

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mr L Paterson, Mr M Rampling, Mr B Robinson  
and Mr R White

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present was Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and two members of the public.

2009.94. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr John Savage (NYCC).

2009.95. **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.95.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.96. **Minutes of the previous meetings** held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.97. **Public Participation.** A member of the public asked that the Village Hall Committee be made aware that children had been climbing on the club room railings at the Village Hall.

2009.98. **Progress Reports.**

2009.98.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.79.2 refers). The Clerk reported that the Big Lottery Fund administrators had confirmed that the new spending suggestions for the previously underspent grant were approved. It was agreed that:

- (a) the smaller edging logs should be replaced with vertical timber posts
- (b) further soil shifting work should be done to level the lower part of the site
- (c) some extra timber posts could be placed at the entrance to prevent further erosion of the corner
- (d) a height restriction bar should be placed over the entrance track
- (e) a new tree should be planted near the entrance to replace the sapling which had died.
- (f) an interpretation board to be placed at the site
- (g) a litter bin to be placed at the site.

Quotes to be obtained for all the work.

2009.98.2. School Liaison (minute 2009.78 refers). The Clerk to contact the school regarding developing closer ties in the future.

2009.98.3. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.79.1 refers). No further progress.

2009.98.4. Village Sign at Carrside Road (minute 2009.85 refers). The Clerk reported that she was waiting for a response from the Highways Department on this issue and the next two matters.

2009.98.5. Extension of speed limit on Carrside Road (minute 2009.86 refers)

2009.98.6. New 20 mph speed limit outside the school.

2009.98.7. Condition of roads (minute 2009.38.4 refers). Some further resurfacing work is being done in the village this week – this matter to be discussed at the next meeting when work has been completed.

2009.98.8. Trees outside Tarndale (minute 2009.23.7 refers). The Clerk reported that North Yorkshire County Council had agreed to settle the property owner's claim for damages from the trees, and that as the TPOs were not confirmed by Harrogate Borough Council the trees will now be removed by NYCC to avoid further claims in the future. It was agreed that replacements could be planted some distance from the wall – the Clerk to contact the owners. It was noted that funding could possibly be provided by Yore Vision, and that a licence would have to be signed.

2009.98.9. Calor Village of the Year competition (minute 2009.42 refers). The Clerk reported that the application had not been successful in going through to the next round.

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- 2009.99. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** No decisions had been notified.
- 2009.100. **Planning applications.**
- 2009.100.1. Prospect Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of a detached garden store. Cllr Rampling declared a personal interest. There were no objections to the application.
- 2009.101. **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority regarding the poor visibility at various junctions on the B6265 because the verges needed cutting, and also to find out when the basal growths on the trees on Branton Lane were going to be cut.
- 2009.102. **The Crown Public House.** The recent closure of the pub was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the agents to find out more details.
- 2009.103. **Committed sums.** It was noted that further committed sums funds had been made available to the Parish Council from an application that had previously been missed off the spreadsheet produced by Harrogate Borough Council. It was also noted that clarification was still being sought regarding four more planning applications that still do not appear on the spreadsheet. It was noted that requests for further amounts in the Village Hall fund and also in the 'cemeteries' fund (for work to create the disabled ramp at the church) had been approved. Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) to be given copies of correspondence regarding the missing applications.
- 2009.104. **Proposals for Incinerator at Allerton.** The present timetable for the planning process was noted as follows:  
During the summer NYCC is going through the process of selecting its preferred bidder. Once the preferred bidder has been appointed they will go through a pre planning application consultation with the local community, which will include presentations to local groups. Feedback from that process will be used in preparing the planning application, which will probably not be put forward until next year. A request from DISC (the Don't Incinerate Steering Committee) for a donation towards their funds was considered. The Clerk was asked to clarify with YLCC whether or not the PC could make a donation without falling foul of the 'predetermination and predisposition' rules, as the PC will be a statutory consultee in the planning process. The Clerk to report to the next meeting.
- 2009.105. **Maintenance of Playing Field.** After some discussion, it was agreed that as the owner of the playing field, the Parish Council should control the maintenance of the field. No invoices for ground maintenance should be issued by any group other than the Parish Council. The Clerk to contact parties involved to inform them. The costs of using the tractor to be brought to the next meeting
- 2009.106. **Village Hall Accounts.** It was agreed that the monthly financial summary reports given to the Village Hall Committee should be copied to the Parish Council, as part of the regular reporting procedure to the Parish Council.
- 2009.107 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009.** The purchase of an outside locker/storage bin for the mini-tennis nets was approved – up to a cost of £250. The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P13/09 | Excel Flooring (Leeds) Ltd (Village Hall) | 2,530.00 |
| P14/09 | Big Lottery Fund (VAT element repaid)     | 667.00   |
- 2009.108. **Correspondence received.**
- 2009.108.1. Mayor of Harrogate - invitation to the Chairman to attend the Civic Service on 5<sup>th</sup> July. The Chairman to reply.
- 2009.108.2. CPRE – consultation on City of York local development plan. To be circulated.
- 2009.108.3. Harrogate Borough Council – Leeds City Region update. To be circulated.

2009.109.      **Reports from representatives.**

2009.109.1.      **Village Hall Committee.** At the AGM last month, Sue White was elected as the new Chairman and Rachel Kay the new Treasurer.

2009.109.2.      **Youth Forum.** The Youth Forum will be closing for the summer holidays next month.

2009.109.3.      **Police Liaison Group.** The CAP group has been reorganised, with the next meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September in Boroughbridge.

2009.109.4.      **Yore Vision.** Yore Vision is holding its AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> June.  
Funding is available for tree planting and it was agreed that trees could be planted as replacements for the dead trees outside the Village Hall, and as replacements for the trees that are going to be removed outside Tarndale. There was also room to plant more trees at the Freelanding, and near the bungalows in Branton.  
This matter to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

2009.110.      **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Possible donation to the PCC towards the cost of the disabled access ramp at the Church, suitable sites for tree planting, repairs to the playing field following the building work at the Village Hall, grant applications to Yore Vision.

2009.111.      **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Mr Jeff Gill, speaking from the floor, expressed his thanks to Keith Scott and Paul Thompson for the huge amount of work they had done in the creation of the new club room.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.