

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of the Great Ouseburn Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7.35 p.m. Main Hall, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Cllr K Scott, Cllr R Jones, Cllr R Kay, Cllr Jorgensen, and Cllr D Meakin.

In Attendance: Mrs L Evely (clerk)

Also present: Cllr A Paraskos (NYCC)

- 2021.020 **Reminder** by the Chairman of the Parish Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting: Read out by the Chairman.
- 2021.021 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Wilkinson, Cllr R Grant and Cllr A Myatt (HBC).
- 2021.022 **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the Village Hall and declare their personal interests in the Village Hall. Members to indicate whether they will be declaring any other interests under the Code of Conduct.
- 2021.023 **Minutes of the previous meeting.** To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 15th May 2019 and the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 2021: All present approved.
- 2021.024 **Election of Chairman to serve for the year 2021/2022:** Chairman Keith Scott stood down as Chairman. We would like to thank Cllr Scott for his many years in this role and his dedication and knowledge is irreplaceable. The Parish, Councillors and Clerk thank you for all your hard work and time you spent in this voluntary role making our Parish a better place for us to live it is much appreciated.
Cllr R Jones nominated by Cllr Kay and seconded by Cllr Jorgensen. Cllr Jones now Chairman and signed the 'Declaration of acceptance of Office'.
- 2021.025 **Election of Vice-Chairman to serve for the year 2021/2022:** no volunteers for vice-chair therefore this role is vacant and awaiting to be appointed.
- 2021.026 **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.** To appoint representatives to serve on the following bodies for the year 2021/2022:
2021.26.1. Village Hall Committee: Cllr Jones and Cllr Jorgensen.
2021.26.2. Police Liaison Group: Cllr Jorgensen.
- 2021.027 **To appoint Committees.** To consider creating committees of the Parish Council and to appoint members to them: nil.
- 2021.028 **Annual Subscriptions.** To approve membership of the following organisations for the year 2021/2022:
2021.28.1. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - £217: Agreed by all present.
2021.28.2. Yorkshire Air Ambulance - £100: Agreed by all present.
2021.28.3. Community First Yorkshire - £40: Agreed by all present.
2021.28.4. Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) - £36 last year: Agreed by all present.
2021.28.5. Information Commissioners Office (Data Protection renewal) £40: Agreed by all present.
2021.28.6. Any other organisation not listed above: nil.
- 2021.029 **Internal Auditor.** To confirm the appointment of Mr James Mackman as internal auditor for the year ended 31st March 2021: £80: Agreed by all present.
- 2021.030 **Statement of accounts.** To confirm and adopt the accounts and statement of balances for the year ended 31st March 2021, including the letter to the internal auditor regarding the review of effectiveness of the audit.

To approve the accounting statements and annual governance statements on the Annual Return to be sent to the external auditors.

2021.031 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To note that the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 18th May 2022.

2021. 032 **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

2021.32.1 The Free Landing a) Platform repair update b) Nicky Dwight telephone call regarding the state of repair of the pontoon and boat rental for 2021/22: Update: maintenance has now been carried out by Mr Dwight and the clerk is to contact to discuss the mooring fee.

c) Debbi Jorgensen email 29.04.21 terms and conditions for the boat mooring to be discussed: RK to send RJ terms and conditions.

2021.32.2 Highways issues: Chicane on Branton o/s Branton Grange has been knocked down by a tractor therefore RJ to contact highways to see if can renovate again. a) Nick Wilson's email dated 07.05.21 regarding tipping and burning on Lightmire Lane: The Councillor's discussed this matter and agreed it was on private land therefore a private dispute.

2021.32.3 Tree Management a) Nick Wilson email dated 03.05.21 regarding hedges and trees to be discussed: The Avenue of Lime Trees are maintained by HBC for NYCC. The trees will get trimmed on Lightmire Lane KS will kindly organise. Churchfield Lane trees are over a high wall and no action is needed.

2021.32.4 Great Ouseburn Parish Council Playing Field, Village Hall a) Sub-committee update b) DM/Nick Palmer of Agripest email dated 14.05.21 – Rabbits on Seggans Lane: All present agreed to book Agripestmanagement in for November 2021 further to their recommendation. The clerk is to write to Sunnybank on Seggans Lane to see if they would also be interested.

2021. 033 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2021.33.01 Planning Enforcement: dated 12.01.21 case ref: 21/00008/PR15 Land comprising field at 445318 462330 Copthorn Lane, Great Ouseburn, North Yorkshire – Alleged Breach: Erection of wooden outbuilding with possible domestic use. Update – no news

To note any decisions received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date.

2021. 034 **Planning Applications:**

To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:

Mrs Laura Hackett, 3 Poplar View Cottages, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, YO26 9RF 6.8.212.FUL 21/01613/FUL Proposed Garage Conversion: No objections.

General items:

2021. 035 Sue White letter dated 04.05.21 regarding newspaper article 'No mow May' to help pollinators: The Councillor's agreed that this was a lovely idea however, with only being a small Parish Council we do not have the equipment to tackle once so overgrown and needs cutting. We have for a few years and plan to continue to leave all the lanes for wildflowers and wildlife. The Fishpond area which is maintained is covered in dandelions which are excellent for bees. The Councillors agreed to now leave the area next to the gravel path on the village green next to the Seggans and leave to be wild.

2021. 036 YLCA – Rural Broadband Consultation: Members to take part if they wish to.

2021. 037 Aldwark Bridge Inquiry documents to discuss (emails dated 06.05.21): The Councillors agree to a price increase but can see a disadvantage to the local school. The PC will keep a watching brief on the situation and see what the Public Inquiry brings.

Items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:

2021. 038 Sanctuary Housing/HBC Housing & Property 7 Branton Court, Great Ouseburn Nomination request and PC verification: Unable to verify as not enough details.

2021. 039 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022** To consider the statement of accounts for the current year and approve payments therein: Approved as a true and accurate record.

Finance items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:

1. D Meakin/Morrisons 30.04.21(Grass cutting fuel) £13.42 inc vat.: Approved
2. D Meakin/Morrisons 11.05.21(Grass cutting fuel) £12.13 inc vat.: Approved

3. D Meakin/Screwfix 03.05.21(Decking sealer for pontoon repair - Freelanding) £24.99 inc vat.:
Approved

2021. 040 **General Circulation Correspondence received – for information only.** This was noted and passed for circulation by the clerk: Circulated

2021. 041 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 which will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the Main Hall, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm