

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16^h May 2007 at 7.45 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs R Girdham, Mr M Rampling and Mr B Robinson.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were seven members of the public.

2007.78 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Judith Burton and Cllr Rachel Kay.

2007.79 **Declarations of Interest.**

2007.79.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2007.80 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 18th April 2007 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2007.81 **Progress Reports.**

2007.81.1 Village Design Statement (minute 2007.57.2 refers). Work continues on this project.

2007.81.2 Use of Aldwark Manor footbridge (minute 2007.57.3 refers). The Clerk reported that she had obtained a verbal agreement from Q Hotels (owners of Aldwark Manor) to the use of the footbridge by walkers and fishermen. A written agreement would be required and the help of the NYCC footpaths officer would be sought.

2007.81.3 Village Hall extension (minute 2007.57.4 refers). A new subcommittee has been formed to deal with this matter. Work should start on the extension next year. Sources of funding include a 'buy a brick' campaign, and the Cricket Club have agreed to help raise funds.

2007.81.4 Kerbing Works (minute 2007.57.6 refers). The Clerk reported that she had discussed alternative methods of retaining the soil on the bank in front of the Church, in the hope that the second course of kerbing stones could be removed. The Highways Authority is considering this.

2007.81.5 New Bus Shelter/Gazebo (minute 2007.57.8 refers). Cllr Rampling reported that following a site visit he was liaising with the supplier and was satisfied that the structure would be well constructed. Work is due to start in the next few weeks. A request has also been received for a bus shelter to be erected near the bungalows on Branton Lane – to be included on the next agenda for discussion.

2007.81.6 Lyndlea, Branton Lane (minute 2007.57.9 refers). The Clerk reported that she had discussed the boundary with the Highways Authority, and that further clarification was being sought on the matter.

2007.81.7 Skip at Vine House (minute 2007.60 refers). The skip has now been removed.

2007.81.8 Bench on Branton Lane (minute 2007.62 refers). The seat has been renovated and the work paid for by the family of the late Mr Toase.

2007.82 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2007.82.1 6 Springfield Rise, Great Ouseburn. Retention of two storey front extension and erection of front bay window. Granted subject to conditions.

2007.83 **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** The following application was considered under the provisions of Standing Order No 32(c)

2007.83.1 Proposed retention of West Riding Unit 1187 at Great Ouseburn Community Primary School. No comment.

2007.84 **Post Office.** Concerns have been raised about the future of the Post Office, in the light of the recent announcement that up to 2,500 Post Offices may have to close, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Anne Mackintosh MP over the issue.

- 2007.85 **RAF Linton on Ouse.** Complaints received about the present increase in flying over Great Ouseburn were noted. The Clerk explained that she had been in touch with the RAF and the increased noise is due to the fact that some runways have been closed while they are being resurfaced. The flying pattern will revert to normal in about 2-3 months. It was agreed that the RAF should be asked to inform local communities in advance of issues such as this, and also that they should be asked to remind contractors of the weight limit at Aldwark bridge. There has been an increase in the number of vehicles being turned round at the bridge.
- 2007.86 **New Code of Conduct.** It was agreed to adopt the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 without amendment.
- 2007.87 **Questions from Councillors.** The Council was asked to report the potholes on Lightmire Lane.
- 2007.88 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2007 – 16th May 2007.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P5/07 | HBC (grasscutting) | £ 202.12 |
| P6/07 | CPRE | £ 27.00 |
| P7/07 | Harrogate District Sports Council | £ 10.00 |
- 2007.89 **Correspondence received.** To consider correspondence received, as follows:
- 2007.89.1 Harrogate Borough Council. Training on meeting procedures, admin and electoral issues. To be circulated
- 2007.89.2 Ipsos MORI. Survey on the future of local government. The Chairman to complete and return.
- 2007.89.3 Harrogate Borough Council. Local government reform, and consultation meeting 14th May. To be circulated
- 2007.89.4 Wetherby District Lions Club – Great Yorkshire Bike Ride June 16th. Noted – to be publicised in the newsletter.
- 2007.89.5 CPRE – Annual Report April 2007. To be circulated
- 2007.89.6 Harrogate Borough Council. Community Land Trusts. To be circulated
- 2007.89.7 Ripon Area CVS – May mailing. To be circulated
- 2007.89.8 SLCC – Model Contract of Employment – Revisions. To be circulated and adopted at the next meeting.
- 2007.89.9 The Playing Field – Spring 2007. To be circulated
- 2007.89.10 North Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board newsletter. To be circulated
- 2007.89.11 Harrogate Borough Council – offer of daffodil bulbs. The Clerk to confirm.
- 2007.90 **Reports from representatives.**
- 2007.90.1 **Village Hall Committee.** The Spring Festival was a great success, raising over £9,000, and the Spring Gardens dance was enjoyed by all those who attended. The next major event is the Birthday Weekend, with a black tie dance on 23rd June and a garden party on 24th June.
- 2007.90.2 **Youth Forum.** A recent trip to the Aldwark Bridge Centre was a great success.
- 2007.90.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No news.
- 2007.90.4 **Yore Vision.** The AGM was held last week – minutes not available yet.
- 2007.91 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**
- 2007.91.1 Allerton Park Quarry – future consultation process.
- 2007.91.2 Carrside Road development by Accent Housing – update.
- 2007.91.3 Discharge into Ousegill Beck.
- 2007.92 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 20th June at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.