

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs M Grant, 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 one member of the public.

2011.50. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr J Burton and Cllr G Potter.

2011.51. **Declarations of Interest.**

2011.51.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.52. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.53. **Public Participation.**

2011.53.1. Mr John Helliwell from Kirby Hill Parish Council spoke about Boroughbridge Library (item 2011.57). He seemed to think that funding will not be such a big issue, as they will be able to generate some revenue by increasing the bookings for the upstairs meeting room. For the project to be viable they will need at least 24 volunteer librarians, who would receive training from NYCC. This could be given some publicity in the Newsletter.

2011.53.2. Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) advised that the next ward meeting with the Highways Department would be on 6<sup>th</sup> June at the new Boroughbridge depot. It was agreed that the Clerk should send an email to Highways before that date to remind them of all ongoing issues.

2011.53.3. Cllr Martin Leather also advised members that the new Community Police Officer is Neil Waite, who is operating out of Boroughbridge. There have been recent incidents of fuel being stolen from HGVs parked overnight, and from farms.

2011.54. **Progress Reports.**

2011.54.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.39.1 refers). A meeting had been held with the Fishing Club and they have agreed that they have no objections to signing the agreement to create the new footpath. However, they have lost the original document that had been sent to them by NYCC some time ago – the Clerk to advise NYCC so that this matter can finally be completed.

David Burton has offered to help with the wording of the final Heritage Lottery Fund grant application, and has suggested that the school could be more involved in the project, also the Scouting Centre and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. It was agreed that it might be a good idea to develop a leaflet about the Freelanding and the new footpath when it is finally approved, to raise awareness locally. The grant application is drawing on the Parish Plan for proof of local need and it was noted that the Parish Plan is 8 years old now. This is something that needs to be addressed and updated in the future.

2011.54.2. Land Adjacent to the Playing Field (minute 2011.39.2 refers). The Clerk advised that she had still not received any response from the landowner and it was agreed that no further action would be taken on the matter.

2011.54.3. Highways Issues (minute 2011.39.3 refers). The Highways Department have confirmed that they would not have any objections to the Parish Council doing some work to maintain the trees on Branton Avenue in the future, as long as the contractors were approved by NYCC. This is something that could be discussed on 6<sup>th</sup> June as some jobs could be done by local volunteers who are not NYCC-approved.

2011.54.4. Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.42 refers). There will be a meeting with local MPs in Arkendale on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, to discuss what they can do to help residents who are opposed to this scheme.

- 2011.54.5. High Speed Rural Broadband (minute 2011.43 refers). The Chairman reported that the Parochial Church Council are happy in principal for an aerial to be installed on the top of the church tower. Plans are being drawn up, and a decision on whether or not to award the contract to NYNET is imminent. Fujitsu/Virgin have also recently announced that they will be developing rural broadband as well, although this would probably not reach out to villages but be centred in market towns.
- 2011.54.6. Church Field Lane sign (minute 2011.6.5 refers). It was noted that the sign has been replaced in a slightly different format and it was agreed that further enquiries should be made about whether a 'no through road' sign could be put in place.
- 2011.55.           **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**
- 2011.55.1. Starra Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Tree Preservation Order No 48/2010. Approved on a provisional basis for six months.
- 2011.56.           **Planning applications.**
- 2011.56.1. William Burrell & Son, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing caravan site.  
It was agreed to confirm that the top end of the site, next to the yard, has been used as a caravan site for approximately five caravans for about the last thirty years. However, the field itself has only been used for some occasional rallies for less than ten years, and there have not been any permanent caravan sites on the field. There are now some static caravans which are occupied all year round, and the understanding is that these have only been in place for about the last two years
- 2011.56.2. Mole Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of conservatory to rear.  
No objections.
- 2011.56.3. Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of car port to additional living accommodation (listed and standard applications) (revised scheme).  
No objections.
- 2011.57.           **Boroughbridge Library.** Proposals were noted to maintain Boroughbridge Library on the basis of a community management group and volunteer librarians from April 2012. It was agreed to keep in touch with Kirby Hill Parish Council regarding the library project.
- 2011.58.           **Armed Forces Day.** A copy of a letter from the Chief of the Defence Staff to the Chief Executive of NYCC was noted, regarding a request to fly a flag on the third annual Armed Forces Day on 25<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed to purchase a flag and to fly the flag on 25<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that the best site for the flag would be the Village Green – the type of pole to be used to be decided.
- 2011.59.           **New litterbin in Branton.** There is a problem with dog fouling and bags being left on the verges, and it was agreed to purchase a new litterbin to be sited just near the entrance to the footpath near the pond.
- 2011.60.           **Ouseburn Football Club.** It was proposed that following various issues to do with the non-payment of the bond, the condition of the field, clearing the dressing rooms, moving the goalposts after the end of the season, and so on, that the contract to lease the playing field to Ouseburn Football Club should be cancelled.  
It was noted that there have been no complaints about the Harrogate U-19s team and it was agreed that they should be allowed to lease the playing field next season.
- 2011.61.           **Heating Oil Co-Operative.** A proposal to start a Heating Oil Purchasing Co-Operative to cover local villages was noted – to be given publicity in the next Newsletter.
- 2011.62.           **Harrogate Borough Council Bulb Scheme.** It was noted that Harrogate Borough Council have offered a choice of bulbs this year and it was agreed to plant crocus corms on the Village Green this year instead of the usual daffodil bulbs.
- 2011.63.           **Questions from Councillors.** The condition of the roads was again raised as an issue, with many potholes in the roads locally. This matter to be raised at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- 2011.64.           **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011.**  
The quote for grasscutting in 2011 from Harrogate Borough Council was approved.

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

P1/11	YLCA membership	194.00
P2/11	HBC non-domestic rates	25.22
P3/11	Broker Network Ltd - insurance	1,123.13
P4/11	D2 Tyres	70.50

2011.65.       **Correspondence received.**

2011.65.1. Email from a local resident regarding setting up a village email link. Noted, and this will be mentioned again in the next Newsletter.

2011.66.       **Reports from representatives.**

2011.66.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The doors still need replacing but most of the other renovations have been completed.

2011.66.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

2011.66.3. **Yore Vision.** A facilities survey is being conducted in Boroughbridge to find out what public rooms/spaces are available.

2011.66.4. **First Responder Scheme.** The scheme is still waiting for Criminal Records Bureau paperwork to come through on various volunteers – more volunteers are always welcome.

2011.67.       **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** An update on recycling in Harrogate.

2011.68.       **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn. The meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.