

**Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
at 7.30 p.m., in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn

*Present Keith Scott, Brian Robinson, Judith Burton, Mike Rampling, Marie Grant*

*Also present: District Councillor Chris Lewis, County Councillor John Savage, Ian Shaw*

*The Parish Clerk was on maternity leave*

2013. 102        **Apologies for absence: Graham Potter**

2013. 103        **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the Village Hall and declare their personal interests in the Village Hall.

2013. 104        **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 16/10/2013 were confirmed .

2013. 105        **Public Participation**

No issues were raised

The Chairman introduced Ian Shaw to parish councillors and proposed that he should be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council, now that the vacancy had been properly advertised, and no electors had requested an election. This was agreed unanimously and Mr Shaw joined the Parish Councillors

2013. 106        **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

2013.106.1        Free landing/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.110.1 refers). **No change**

2013.106.2        LDP Affordable Housing Site, Branton (minute 2012.074 refers). **No change**

2013.106.3        Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.110.2 refers). See minute 2012.149.03

The judicial review and appeal process had been exhausted, and the planning permission for the AWRP facility stands confirmed. NYCC appears to be moving forward to financial close. Objectors continue to oppose the implementation. County Councillor John Savage informed Councillors that his petition to the EU alleging financial arrangements for the scheme may be an illegal state subsidy, was being investigated by the EEC. The County Council is proceeding with their Judicial Review application against the government regarding the withdrawal of PFI funding for the incinerator.

2013.106.4        Highways issues.

There had been a meeting of Parish Councillors from both Great and Little Ouseburn with Area 6 managers at Stumps Cross. There seemed to have been a number of internal problems and delay due to failures of the NYCC system. Currently, repair of the large pothole on the corner of Boat Lane seemed to be a priority, but with no date for completion, after over a year.

Councillors agreed that the main problem seemed to be achieving action once problems were notified. The Carr Side grips are to be inspected yet again, when it has been long agreed that they need recutting. Generally there was a pessimistic view that the meeting would change/improve things.

The Parish Clerk will write to enquire whether Great Ouseburn has any money left in the Rural Safety Scheme budget, now closed.

2013.106.5        Tree Management

Hedges will be cut, once weather has dried out a bit. The Oak Tree on the Green will be checked.

2013.106.6        Cold Calling/Neighbourhood Watch within the village

There was insufficient interest from the residents for this scheme to go ahead anywhere within Great Ouseburn.

2013.106.7 Commuted Sums

There was still no up to date information regarding the Parish Council's current balance, and answers to their queries, and requests for the sums to be collected. Chris Lewis offered to chase this and forward answers round Parish Council as a priority

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

2013. 107 Mr P Evely, Dent House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire YO26 9RF 13/03525/TPO 6.80.162.C.TPO Crown thinning and deadwooding of 1 willow tree of tree T3, felling of 1 Damson tree of T4 of Tree Preservation Order 55/2004: GRANT CONSENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

2013. 108 Mr S Parker, West View, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire YO26 9RE 13/03766/AMENDS 6.80.180.D.AMENDS Application for non-material amendment to allow the re-instatement of a window opening and installation of 1 rooflight to planning permission 6.80.180.D.FUL – Conversion of outbuildings to form 1 dwelling with erection of 2 single storey extensions and car port (site area 0.1 ha) (Revised Scheme): Harrogate Borough Council being the Local Planning Authority for the purposes of the application received on 26 September 2013 for Non-material amendments to planning permission, as described above, have resolved to APPROVE the application.

This decision only relates to the non-material amendments sought. It is NOT a re-issue of the original planning permission which still stands and the two documents should be read together.

The above decisions were noted.

2013. 109 **Planning applications:**

2013.109.01 Mr & Mrs S Wooley, Tinkers Hollow, Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire YO26 9SG 6.80.187.B.FUL 13/03447/FUL Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation, erection of car port, alteration to existing window and external rendering (Revised Scheme)

Parish Councillors considered the above application. It was resolved to choose option A – no objections. Keith to pass on decision to HBC

2013. 110 **Questions from Councillors.** To consider questions from Councillors

Keith asked Councillors whether he should write to NYCC regarding a peppercorn lease on the NYCC land on the Great Ouseburn side of the Little Ouseburn Bridge. The Parish Council would then work with residents to maintain sight lines across the bridge in the interests of highway safety and also maintain and improve the biodiversity of this area. This was agreed. Little Ouseburn Parish Council were to be asked if they wished to collaborate with the initiative.

