

Great Ouseburn Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 17th May 2017
Chairman's Report

This year we have dealt with around 17 planning applications including the proposal for an explosives store on Lightmire Lane, we also spoke at two planning committee meetings. Suggestions for Green spaces around the village were put forward to Harrogate but unfortunately all were unsuccessful.

The Parish council has taken on the grass cutting in the village and purchased a ride on grass cutter for the job. Graham Potter voluntarily carried out this work in 2016 and this year Brian Robinson, Dave Meakin and Mike Rampling are giving their time to do this work. I would like to extend our thanks to Brian, Dave, Graham and Mike for giving their time which not only saves the parish a lot of money but also gives a quality job and covers a larger area. This year we are also looking at creating a grass path alongside Boat lane to give a safer circular walk.

Three years on the Fishpond area is still looking tidy and until recently there had been no incidents of damage to the bridge since the Parish council took on the maintenance, compared to monthly incidents before. The Parish Council received a grant from the Allerton Park Landscape and Heritage fund managed by the Two Ridings Community Foundation to consult the villages on improving the area and have now been awarded a further grant to produce a scheme and we hope to apply in December for a further grant to carry out the work.

The Dog Fouling problem is still not improving and with the aid of Cllr Ash Teague we hope to work with other parishes to get a bye-law for the playing field.

The older persons Christmas party was held at the Anchor in Whixley and was very successful with 41 attendees, our thanks go to the Beer Festival committee who again gave a donation to finance the event.

Judith Burton, Graham Potter and Ian Shaw stood down from the council and we co-opted Debbi Jorgenson, Gabby Bush and Dave Meakin. Many thanks, to Judith, Graham and Ian for their hard work during their term as councillors.

Thanks:

Thanks to all the councillors who carry out a tremendous amount of unpaid voluntary work to maintain our parish, including maintaining the Verges, Play Area, Playing Fields, Free Landing, Footpath clearance and Fishpond. I thank all the councillors for this hard work, without which the parish would not be such a beautiful and vibrant place to live.

Keith Scott, Chairman, Great Ouseburn Parish Council