

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr L Paterson, Mr G Potter, Mr M Rampling,  
Mr B Robinson and Mr R White

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr John Savage (NYCC), Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council), PC Paul Haydon and one member of the public.

2009.164. **Apologies for absence.** None.

2009.165. **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.165.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.166. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2009.167. **Public Participation.** Cllr John Savage reminded councillors that the planning application for the incinerator at Tockwith was going to a Committee decision on December 15<sup>th</sup>, with a public meeting at Tockwith School on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Both Cllr Savage and Cllr Leather advised that local government funding was going to be under pressure next year.

2009.168. **Progress Reports.**

2009.168.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.151.1 refers). The first draft of the design for the interpretation board has been circulated and comments fed back. The Clerk to find out if any further grant funding is available for phase 2 of the project (riverbank).

2009.168.2. Playbuilder Year 2 grant application (minute 2009.157 refers). The Clerk advised that the application had not been successful.

2009.168.3. Seat at the bungalows in Branton (2008.202.4). The revised quotation of £425 for the work was approved and it was agreed that this should go ahead as soon as possible.

2009.168.4. Highways issues (minute 2009.151.3 refers). The Highways Authority has suggested arranging a meeting with the Project Manager, John White, to discuss the outstanding issues, and it was agreed to go ahead with this and report to the next Parish Council meeting on the outcome.

2009.169. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None.

2009.170. **Planning applications.**

2009.170.1. Allerton Park Landfill, Knaresborough. Proposed leachate treatment facility and application to enable a revised restoration scheme involving short rotation coppice. Although the Parish Council is not a statutory consultee on this, it was agreed that a response should be made as follows:

- (i) to make a complaint that the Parish Council had not been consulted, as previous assurances had been made that applications at the Quarry would be sent to Great Ouseburn for comment,
- (ii) to note concerns regarding potential run-off to Ousegill Beck and also concerns that the scheme would be damaging to the adjacent bridleway.

2009.171. **Questions from Councillors.** Cllr White asked about the tree planting project and suggested that the tree planting sites should be pegged out.

2009.172. **Creation of a 20mph zone.** Correspondence from the Highways Authority following the speed survey conducted earlier this year was noted, and it was agreed that some kind of visual restriction to the width of the road was required. This issue to be discussed at the meeting with the Highways Authority (see above).

2009.173. **Grasscutting Contracts.** A report was received from the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October with users of the playing field. Cllr Potter has kindly volunteered to work with Jeff Gill on the playing field, which means that any increases in expected costs for grounds maintenance will be minimal. The Chairman thanked him for his

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help with this. The Parish Council will need to cover the cost of fuel and some grass tyres are needed for the tractor – Cllr Potter is sourcing these second-hand.

2009.174. **Community Safety Scheme/Emergency Planning.** It was agreed to invite a representative from Harrogate Borough Council to give a talk about Emergency Planning to the Parish Council at the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December. It was also agreed to invite councillors from other local Parish Councils to the talk.

2009.175. **Children's Play Area.** Following the annual safety inspection, remedial works are required on equipment at the Play Area. It was agreed to replace the cradle seats and D-links on the swings immediately, and the quotation from ATM for fencing work was approved. Other comments on the safety inspection were noted.

2009.176. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2009 – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes).

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| P33/09 | Dalton Enterprises (freelanding) | 207.00 |
| P34/09 | Mazars (external audit)          | 460.00 |

2009.177. **Parish Precept 2010/11.** Initial budget proposals for the precept to be demanded for 2010/11 were considered and it was agreed that these would be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

2009.178. **Correspondence received.**

2009.178.1. Letter from Mr John Clark regarding speeding/heavy traffic. This matter to be raised at the meeting with the Highways Authority.

2009.178.2. Rural Action Yorkshire – meeting at Bishop Monkton on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Noted.

2009.178.3. North Yorkshire Police – Neighbourhood Profile Guides. To be circulated.

2009.178.4. NYCC – Elections to County Area Committee. To be circulated.

2009.178.5. Harrogate & Area CVS – funding bulletin November 2009. To be circulated.

2009.178.6. CPRE – Countryside Voice Autumn 2009. To be circulated.

2009.178.7. Rural Action Yorkshire – Country Air Autumn 2009. To be circulated.

2009.179. **Reports from representatives.**

2009.179.1. **Village Hall Committee.** A 'keyholders' meeting' has been held to offer training regarding the running of the bar under the new licence, which has been approved.

2009.179.2. **Youth Forum.** No report.

2009.179.3. **Police Liaison Group.** PC Haydon gave a brief update on activity in the area. Thefts of agricultural vehicles are on the increase, with some stolen tractors being traced to West Yorkshire. As usual, residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuable property unsecured

2009.179.4. **Yore Vision.** There is a conference on the Environment on 21<sup>st</sup> November in Boroughbridge.

2009.180. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Confirmation of arrangements for the tree planting project, fencing at Piper's Lane pond, next year's Precept.

2009.181. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.