

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs M Grant, Mr G Potter and Mr B Robinson.

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

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2011.18. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr J Burton, Cllr L Paterson and Cllr M Rampling.

2011.19. **Declarations of Interest.**

2011.19.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.20. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.21. **Public Participation.** None.

2011.22. **Progress Reports.**

2011.22.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.6.1 refers). The contents of a letter from a local resident were noted, and it was agreed that one of the stones should be moved to allow better access to the back of Aldwark Bridge House. The condition of the pontoons was discussed with regard to replacing rotten timbers and the Chairman agreed to measure up to see what was required. Cllr Potter is dealing with the minor adjustments needed to the entrance barrier.

2011.22.2. Dog Fouling (minute 2011.6.2 refers). It was noted that at the 'Bag and Flag' morning several councillors and the Clerk cleared the verge opposite the Village Hall, and about 200 bags were collected. The Clerk had sent photos to Harrogate Borough Council for them to use in publicity and it was agreed that this should be given further publicity in the next newsletter.

2011.22.3. Land Adjacent to the Playing Field (minute 2011.6.3 refers). The Clerk advised that she had received no response to the letter sent to the landowner.

2011.22.4. Highways Issues (minutes 2011.6.4 and 2011.12 refer). It was noted that there had been further correspondence from the Highways Authority clarifying the long-term maintenance plan for trees in the village as follows:

"Some urgent works have been identified for the trees along Branton Lane which include the removal of dead wood. It is anticipated that these works will be completed before the end of February. Further works of lesser priority have been identified and it is hoped that a number of these will be completed at the same time; however surveys and inspections are ongoing across the District and should works of greater urgency be identified then only the urgent works will be completed on Branton Lane. Furthermore, it is highly unlikely that any works identified as medium or low priority will be completed at all as, due to the funding situation, over the next few years we will only be able to address urgent and high priority works."

The Clerk advised that she was waiting for an update on the situation regarding the condition of the roads and the HRSS project.

2011.23. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2011.23.1. Longfield House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Appeal against Enforcement Notice – part allowed and part dismissed.

2011.23.2. 4 Branton Close, Great Ouseburn. Erection of two storey rear extension. Granted subject to conditions.

2011.23.3. Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 2 single storey extensions to form garden room, study and boot room, garage and workshop (revised scheme) (Listed and standard). Refused.

2011.23.4. The Forge, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Application for a non material amendment for resiting 2 roof lights and installation of 1 roof light in relation to planning permission 10/01893/FUL. Permitted subject to conditions.

2011.24. **Planning applications.**

2011.24.1. 3 Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of replacement rear extension. No objections.

2011.25. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2011.9 refers). It was noted that there were no major new further developments on this matter and no further action was required at this stage.

2011.26. **NYCC Minerals Core Strategy - Parish Councils presentation pack.** The contents of the presentation pack (circulated prior to the meeting) were noted and the Clerk was asked to respond to the two consultation questions as follows:

- When considering impacts and benefits of mineral extraction, the most important topics are

(a) the environmental impact, including noise, visual impact, hours of work

(b) cost-effectiveness and value for money

(c) post-extraction development of sites should be either amenity or agricultural use, not landfill

(d) traffic movements and times

(e) timescales on workings

- The key objective when planning for minerals development should be the suitability of sites as defined by the criteria above.

2011.27. **Article 4 Direction.** Councillors noted the contents of the draft report (circulated prior to the meeting) produced by the Senior Conservation & Design Officer at Harrogate Borough Council, in response to the Parish Council's request for an 'Article 4 Direction' removing the permitted development rights in the Conservation Area re: uPVC windows. It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm that the Parish Council supports the proposals outlined in the report.

2011.28. **Caravan Site, William Burrell & Son, Great Ouseburn.** (minute 2010.56.3 refers).

It was noted that Harrogate Borough Council have previously advised of a breach of planning control due to the apparent creation of a commercial caravan site without planning permission.

It was agreed to write to Harrogate Borough Council to confirm that this site has been in existence for more than ten years.

2011.29. **Questions from Councillors.** None.

2011.30. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payment approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P42/10	Clerk's salary & expenses (3rd qtr)	744.56
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2011.31. **Correspondence received.**

2011.31.1. Rural Action Yorkshire – Rural Community Buildings Training session 10<sup>th</sup> March.

2011.32. **Reports from representatives.**

2011.32.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The VHC is looking at ways of celebrating the Royal Wedding, possibly with an indoor 'street party'.

2011.32.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

2011.32.3. **Yore Vision.** Looking at the amenity buildings in Boroughbridge, including the library, and the possibility that in view of proposed cutbacks this may become a community-run facility. There will be a film show at the Coronation Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

2011.32.4. **First Responder Scheme.** The Chairman gave councillors an update on the scheme, which has received several callouts now. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Marton cum Grafton Parish Council to ask if it wished to join the scheme. More volunteers would be welcome.

2011.33. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda** included whether the Parish Council can do work to trees on the Highway, the condition of pavements.

2011.34. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.