Following the clearance of the brash now on site, help to survey the site, probably in Spring, was to be sought from ecology students at Leeds University and Hanson (Chris Lewis to pursue this via existing contacts)

It was agreed that Judith and Marie would buy flowers for Leoni, following the birth of her baby girl.

2013. 111 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013.** To consider the statement of accounts for the current year and approve payments therein.

**Duly noted**

2013.111.1 Maintenance of playing field estimates – progress report for any new estimates received

No information had been received from the football and cricket clubs. Keith to pursue this.

It was noted that it may no longer be possible to mow the field at no cost and that around £1000 should be included in next year's budget to cover this extra expenditure.

2013. 112 To review the Parish Council's risk assessment dated July 2007

This was considered and found fit for purpose, with the deletion of "Calculate the cost of rebuilding in 2008" as capital costs are now routinely updated annually in line with inflation.

A weekly checklist is to be compiled to assist the regular weekly safety inspection team and provide a record. Green Hammerton Recreational Charity to be asked for a copy of their form (Chris Lewis will do this) as a starting point for this.

2013. 113 To review the Parish Council's Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the YLCA revised standing orders for Parish Councils, subject to the removal of items relating to Wales

2013. 114 Harrogate Borough Council – Harrogate District Local Plan Consultations 18 October – 29 November: Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule (CIL) and; Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): To discuss the documents provided and to decide if a response is to be submitted by the deadline of 4.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013. (all documents previously e-mailed by the clerk to all Councillors)

Keith Scott to respond on behalf of the Parish Council, emphasising the need to improve our local transport infrastructure, notably our access to the A59, because of the exacerbation of existing difficulties at peak time by the proposals for new housing in the District..

2013. 115 Harrogate Borough Council – Parish Estimates 2013/15: The Councillors to discuss and agree the precept for this period and submit forms no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Judith Burton proposed the precept be increased by £1000 per year, to enable the costs of grasscutting on the playing field to be met. This was seconded by Marie Grant and passed unanimously. Keith to notify Harrogate Borough Council.

2013. 116 Harrogate Borough Council – Annual Playground Inspection 2013 – to view and discuss the report with a view to action any relevant works that may need to take place.

There was one "moderate risk" highlighted (the adult ski) and some low risk matters.

Mike, Brian and Ian will review the report and take action to address the issues where required. There will be a report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council

2013. 117 Residents Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner: Progress report for venue and cost.

This is to go ahead, at the cost of £15 per head (paid by the Parish Council) on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00 pm at the Crown. A £350 contribution from the Beer Festival and significant support from the Crown have been received. The menu needs to be circulated asap. Parish Councillors volunteered to do this by the end of the week. Judith and Marie to co-ordinate. There has been an enthusiastic response!

2013. 118 Footpath leading to Fishpond bridge: Councillors to discuss further to the previous meeting of any works required to widen the footpath due to the over growing grass verge

Brian, Ian and Mike will trim the edge back. The Chairman thanked them for their help.

2013. 119 **General Circulation Correspondence received.** This was noted and passed for circulation by the clerk.

**No comments**

2013. 120 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2013.120.01 **Village Hall Committee**

Keith proposed the acceptance of the Village Hall accounts, seconded by Marie. The accounts had been audited by Richard Little, who had found no problems.

The next priority for funding is the refurbishment of the Gent's Loos and the changing rooms. Funding events in the pipeline are the quiz at the weekend, and the Christmas Party night on 13<sup>th</sup> December (choir, carols, mince pies etc)

The School can no longer afford to pay for the staff required to enable the children to use the Village Hall. The Hall Committee had offered to allow usage at no charge if that helped.

Action continues to repair the new wooden floor, in line with technical advice

Plans for Letour are ongoing. Wrecked bikes are being collected and will be sprayed yellow and used for display etc,

Lockable noticeboards will be installed in the village grass verge at both the Village Hall and the School. Judith, Allison and Leoni will be key holders.

2013.120.02      **Police Liaison Group: no meeting**

2013.120.03      **Yore Vision:**

Yorevision have joined Welcome to Yorkshire, to promote the delights of the Lower Ure Valley. Yorevision is creating a website with links to other relevant sites

2013.120.04      **First Responder Scheme.**

Cabinet is ready for installation in the next few weeks.

**2013. 121      Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda**

No suggestions.

2013. 122      **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room at the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.