

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs R Kay and Mr M Rampling.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

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

2009.112. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr J Burton, Cllr L Paterson, Cllr B Robinson, and Cllr R White. County Councillor John Savage also sent his apologies.

2009.113. **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.113.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall

2009.114. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 17th June 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.115. **Public Participation.** None.

2009.116. **Progress Reports.**

2009.116.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.98.1 refers).

A letter from the surveyor to Aldwark Bridge concerning soil under the arches was noted, and the Clerk advised that she had contacted them to confirm that the soil would be moved away.

Quotes are being obtained for the work, as well as for the other outstanding items.

An initial design for the entrance sign was considered but not approved as it was considered to be too stark – amendments to be requested.

The 'end of grant' report has been submitted to the Big Lottery Fund for approval.

2009.116.2. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.98.3 refers). The Clerk advised that Statements of Truth had been prepared by the solicitor for signature.

2009.116.3. Village Sign at Carrside Road (minute 2009.98.4 refers). The Clerk again reported that she was still waiting for a response from the Highways Department on this issue and the next three matters. Cllr Martin Leather to take this matter up with the Highways Department.

2009.116.4. Extension of speed limit on Carrside Road (minute 2009.98.5 refers).

2009.116.5. New 20 mph speed limit outside the school (minute 2009.98.6 refers).

2009.116.6. Condition of roads (minute 2009.98.7 refers).

2009.116.7. The Crown public house (minute 2009.102 refers). The public house is being actively marketed by Fleurets in Leeds, who specialise in this type of business. They have confirmed that there have been a few viewings but no offers yet.

2009.116.8. Commuted sums (minute 2009.103 refers). It was agreed to claim the balance of 'outside sports facilities' money that needs to be spent by September this year against the bill for levelling the edge of the outfield.

Enquiries to be made to see whether the money in 'childrens' equipped play areas' could be spent on (a) provision of tennis rackets and (b) provision of a gate/fencing.

2009.116.9. Proposals for an incinerator at Allerton (minute 2009.104 refers). The Clerk advised that the whole matter has been delayed for at least three months by NYCC. This means that any planning applications would be made in about September 2010. Harrogate Borough Council's planning committee voted to object to plans for an incinerator at Tockwith.

2009.116.10. Trees outside Tarndale (minute 2009.98.8 refers). The trees have been removed by NYCC. The owner of the property has kindly offered to make a contribution towards the cost of replacement trees. To be included in the Yore Vision grant application (see 2009.121 below).

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- 2009.116.11. New Neighbourhood Watch signs (minute 2009.82 refers). The Clerk advised that these are available at a cost of £7 each. It was agreed to place four signs in the village – at Branton, Carrside, Seggans Road and the Main Street near the school.
- 2009.116.12. Verges at Church Field Lane (minute 2009.38.3 refers). Correspondence on the matter was noted and the biodiversity management plan suggested by NYCC's Biodiversity Officer was accepted without amendment. Quotations to be obtained from grasscutting contractors. At the same time it was agreed that up to date quotes should be sought for all the grasscutting contracts in the village.
- 2009.117. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None.
- 2009.118. **Planning applications.**
- 2009.118.1. Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RG. Erection of 1 dwelling (Site Area 0.04). No objections.
- 2009.118.2. Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RG. Conservation area application for the demolition of outbuildings. It was agreed that the response to this application should be Option B, objection, on the grounds that the removal of the traditional cobbled walled outbuildings would cause harm to the street scene in the middle of the Conservation Area. It was agreed that there was no objection to part of the outbuildings being demolished but that part which is adjacent to the street should be preserved.
- 2009.119. **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways department to ensure that the verge at the Burn Beck junction were cut as it was causing problems with visibility. Also the basal growths on the trees on Branton Lane need cutting back.
- 2009.120. **Grant to PCC towards the cost of installing disabled access ramp.** It was agreed that a decision on this matter would be deferred until more details of the costs are known.
- 2009.121. **Grant application to Yore Vision for tree planting.** It was agreed to apply to Yore Vision for grant aid towards the cost of planting trees in Great Ouseburn. Suitable sites include: outside the Village Hall (to replace two dead saplings), adjacent to the childrens' play area, along Seggans Road, at Piper's Lane, at the Burn Beck junction, at the Freelanding, at the Bungalows on Branton Lane, and outside Tarndale (to replace those recently removed).
The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Thorpe Trees for advice on suitable species, and a meeting with the owners of Tarndale to agree on sites and species for trees outside the property.
- 2009.122. **BBC/Big Lottery 'Village SOS' Fund.** The launch of the scheme was noted and it was agreed that no action was required on the matter.
- 2009.123. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2009 – 15th July 2009.**
It was noted that the internal audit of the year ended 31st March 2009 was satisfactory. Costs for grasscutting at the playing field were noted, and it was agreed that these costs and charges, if any, to users, should be included in discussions when setting next year's precept. It was noted that the Village Hall 'raise the roof' project still requires heating panels, some additional lights and a disabled lift and it was agreed to apply to spend commuted sums funds on these items. Quotes to be sent to Harrogate Borough Council for pre-approval of the spending. The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P15/09	HBC - grasscutting	353.17
P16/09	Yore Vision - projector hire 2008/9	60.00
P17/09	Marmax Products Ltd (seat for bungalows)	163.30
P18/09	Clerk's salary and expenses - 1st quarter	823.25
P19/09	James Mackman - internal audit	80.00
P20/09	Green-Tech - grounds maintenance	101.78
P21/09	HBC - grasscutting	141.27

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2009.124. **Correspondence received:**

2009.124.1. Great Ouseburn school newsletter – July 2009. To be circulated.

2009.125. **Reports from representatives.**

2009.125.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The minutes from 4th June were noted. There will be a fund-raising raffle and event in the Club Room on Friday 24th July. There may be a theatre group in October.

2009.125.2. **Youth Forum.** The term finished on 14th July with a barbeque – thanks to Newby Hall Farm Shop who donated the food for this event.

2009.125.3. **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.

2009.125.4. **Yore Vision.** There will shortly be a new Chairman.

2009.126. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None raised.

2009.127. **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 16th September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

At the end of the meeting Cllr Rachel Kay tendered her resignation, due to commitments with the Village Hall in her new role as Treasurer. The Chairman thanked her for all her input and said that her hard work over the years was appreciated.

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