

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr Keith Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mrs R Kay, Mr B Robinson,
Mr M Rampling and Mr R White

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

There was one member of the public present at the meeting (Cllr Martin Leather from HBC).

2008.178 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Paterson.

2008.179 **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.179.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.180 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 15th October 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2008.181 **Public Participation.** Cllr Martin Leather advised members that capital expenditure at Harrogate Borough Council would be restricted going forward as the concessionary bus scheme is costing the Council approximately £1.5 million in excess of central government funding.

2008.182 **Progress Reports.**

2008.182.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2008.165.1 refers). The Clerk advised that the area of land known as the Freelanding had now been registered and that further correspondence had taken place regarding the preparation of Statutory Declarations.

2008.182.2 Development at Carrside Road – drainage (minute 2008.165.2 refers). Further work was being done by Harrogate Borough Council to obtain test results from samples taken from the site.

2008.182.3 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2008.165.3 refers). The Clerk confirmed that a further site meeting would take place on 27th November. A list of species required for planting had been provided by BTCV and Cllr Rampling advised that the hedgerow plants had kindly been offered at a reduced price by Thorpe Trees. Material for resurfacing the track could be obtained for the cost of haulage. After some discussion about the fruit trees to be planted it was agreed that this would be finalised at the site meeting.

2008.182.4 Tree Preservation Orders (minute 2008.165.5 refers). The Clerk advised that the TPO had been confirmed on the cherry trees outside Tarndale, but that other TPOs applied for by the Parish Council had been refused as the trees in question were not considered in imminent danger.

2008.182.5 Recycling facility at the Crown Inn (minute 2008.165.6 refers). No response yet from Harrogate Borough Council.

2008.182.6 Provision of a new seat near the bungalows, Branton Lane (minute 2008.165.7 refers). It was agreed that this cost could be covered by commuted sums available. Quotes for the work to be provided at the next meeting.

2008.182.7 Traffic Speed survey (minute 2008.87 refers). No further progress.

2008.183 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2008.183.1 Fields View, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of rear conservatory. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.184 Planning applications.

2008.184.1 Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conservation area application for the demolition of store. (*Cllr Rampling declared a prejudicial interest in this matter*).
No objections.

2008.184.2 Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conservation area application for the demolition of part of front boundary wall (revised scheme). It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond with Option C – neither objecting to nor supporting the application but making comment on the line of the boundary wall and requesting that a full archaeological survey is carried out on the area to be dug out.

2008.184.3 Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 dwelling, detached garage and formation of new vehicular access (revised scheme). As above.

2008.185 Questions from Councillors. The Clerk was asked to report an incident of flytipping on the B6265 to Harrogate Borough Council, and also asked to report to the next meeting on the condition of the roads in the area.

2008.186 Village Design Statement/Conservation Area Review (minute 2008.165.4 refers).
It was noted that a draft copy of the Conservation Area Review had been made available, and that it covered most of the areas included in the proposals for the Village Design Statement. It was agreed to request that an Article 4 Direction taking away permitted development rights with respect to replacement windows and doors is applied to the Conservation Area, and that if this was approved then the Village Design Statement would not be taken any further.

2008.187 Commuted Sums. A draft of the current statement of funds was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should seek further clarification on various items and apply for funds for the Village Hall 'Raise the Roof' project.

2008.188 Moorings. A request from a member of the public to lease a mooring place was noted, and a proposal to install improved pontoon moorings was considered and agreed. It was agreed that planning permission should be sought for one small section of the new pontoon.

2008.189 Purchase of Trees, Branton. The Clerk advised that two Hornbeam trees in 150 litre bags, to replace the trees recently felled in Branton, approximately 20 feet tall, were available through Harrogate Borough Council at a cost of about £340 plus VAT. After some discussion it was agreed that these trees were too big and the Clerk was asked to produce further costings for trees 10-12 feet tall, for the next meeting.

2008.190 Model Publication Scheme. It was noted that the Information Commissioner's Office has developed a new Model Publication Scheme which replaces the 2003 scheme, and it was agreed to adopt the Scheme without modification.

2008.191 NALC 2008/9 Pay Negotiations. It was noted that no agreement has yet been reached in the National Joint Council for local government services and that this failure to agree has been referred to arbitration. It was agreed that in view of the likelihood of further delays the Employer's final offer should be implemented with effect from 1st April 2008.

2008.192 Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2008 – 18th November 2008.

A request from The Ouseburns' Youth Forum for a donation of £250 towards the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party was approved (s137).

Revised quotations for the installation of windows in the new extension to the Village Hall were considered and approved.

The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P27/08	Dalton Enterprises – grasscutting	293.75
P28/08	JSJ Structures – Village Hall	1762.50
P29/08	HBC - grasscutting (1 cut)	69.40
P30/08	L&E Environment – grounds maintenance	435.00
P31/08	JSJ Structures – Village Hall	8414.17
P32/08	HBC - building regs fee	594.90

2008.193 **Parish Precept 2009/10.** It was agreed that an annual maintenance budget for the Freelanding should be included in the precept to be demanded for 2009/10. The final budget for the precept to be agreed at the December meeting.

2008.194 **Correspondence received.**

2008.194.1 Harrogate Borough Council – Leeds City Region Agenda 08 09. To be circulated.

2008.194.2 CPRE “Stop the Drop” Parish Council toolkit. To be circulated.

2008.194.3 York & Selby CPRE Newsletter – Autumn 2008. To be circulated.

2008.194.4 White Rose Update Autumn 2008. To be circulated.

2008.194.5 Countryside Voice Autumn 2008. To be circulated.

2008.195 **Reports from representatives.**

2008.195.1 Village Hall Committee. The Chairman reported that the work on installing the new windows was progressing well.

2008.195.2 Youth Forum. No report.

2008.195.3 Police Liaison Group. No report.

2008.195.4 Yore Vision. The project to re-cobble St James’s Square in Boroughbridge has been abandoned as it proved impossible to obtain all the necessary agreements.

2008.196 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda** included the overhanging trees on Churchfield Lane, and the proposal to apply for listed building status on the old workhouse.

2008.197 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 17th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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