

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Cllr K Scott (Chairman), Cllr R Jones (Vice), Cllr S Wilkinson, Cllr D Meakin, Cllr D Jorgensen, Cllr R Grant and Cllr R Kay.

In Attendance: Mrs L Evely (clerk)

Also present: Cllr Ann Myatt (HBC) and 5 members of the public.

2019.0135 **Public Participation.** Any member of the public present at the meeting may make representations, answer questions or give evidence in relation to the business to be transacted. Members of the council who have a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business to be transacted may also speak in relation to that matter. *Please note that the Chairman will control this session and will exercise his discretion as to the amount of time allowed for public participation. No decisions are made at this part of the meeting – this will be done by the Council having heard and noted the representations made:*

Re: 2019.139.11: Playing Field: In the Play Area Inspection Report it was stated that the cricket sight screen is not to be stored on the basketball area. The cricket club representatives suggested a compromise for the goals to be able to swivel in and out. Mark Tankard stated that he will undertake to ensure the PC that he will remove the sight screen at the end of the cricket matches.

The Cricket Club suggested that the play area fence is currently too low and at risk of cricket balls flying into the Childs play area and harming children. They would like it higher to prevent this. DM spoke to the YLCA for advice and it is recommended that the PC carry out a Risk Assessment. Mark Tankard of the Cricket Club stated he recognised that this is a joint responsibility between the PC and cricket club. PC agreed that more notices need to be erected in the play area and one in the basketball area stating that when a cricket match is on there is a risk/danger of balls impacting the area and parents should supervise their children at all times.

GOPlay is still looking into the issues of the goals. This may have to be compromised on both sides.

2019.0136 **Apologies for absence:** nil

2019.0137 **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the Village Hall and declare their personal interests in the Village Hall. Members to indicate whether they will be declaring any other interests under the Code of Conduct.

2019.0138 **Minutes of the previous meeting.** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2019: All present approved. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes.

2019.0139 **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

2019.139.1 LDP Affordable Housing Site, Branton (minute 2012.074 refers): no news

2019.139.2 The Free Landing a) Platform repair update: on hold

2019.139.3 Highways issues a) Dog waste bins: no news b) Traffic calming/speeding on Brown Lane north of junction with Pipers Lane: on going snagging works. c) Keld Lane: maybe better with a product called 'Geocell' product for the drainage problem. Clerk to speak to Seggans landowner regarding the bridleway entrance.

2019.139.4 Tree Management: no news

2019.139.5 Commuted Sums: ongoing

2019.139.6 Fishpond conservation area: The Chairman has emailed the Councillors the content for the Interpretation Board – all present agreed with the content.

- 2019.139.7 Allotments: An allotment has been given notice and will become vacant from the 1st April 2020.
- 2019.139.8 Children's Play Area:
- a) GOPlay update: meeting next week. GOPlay have registered as a CO-OP community fund for the public to support when purchasing from the Co-op a portion of the cost will support the project and help towards the funds. If there is a shortfall in the raising of the grant cost the PC have agreed to fund the shortfall. All present agreed to this.
- 2019.139.9 Development of land to houses and new Public House at Branton Green: Progressing well and houses now for sale.
- 2019.139.10 The Crown: Now for sale £295,000 +vat Tenure Freehold.
- 2019.139.11 Great Ouseburn Parish Council Playing Field, Village Hall a) Mark Tankard c/o cricket club email dated 22.11.19 re:play area: see public participation 2019.135
- 2019.139.12 Flood plan update: RJ ongoing with Dunsforth contact. RJ also looking into who owns the culvert that runs under the village green.
2019. 0140 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**
- To note any decisions received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date
2019. 0141 **Planning Applications**
- 2019.0141.01 Mr Butler, Cedar Croft, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RG 6.80.21.D.LB 19/04179/LB Listed building consent for replacement of water damaged concrete and tile floor: no objections
- 2019.0141.02 Mr Mark Davies, Land to the rear of Avenue House, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn YO26 9RS 6.80.157.D.FUL 19/05295/FUL Land to the rear of Avenue House, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RS: OBJECT – The Councillors object for the following reasons:
- 1) The Driveway is not a road and is restricted to a drive due to the TPO's on The Avenue trees. Any widening of the access would require removal of a tree with a TPO on it which is not acceptable. The neighbouring development with the public house had a limit of 5 houses maximum at the rear. NYCC should be consulted if this access drive is to be joined to a neighbouring development and to create an access road as it will require a full specification like the development on the other side of Avenue House for 9 houses.
- 2) The developments are impacting and destroying the gap between the 2 villages of Ouseburn and Branton
- 3) The site to the East although currently having planning permission for 9 houses still does not have a sustainable design for the road access from Branton Lane and so should be disregarded as far as views are regarded as it may possibly never be built. This development will therefore impact on the important view stated in the Conservation area document from the village green looking across The Seggans.
- To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date
- General items:**
2019. 0142 Parish Newsletter next agenda
2019. 0143 YLCA – to discuss the adoption of LTN22 Grievance and Disciplinary Policies: Adopted
- Items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date
2019. 0144 **Questions from Councillors.** To consider questions from Councillors.
- No progress on Campbell and Penty's development AM (HBC) to chase again.
- SW Will be stepping down shortly therefore if anyone is interested in becoming a Councillor please get in touch.
2019. 0145 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020** To consider the statement of accounts for the current year and approve payments therein: Approved as a true and accurate record.

P37/19	D Meakin (Groundwork fuel receipt August)	£24.59
P38/19	Nigel Roskilly (Groundworks invoice 21.11.19)	£306.00
P39/19	Community First Yorkshire (Annual Membership)	£60.00

Current account balance @ 14.12.19:	23,943.70
Deposit account balance @ 31.12.19:	1,416.23
Reserves account balance 14.12.19:	2,102.83
Less unrepresented cheques/transfer:	1,879.30
Add unbanked receipts/transfers:	
Total:	25,583.46

1. John Chambers wildflower seed £86.40: Approved to pay

Finance items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date

2019.0146 **General Circulation Correspondence received – for information only.** This was noted and passed for circulation by the clerk:

1. Clerk & Councils Direct January 2020 issue 127

2019.0147 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2019.147.1. **Village Hall Committee:** Septic Tank sorted – GOVH will clean annually as recommended. Metal plate was lifted in the play area and concerns that children will have an accident. GOVH getting quotes for a T-bar and lock to put on it.

2019.147.2. **Police Liaison Group:** Boroughbridge and District safer Neighbourhood Group meeting on Thursday 20th February 2020 7.30pm at the Library. DM to attend.

2019.0148 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda: Newsletter**

2019.0149 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn. (Postponed until 26th February 2020).

With there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm