

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr Keith Scott (Chairman), Mr B Robinson, Mrs R Kay, Mr L Paterson,
Mr M Rampling and Mr R White

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

There were three members of the public present at the meeting, including Cllr John Savage (NYCC) and Cllr Martin Leather (HBC).

2008.142 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Judith Burton.

2008.143 **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.143.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.143.2 Cllr White declared a personal interest in item 2008.148.2.

2008.144 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 20th August 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2008.145 **Public Participation.** Cllr John Savage informed members of the Parish Council that he had been in contact with the owners of 'Tarnedale' and was going to see them again, with a view to helping them get the matter sorted out with NYCC (item 2008.150 refers).

2008.146 **Progress Reports.**

2008.146.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2008.133.1 refers). No further progress on this matter.

2008.146.2 Development at Carrside Road – drainage (minute 2008.133.2 refers). The Clerk reported that the planning officer at Harrogate Borough Council had told her that he had not yet had confirmation from Yorkshire Water that the drainage issue had been signed off. It was agreed that the Parish Council should contact Yorkshire Water directly about the matter.

2008.146.3 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2008.116.2 refers). See item 2008.154 below.

2008.146.4 Village Design Statement (minute 2008.116.1 refers). Cllr Paterson reported that together with the Chairman he had attended a 'Q&A' session at the school. The children were very interested and were carrying out a survey and had taken some photographs around the village, which will be included in the exhibition. Issues raised by the children included: graffiti at the playground and the fact that the roundabout does not work properly, the speed of buses through the village, and the condition of the noticeboard. It was agreed that these matters would be followed up by the Clerk and Cllrs Kay and Rampling.

2008.147 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2008.147.1 Mole Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey side and front extension, rear conservatory, side canopy, etc (revised). Granted subject to conditions.

2008.147.2 The Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Formation of disabled access ramp, and listed building application for same. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.147.3 Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.148 **Planning applications.**

2008.148.1 Gilling House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of outbuilding to form additional living accommodation. No objections.

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- 2008.148.2 St Imoges, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling etc (revised). It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond with Option C – neither objecting to nor supporting the application, but making a comment regarding the fact that no off-road parking facilities were shown on the plans.
- 2008.149 **Questions from Councillors.** The contractors responsible for cutting the grass at the Village Green have seriously damaged the young trees by strimming at the base. The Clerk was asked to contact Harrogate Borough Council about this and report to the next meeting.
- 2008.150 **Cherry trees adjacent to Tarnedale, Main Street** (minute 2008.103.2 refers). Correspondence on the matter was noted and following some discussion regarding NYCC's responsibilities for these trees it was agreed that the Clerk should apply for Tree Preservation Orders in the interim.
- 2008.151 **Recycling facility at the Crown Inn.** It was agreed that a request should be made to Harrogate Borough Council for the mini-recycling centre to be re-installed at the rear of the pub.
- 2008.152 **Condition of Roads.** The present condition of the roads was noted – with potholes on Church Field Lane, Lightmire Lane, Carrside Road and collapsed utility trenches in Main Street. The Clerk advised that after she had contacted the Highways Authority they had mended some potholes and have put the other matters on their list to do – including the utility trenches as they are beyond their maintenance period. It was agreed that the Clerk should provide a complete list of problems to Cllr John Savage so that he could take the matter up with Highways.
- 2008.153 **Provision of a new seat near the bungalows, Branton Lane** (minute 2008.120 refers). Cllr Rampling reported that following informal consultation with local residents on the matter, there was general support for the idea of installing a bench seat and a small area of planting. A budget of £1,000 should be put aside for the project. It was agreed that the project should be supported, and the Clerk should find out whether sufficient commuted sums were available to cover the costs. As the land belongs to Harrogate Borough Council permission should be sought.
- 2008.154 **Freelanding project (riverbank).** A scheme for further work to improve the river bank area was considered and approved. The basic plans are the same as those on the existing planning permission so no further permission is required. It was agreed that revised costings should be obtained but it was anticipated that a budget of around £10,000 would be needed. It was resolved to apply to Awards for All for grant aid. Further possible sources of funds include Yore Vision, commuted sums, and local fundraising and support. The Clerk was asked to obtain a more precise timetable of works on the freelanding from BTCV.
- 2008.155 **Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme Bids.** It was noted that the bid for the creation of a footpath from Branton Lane across the grass to the Village Hall from the 2008/9 round had been successful. Following advice from Highways that the £2,000 granted was unlikely to be enough to cover the scheme it was agreed that it should be put forward again for further funding from the 2009/2010 budget.
- 2008.129. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2008 – 16th September 2008.**
A request from the football club for a grant towards the cost of installing the floodlights was considered. As they are available for everybody to use, on a token-pay system, it was agreed that a grant of £300 be made (under s.10 of the 1906 Open Spaces Act).
The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P17/08 | HBC - grasscutting (3 cuts) | £208.19 |
| P18/08 | Clerk's salary and expenses - 2nd quarter | £698.19 |

2008.156 **Correspondence received.**

- 2008.156.1 Harrogate Borough Council Parish Training 8th October. Noted.
- 2008.156.2 CPRE booklet "North Yorkshire Landscapes". To be circulated.
- 2008.156.3 Harrogate District Meet the Funder date 28th October 2008. To be circulated.
- 2008.156.4 Harrogate Borough Council questionnaire August 2008. The Clerk to respond.

2008.157 Reports from representatives.

- 2008.157.1 Village Hall Committee. The extension work will be starting at the end of September/beginning of October. New activities in the Hall include a karate class and an adult education class starting in the New Year.
- 2008.157.2 Youth Forum. There are some new members and new helpers. The next activity being planned is the Older Persons Party at Christmas.
- 2008.157.3 Police Liaison Group. The last meeting on 1st September was held in Great Ouseburn and was very poorly attended. Matters discussed included: drug use in the area, which is very low. There is a problem with alcohol abuse and road safety issues with young drivers – however the Pub Watch scheme in Boroughbridge is proving very successful. Overall the crime rate is lower than last year, but this masks an increase in vehicle crime. Detection rates are also low. The next meeting will be on 1st December in Boroughbridge.
- 2008.157.4 Yore Vision. The work on re-cobbling St James's Square has to start within the next four months although there have been problems getting all the required permissions from landowners.

2008.158 Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda. Tree Preservation Orders, the NYCC Waste Core Strategy, Community Safety Plans.

2008.159 Date and Time of next meeting. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 15th October 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.