

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Before the meeting started there was a presentation from Ellie Barlow, a Dog Control Officer with Harrogate Borough Council, and Mark Lees, an Environmental Health Officer. They spoke about ways of tackling problems to do with stray dogs, dog fouling and nuisance barking, and they also told the Council about their micro chipping scheme, which costs £15 per dog.

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th September 2010
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mr L Paterson, Mr G Potter and Mr M Rampling.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

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

2010.124. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Brian Robinson, Cllr Judy Burton and Cllr Richard White. County Councillor John Savage also sent his apologies.

2010.125. **Declarations of Interest.**

2010.125.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.126. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 21st July 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.127. **Public Participation.** Councillor Martin Leather informed members that the next stage of the Local Development Framework was ready to go out for consultation. As a Category B village, Great Ouseburn is being included in the list of villages which will see further development of housing, and it will include a substantial proportion of 'affordable' housing.

The next area meeting with the Highways department will be in Whixley, on 25th October.

Local residents expressed their continuing concerns about the proposals for the Waste Recovery Park at Allerton, and Mrs Barr-Young (330629) said she was keen to hear from other residents who were worried about the issue.

2010.128. **Progress Reports** were received as follows:

2010.128.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.111.1 refers). It was noted that the entrance barrier needs a little adjusting – Cllr Potter to look into this. The Clerk to arrange for the wildflower meadow to be cut. Cllr Rampling agreed to try to contact the fishing club to finalise the creation of the new footpath.

The new quote from Coxons for the work to create the new ramp and jetty was noted. It was agreed that further quotes should be obtained and applications made for grants.

2010.128.2. Exercise Equipment (minute 2010.111.2 refers). It was noted that HBC's Community Chest excludes Parish Councils from applying, but it was agreed that the Parish Council should try to install more equipment of this type (and possibly something for younger age groups).

2010.128.3. Community Emergency Plan/First Responder Scheme (minute 2010.111.3 refer). It was noted that the free First Aid training day is booked for 2nd October. It was noted that the First Responder Scheme now has the defibrillator, but that the scheme is not quite running yet. There are some more training courses coming up in the near future and if anyone else is interested in receiving this training they should contact the Clerk.

2010.128.4. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2010.111.4 refers). No further progress.

2010.128.5. Drainage Issues, Carrside Road (minute 2010.111.5 refers). The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the Building Control officer at Harrogate about this matter. Apparently there has been little progress with Yorkshire Water, and the developer is going to ask an independent drainage expert to inspect the new drain which runs under Carrside Road and under part of the allotment gardens, and to confirm that it will function correctly. The Clerk has requested that the Parish Council receives a copy of the report and that it is made clear that the Parish Council will not be held responsible for any issues regarding this new drain.

