

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mrs M Grant, Mr G Potter, Mr M Rampling  
and Mr B Robinson.

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

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

2011.90. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr L Paterson. Cllr John Savage (NYCC) also sent his apologies.

2011.91. **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.92. **Minutes of the previous meetings** held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.93. **Public Participation.** Re agenda item 2011.94.4 (kerbing), the comment was made from the floor that the general consensus was that the new kerbing did not look in keeping with the rest of the lane.

2011.94. **Progress Reports.**

2011.94.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.82.1 refers). It was agreed that this area needs to be kept mown for at least a couple of years in order to keep the weeds down while the grass establishes itself. It was agreed to reimburse the costs of the pontoon purchased privately by the tenant of one of the moorings.

2011.94.2. Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.82.2 refers). There have been no new developments on this matter.

2011.94.3. High Speed Rural Broadband (minute 2011.82.3 refers). The Chairman informed members that the Church has approved the installation of the small aerial at the top of the tower. NYNET are working to get this project started as soon as possible – it may be that Great Ouseburn is the first village to get connected to the high speed service. The Chairman also commented that the radio waves that will be transmitted will be the same strength as those emitted by a standard household wireless router.

2011.94.4. Church Field Lane sign (minute 2011.82.4 refers). It was noted that the Highways department is looking into putting a 'No Through Road' sign on the church wall – the Clerk to contact the PCC to ask if this would be acceptable.

It was noted that granite sett kerbing has been placed along part of Church Field Lane, together with some large rocks, and it was agreed that the Highways department should be contacted regarding this.

2011.94.5. Highways issues (minute 2011.39.3 refers). A report was received from the Ouseburn Ward Highways meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that the work to install dropped kerbs is promised within the next 6-8 weeks. The new signs re Aldwark Bridge are ready and just need erecting. The Highways department is aware of the state of the footway through Branton, and is also aware of the potholes near the school and the entrance to the village. It was agreed that written confirmation should be obtained of the situation regarding who was permitted to do tree work. The Clerk to arrange for a cut on the verges in the parish.

2011.94.6. Proposed Article 4 Directive, Conservation Area (minute 2010.98.11 refers). No developments on this issue were reported.

2011.95. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None.

2011.96. **Planning applications.**

2011.96.1. Jasmine Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn YO26 9RW Conservation area consent for the demolition of boundary wall (revised scheme). The Parish Council supported the application.

- 2011.96.2. West View, Main Street, Great Ouseburn YO26 9RE. Conversion of outbuilding to form 1 dwelling with single storey link extension. The Parish Council supported the application.
- 2011.96.3. West View, Main Street, Great Ouseburn YO26 9RE. Demolition of redundant agricultural building. No objections.
- 2011.96.4. Fieldhead, Main Street, Great Ouseburn YO26 9RG. Erection of single storey extension, alterations to windows and doors and removal of 1 white willow, 1 pear tree, 2 plum trees and 1 Lawson cypress within Great Ouseburn conservation area. No objections.
- 2011.97. **Donation from The Crown Inn.** The donation of £60 from the Crown Inn was noted with thanks and it was agreed that this should go towards the cost of the older persons' Christmas party.
- 2011.98. **Piper's Lane Pond.** The growth of Himalayan Balsam and other weeds in and around the pond was noted and it was also noted that this has been dealt with by a local resident, with thanks.
- 2011.99. **Appointment of new Clerk.** The resignation of the current Clerk was noted and it was agreed that the position should be advertised via the YLCA website. It was hoped that a new Clerk could be in post for September.
- 2011.100. **Questions from Councillors.** Councillor Burton raised the issue of dog fouling again, particularly at the children's play area. The Clerk to obtain some signs.  
The poor condition of local roads was again mentioned, the Clerk to contact Highways.
- 2011.101. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payment approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P7/11	Linton Lock Marina	250.00
P8/11	CPRE (membership)	29.00
P9/11	Websters (grounds maintenance)	192.00
P10/11	Rural Action Yorkshire	35.00
P11/11	HBC (grasscutting)	130.32
P12/11	Lund (pontoon + install)	400.00
P13/11	M&J Rampling (pontoon installation)	123.20

- 2011.102. **Correspondence received.**
- 2011.102.1. HBC – annual inspection of children's play area at a cost of £60. Agreed.
- 2011.102.2. HBC – commuted sums policy training. Noted.
- 2011.103. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2011.103.1. **Village Hall Committee.** Following the AGM, Sue White has been re-elected as Chair of the committee. The accounts have gone to the new internal auditor and should be available to the Parish Council for approval shortly.  
A Race Night is being held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.  
The recent Film Night was successful but the blackout blinds were not 100% effective.
- 2011.103.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.
- 2011.103.3. **Yore Vision.** The facilities survey conducted for Boroughbridge includes the Village Hall at Great Ouseburn. Yore Vision has also had its AGM recently. They will still be issuing some grants in the coming year, although at a reduced rate.  
The family cycle ride was very well attended.
- 2011.103.4. **First Responder Scheme.** There are some new volunteers in the scheme now, receiving training and refresher training.
- 2011.104. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** The condition of the bench on the Village Green.
- 2011.105. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.