The plot will be offered to the first people on the waiting list. The clerk contacted all currently on the waiting list and all still wish to remain on the list and wait for an available plot. The Chairman recommended that when a large plot becomes available to section into two to make another plot so they all become similar sizes and more plots available for the parish. All agreed to this proposal.

2012.090.07 Came and Company Parish Council Insurance Renewal: All present agreed to renew the Parish Council insurance with Came & Company and pay the renewal premium.

2012.090.08 Mazars Audit Report for year ended 31st March 2012 and invoice. The audit report was viewed by the Chairman and invoice agreed by all present to be paid.

2012.090.09 Rural Action Yorkshire AGM and workshops for Saturday 20th October 2012 at Whixley Village Hall: No interest expressed by all present to attend.

2012.090.010 Ripon and District Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for funding. All present agreed to pay a donation of £100

Correspondence received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting

2012.090.011 Mr Ken Horner, Carrside Road Hedges and grass verges: Cllr Robinson is going to approach the landowner Mr Winn to cut the hedges and verge where necessary.

2012.090.012 Harrogate Borough Council: Council Tax Benefits & Discounts Survey: It was agreed by all present that the Chairman was to complete and return the survey on behalf of the parish council.

2012.091 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2012.091.01 **Village Hall Committee:** The quote to repair the floor is with the Insurance Company therefore still progressing. When repairs are scheduled to take place the Village Hall will have to close for a week.

2012.091.02 **Police Liaison Group:** A member of the parish brought it to the parish council's attention that they called 101 and it did not recognise the Knaresborough area so unable to get through.

There has been an incident where it is believed that a 'Cold Caller' has stolen a package that had just been delivered to a house in the village. Therefore residents are to be vigilant. It was requested for the clerk to put on the next agenda 'No Cold Calling' in the village.

2012.091.03 **Yore Vision:** Walkers are Welcome group are now looking at a long circular walk linking all the routes together which totals 13^{1/2} miles including the new footpath that was created at Aldwark.

2012.091.04 **First Responder Scheme:** Cllr Potter is still active as a First Responder and a new recruit in Little Ouseburn is undergoing training.

2012.092 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda:** 'No Cold Calling' and 'Workshops for First Aid'.

2012.093 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 21st November 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.