

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Cllr K Scott (Chairman), Cllr B Robinson (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Rampling, Cllr Ian Shaw, Cllr J Burton, Cllr G Potter.

**In Attendance:** Mrs L Evely (Clerk)

Also present: 2 members of the public.

2014. 1 **Apologies received for absence:** Cllr M Grant , Cllr Lewis (Harrogate Borough Council)

2014. 2 **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.

2014. 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting.** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014: The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman had received a text from Mrs Prosser of Clematis Cottage asking to change item 2013.173 of the minutes as she believed them to be incorrect. The Councillors discussed and reviewed the minutes and all present agreed them to be accurate. Please see minute 2014.06 where this item was discussed.

2014. 4 **Public Participation.** Any member of the public present at the meeting may make representations, answer questions or give evidence in relation to the business to be transacted. Members of the council who have a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business to be transacted may also speak in relation to that matter. *Please note that the Chairman will control this session and will exercise his discretion as to the amount of time allowed for public participation. No decisions are made at this part of the meeting – this will be done by the Council having heard and noted the representations made:*

Mr White and Mrs Rayner who rent allotments queried the notification that they had received about work to be carried out shortly involving machinery in the ditch at the allotments. Mr White raised the issue that this is being done at the wrong time of year mainly due to the fact of the wildlife present in the beck and should also be done at the end of the growing season. Mrs Rayner was also concerned that she has erected children's safety fencing along the beck line. Mr White informed the council the beck is running well after the last work that was carried out in the beck. All Councillors present agreed not to carry out the work if not required and requested for the allotment holders to notify the parish council if any maintenance works are required in the future. Cllr Rampling and Cllr Robinson will check the status of the allotments.

2014. 5 **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

2014.5.1 Free landing/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.110.1 refers): The pothole at the entrance is still outstanding. Awaiting a digger.

2014.5.2 LDP Affordable Housing Site, Branton (minute 2012.074 refers): e-mail dated 11/04/14 16.28hrs discussed – no further news.

2014.5.3 Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.110.2 refers). See minute 2012.149.03: No current updates.

2014.5.4 Highways issues: E-mail responses read out from Highways dated 09.04.14 and 02.04.14. Barriers are to remain on the junction of Boat Lane and Main Street – The repair failed and barriers to stay in place until fixed. Cross Lane is not Vehicle worthy however; the council will not fill in the potholes due to no houses being on the lane so not classed as urgent. The large pothole has been fixed at the 1<sup>st</sup> corner on the Seggans Road to Dunsforth. The cracked rumble strip at Little Ouseburn end of the village; poor footpaths from Jasmine Cottage to the junction with Light mire Lane together with poor footpaths on Branton Lane including Branton Close have been inspected and viewed as no actionable defects present and will be inspected again in 3 months. The Parish

Council are not going any further with the vehicle crossing on Boat Lane therefore no application will be submitted.

2014.5.5 Tree Management: no news.

2014.5.6 Commuted Sums: see minute 2013.126 Showers and football goal posts at the village hall have been submitted for payment.

2014.5.7 Fishpond Conservation Area: E-mails dated 07.04.14 and 14.04.14 were discussed concerning Terms of approval and legal fees.

2014.5.8 Parish Council noticeboard repair: Thanks given to Cllr Rampling for repairing the noticeboard.

2014.5.9 Allotments: see minute 2014.4

## **2014. 6 Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council:**

Planning Enforcement Case Ref: 14/00152/PR15 – Clematis Cottage, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire YO26 9RT – Extension of Garden into Agricultural Land. The site was visited on 8 April 2014. The outcome of the investigation is as follows: - Written confirmation has been received advising that the recently acquired agricultural land has been fenced off only and is not an extension to the garden. In view of this no further action will be taken in the matter at the present time and the case will be closed.

Councillors brought up concerns about the building taking place at 'The Forge' as they are not as per the consulted planning application due to the use of plastic windows. The Chairman was informed by the planning department that the parish response was not received. This is incorrect as the Clerk copied the Chairman in on the e-mail that was sent in response. The Council also claim to have sent consultations regarding the plastic windows plus other large alterations. These were not received by the clerk. The clerk is to consult with Councillor Lewis of how to proceed with the planning department as these problems started when they asked us to go electronically in responding to applications rather than staying with the paper format which was more reliable.

### 2014. 7 **Planning applications:**

To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: None

### 2014. 8 **Questions from Councillors.** To consider questions from Councillors:

Cllr Potter requested to put on an estimate for the cricket playing field fencing on the next agenda under finance. Plus also raised concerns about the signs on the York Road junction as they are blocking the visibility splay and making it dangerous for cars pulling out onto the road. This will be reported to highways to take action.

Cllr Burton raised again the fencing on the highway at Rosehill. Cllr Robinson suggested that he will have a word with the owner to move onto his own land in the footings.

Cllr Scott is going to obtain an estimate for a CCTV Camera for use at the Village Hall to solve the problem of dog owners letting their dogs foul on the playing field. Plus posters to show people CCTV in operation.

Cllr Shaw asked if anybody else is having problems with the broadband in the village. – a lot of people having the same problem. Cllr Scott informed pilots are taking place in other villages to solve the problem therefore will hopefully be solved shortly.

Cllr Scott requested to put on the next agenda the possibility of having a sub-committee for the Fish Pond area.

### 2014. 9 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.** To consider the statement of accounts for the current year and approve payments therein. All present agreed as a true and correct record.

P1/14	W T Webster (hedge cutting)	£84.00
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P2/14	Nigel Roskilly Tree Maintenance	£128.00
P3/14	Mark Harrod Ltd (Football Goalposts)	£684.00

2014.9.01 The Parish Council to discuss the proposal of installing a vehicle crossing at Boat Lane. If the cost is approved to complete the NYCC Vehicle Crossing Application Form: This was decided to not go ahead.

2014.9.02 To discuss with a view to adopting the NALC 'Legislative Reform Order – Repeal of Section 150 of the Local Government Act 1972: Power for local councils to make electronic payments and revised template Financial Regulations': This was discussed and all present agreed to adopt and the Chairman signed and dated the paperwork.

2014. 10 The Parish Council are to confirm that the AGM, Annual Parish Meeting and Ordinary meeting will take place next month in May as usual: This was agreed to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

Items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date

2014. 11 **General Circulation Correspondence received – for information only.** This was noted and passed for circulation by the clerk

2014. 12 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2014.012.01 **Village Hall Committee:** The Chairman and Vice Chairman are stepping down. The AGM will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

2014.012.02 **Police Liaison Group:** no news

2014.012.03 **Yore Vision:** A radio interview will take place on Saturday and advertised throughout Yorkshire. A Walk festival will take place on Good Friday – Bronte Trail and finishing at the pub.

2014. 13 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda:** Sub-committee for the free landing

2014. 14 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 at 8.00 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room at the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn. The meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held at 7.30 p.m.