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- 2010.128.6. Adoption of Moor Lane by NYCC Highways Authority (minute 2010.111.7 refers). The Clerk advised members of the content of an email from Donna Hodgson, the Improvement Manager at the Highways department, Starbeck, in which she states that it is not appropriate for the County Council to adopt Moor Lane. The main reason given was that the resurfaced section of the road falls short of the full length of the lane, only improving the access to the adjacent fields and the auto workshop at Moor Farm. It is therefore not providing any meaningful function as a vehicular route that NYCC would consider suitable for adoption.
It was agreed that the Parish Council would take no further action on this issue.
- 2010.129. **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** It was noted that the following applications were considered under the provisions of Council Standing Order No 30:
- 2010.129.1. Hillrise, Moor Lane, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9TT. Erection of single storey side extension incorporating garage and w.c. for occasional use by farm visitors.
Parish Council response – no objections.
- 2010.129.2. Oak Tree Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RW
Protected Tree Works application to crown clean and lift of 1 Oak tree, tree T1 of TPO 21/2008.
Parish Council response – no objections.
- 2010.130. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:
- 2010.130.1. Oak Tree Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RW
Protected Tree Works application to crown clean and lift of 1 Oak tree, tree T1 of TPO 21/2008. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2010.130.2. Mole Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Enforcement Notice appeal.
- 2010.131. **Planning applications.** None.
- 2010.132. **Allerton Park Leachate Treatment Application** (minute 2010.114 refers). It was noted that NYCC's determination of the application has been delayed to 26th October.
- 2010.133. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2010.115 refers). It was noted that the decision on whether or not to award the contract has been delayed to the NYCC Council meeting in December. A report was received from the Chairman on a meeting with NYCC and other Parish Councils on 26th August, when the concerns of local residents on a number of issues were raised. It was noted that NYCC have agreed to meet with Anthony Long, from Marton cum Grafton PC, to go through the forecasts and financial projections in detail. Dates of Area Meetings in the region were noted, in particular a meeting in Harrogate on 22nd September at which there will be a protest. It was agreed to distribute a special Newsletter to local residents with further information on this matter.
- 2010.134. **Highways Issues.** Matters outstanding with the Highways Authority were discussed as follows:
- 2010.134.1. The 30mph speed limit on Carrside Road has now been extended to beyond Mole Cottage.
- 2010.134.2. Dropped kerbs at Branton – this job has now been done but there are several safety signs which need to be removed.
- 2010.134.3. HRSS dropped kerbs at the Village Green – the cost of the scheme comes to £3,394, which is within the funds allocated to Great Ouseburn. It was agreed that this project should go ahead, so that the Parish Council can then finish off constructing the footpath.
- 2010.134.4. Highways now say there is no funding available for the improved weight limit signage re Aldwark Bridge. It was agreed that any funds left over within the HRSS budget funds should be allocated to this project (cost: about £500 to £800 for two signs).
- 2010.135. **Playing Field.** Various complaints received regarding users of the playing field were noted. The Chairman advised members that he and Cllr Potter met with the football club to discuss the condition of the field, and it was agreed that they should be asked to pay a deposit of £150 to the Parish Council each season to cover the costs of repairs to the playing surface. If members of the football club do the repairs to a satisfactory condition themselves, then the deposit will be repaid to them – otherwise the money will be used to pay for the work.

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- 2010.136. **Harrogate Borough Council – Consultation Meetings with Parish Councils 2010/11.** It was noted that the consultation meeting this year will be on Monday 11th October 2010, with items for the agenda to be submitted by 29th September. It was agreed that agenda items to be submitted should include the following:
- 2010.136.1. Why are recycling rates in the Harrogate District so low? What is going to be done to increase recycling?
- 2010.136.2. Could we have clarification on which authority is responsible for looking after trees, particularly those adjacent to the roads?
- 2010.136.3. Can we get clarification on the planning issues regarding field shelters and stables that seem to be springing up all over the place?
- 2010.137. **Questions from Councillors.** None received.
- 2010.138. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 15th September 2010.**
Prices for the purchase of an outside storage bin for tennis nets were noted and it was agreed that a bin should be purchased at a cost of no more than £350.
The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes)
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| P24/10 | HBC - grasscutting (2 cuts) | 126.52 |
| P25/10 | J H Cabbage - freelanding | 100.00 |
| P26/10 | J H Cabbage - grounds maintenance | 37.50 |
| P27/10 | J H Cabbage - grounds maintenance | 62.50 |
| P28/10 | Broker Network Ltd - insurance | 25.00 |
| P29/10 | HBC - litterbin for Freelanding | 150.00 |
| P30/10 | Websters (ground maintenance) | 60.00 |
| P31/10 | Mazars (external audit) | 285.00 |
| P32/10 | Clerk's salary & expenses (2nd qtr) | 814.61 |
- 2010.139. **Correspondence received.**
- 2010.139.1. Various correspondence concerning the proposals at Allerton Quarry. All noted.
- 2010.139.2. Other correspondence included the annual report from the Fire and Rescue Authority, and a booklet on being a good employer from NALC – both to be circulated.
- 2010.140. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2010.140.1. **Village Hall Committee.** It was noted that the 'Raise the Roof' project has been completed (required under the 2009/10 Audit).
The floors have been replaced, and further refurbishment of the Village Hall will include replacing the doors. The next meeting is on 7th October, and it is understood that the Annual Accounts will be presented at that meeting.
- 2010.140.2. **Youth Forum.** Carolyn Simpson informed the Parish Council that the Youth Forum held its Annual Meeting on 14th September, and with no nominations from anyone for any positions on the committee, the outgoing committee has been forced to close the Youth Forum. The Village Hall has been hired until the end of September, and if nobody is prepared to come forward to help run this club after that time, then it will close.
- 2010.140.3. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.
- 2010.140.4. **Yore Vision.** The recent cycle event was very successful.
- 2010.141. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.
- 2010.142. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 13th October 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn (note: this is one week earlier than usual).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.