

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

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

Also present were Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and eight members of the public.

2010.143. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Graham Potter and Cllr Richard White.

2010.144. **Declarations of Interest**

2010.144.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.145. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.146. **Public Participation.**

2010.146.1. Members of the public said there was effluent discharging from sewage pipes in land between Little Ouseburn and Great Ouseburn, and also from manhole covers in Main Street. Although local residents have been in touch with Yorkshire Water about this issue the Parish Council was asked to help with getting the problem resolved. The Clerk to follow up.

2010.147. **Progress Reports.**

2010.147.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.128.1 refers). It was noted that the wildflower area has been given its annual cut.

2010.147.2. Community Emergency Plan/First Responder Scheme (minute 2010.128.3 refers). It was noted that the mobile phone is now in place and the scheme will be launching soon. The free first aid training course was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October by St John's Ambulance.

2010.147.3. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2010.128.4 refers). No further progress to report.

2010.148. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2010.148.1. Hillrise, Moor Lane, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9TT. Erection of single storey side extension incorporating garage and w.c. for occasional use by farm visitors. Granted subject to conditions.

2010.148.2. Longfield House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. An appeal has been lodged against the enforcement decision.

2010.149. **Planning applications.**

2010.149.1. Rosehill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conservation Area application for demolition of garage and granary store. It was agreed that the Parish Council should object to this application, because it involves demolishing a high boundary wall which is a very prominent feature of the streetscape within the Conservation Area (one of the very few original cobbled walls left). The Parish Council does not consider that the proposal to demolish the wall and then rebuild it is acceptable, and would like to see the original structure preserved.

2010.149.2. The Manor House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey extension, installation of 3 windows and 3 roof lights and replacement of window with door and window (standard and Listed Building applications). There were no objections.

2010.150. **Harrogate Borough Council Local Development Framework.** The latest consultation documents issued by Harrogate Borough Council were noted, which include proposals for housing on land between Branton Lane and Carrside Road (RL1064b), providing about 56 dwellings to be a mix of market housing (50%) and affordable housing for local people (50%). It was also noted that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) will be holding an exhibition on 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall.

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The Chairman gave a brief resumé of the issues and noted that although HBC state that just over 670 new homes are required in rural settlements up to the year 2024, there are over 900 in these draft documents, so there is room for numbers to be reduced. There was some discussion on the specific boundaries of the proposed site on the issued plan and it was agreed that the Clerk should query this. Particular concerns were raised about the capacity of the sewage system. This matter to be discussed again more fully at the next meeting, when a suitable response to HBC will be agreed.

- 2010.151. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2010.115 refers). The results of the questionnaire distributed to local residents were noted, with an overwhelming majority of respondents against the scheme. 83% of those who replied agreed with the statement "I want NYCC to spend longer investigating new technologies and other options". In view of this it was agreed that although the Parish Council is always open to further evidence on the issue, there is now a strong remit from local residents to oppose the plans. A letter going out to all Parish Councils from Marton cum Grafton PC and others was read out, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact them to add Great Ouseburn PC's name as a signatory and to write to support Marton cum Grafton's campaign. Members were informed about a visit to an Energy from Waste plant in Sheffield by members of the new Allerton Waste Recovery Park Liaison Group, and other correspondence was noted.
- 2010.152. **Highways Issues.** It was noted that Little Ouseburn Parish Council had agreed to release up to £800 from funds in its own HRSS budget for the weight limit signage re Aldwark Bridge.
- 2010.153. **Harrogate Borough Council – Consultation Meetings with Parish Councils 2010/11.** A report from the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 was received, and it was noted that Highways were going to confirm the exact position with regard to the issue of tree management.
- 2010.154. **Questions from Councillors.** The issue of dog fouling was raised again, and the Clerk was asked to obtain some 'bag and flag' materials from Harrogate Borough Council, and a sign prohibiting dogs from the children's play area.
- 2010.155. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**  
The report from the recent playground inspection was noted, the Clerk to chase up on any repairs required. The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes)
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| P33/10 | HBC - grasscutting (4 cuts) | 253.04 |
| P34/10 | HBC playground inspection   | 60.00  |
- 2010.156. **Correspondence received.**
- 2010.156.1. NYCC – proposed revisions to Home to School and College Transport Policy. Noted.
- 2010.156.2. HBC – proposed changes to discretionary scheme enhancements. Noted
- 2010.157. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2010.157.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The new floor surface has been finished and new doors are in place, with further doors to be replaced soon. The Beer Festival was a great success. The accounts are with the Independent Examiner and will be forwarded to the PC in due course.
- 2010.157.2. **Youth Forum.** Now closed down.
- 2010.157.3. **Police Liaison Group.** The police have had some success in dealing with crime related to poaching activities. They are looking for volunteers to work in Police Stations. In November they intend to highlight motoring offences (speeding, seat belts, use of mobile phones).
- 2010.157.4. **Yore Vision.** No report.
- 2010.158. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.
- 2010.159. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn (note: this is again one week earlier than usual).
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.