

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd November 2017
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 D Meakin, Cllr S Wilkinson, Cllr R Kay, Cllr D Jorgensen.

In Attendance: Mrs L Evely (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr A Paraskos (NYCC) and 6 members of the public.

2017. 120 **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence** Cllr G Bush, PCSO Jan Powell and PCSO Philip Wright (North Yorkshire Police).

2017. 121 **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: Cllr R Kay re: minute 2017.126.02

2017. 122 **Minutes of the previous meeting.** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2017: Approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.

2017. 123 **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.*

Re: minute 2017.124.7 a) Ian Jakulis of TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) relies on landowners for Environmental and Conservation works to be carried out. Recent local works have been through the Allerton Park funded work at Marton-Cum-Grafton woodland and footpath school projects.

In Great Ouseburn Parish TCV are looking at a grant for the wetland areas along Ousegill Beck, in particular to remove the species such as the Himalayan Balsam. The Parish allotments could be included in the grant for improvement under wildlife support and an Interpretation Board could be displayed.

TCV would draft the grant for the Parish Council and any amendments necessary and help submit the grant documents. The next submission will be in 6 month's time. All present agreed for TCV to proceed with the project. Ian Jakulis will now prepare a draft and forward this to the Chairman, Cllr Keith Scott who will oversee the project/correspondence.

Re: minute 2017.128 Leah Swain – British Science Week: Leah Swain is a Chief Officer of a charity and regularly obtains grants for different projects. These sometimes have short deadlines like the British Science week which has now passed. This was missed due to the Parish Councils meetings being held on a monthly basis and some deadlines are shorter. Mrs Swain believes a lot of school children in the village and neighbouring villages would benefit from such activities which could be held at the village hall. Mrs Swain asked the Councillors if any future events similar to the British Science Week come up would they be willing to support her so the event can take place and Mrs Swain will apply and submit the grant work. If the Councillors did not agree to a particular project then it can be withdrawn at any stage. All Councillors present agreed this was a good idea.

Member of the public asked due to the possible Green Hammerton development will it have a detrimental effect on the Aldwark Bridge? The clerk to speak to the company but one comment made was that they may be in support as more business/income of traffic over the bridge.

Member of public asked the Councillors what their stance is on the proposal of the Sugarbeet factory by Allerton Park waste site. The Councillors responded that they do not have a stance as the Parish Council are a consultee and have to remain impartial until the planning application has been submitted. The Councillors can also submit their personal views privately.

2017. 124 **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

- 2017.124.1 LDP Affordable Housing Site, Branton (minute 2012.074 refers): no updates
- 2017.124.2 The Free Landing: no updates.
- 2017.124.3 Highways issues: Street Lighting has been reported but still outstanding. The edge of the road has sunk outside Chapel House and fills with water. The pothole on the village green is still outstanding.
- a) NYCC – Boat Lane Grass Path: Need 3 more sections to complete. Cllr Scott will obtain.
- b) Moor Lane issues (inc Proposed water pumping station): Stephen Balmforth e-mail dated 14.11.17 have offered a one off payment of £1500. The Councillors requested Cllr Scott to request £2000 so we can put it towards the proposed new Play area.
- c) Pipers Pond: more work has been carried out and the drainage is complete. The plan is to de-silt the pond in the Summer months
- d) Mrs I Wormald – School Parking Issues: The police have now reported that they will not deal with the double yellow lines. White lines are to be 11m from the junction. The Councillors suggested to keep the head teacher updated and if he can help control teacher and parent parking.
- 2017.124.4 Tree Management – no news
- 2017.124.5 Commuted Sums – no news
- 2017.124.6 Fishpond conservation area: The planning has gone through and been passed with an amendment that the beck is not to be widened. All present agreed for Cllr Scott to sign the grant when it comes through.
- The drainage board has been down and clearing trees and carrying out maintenance works.
- 2017.124.7 Allotments: no news
- a) Ian Jakulis, The Conservation Volunteers update: see minute 2017.123
- 2017.124.8 Children’s Play Area: a) to discuss the Dog Warden HBC, Dog Fouling Order/Dogs on a lead on the playing field.: no news
- b) Sovereign Playground Design and Quotation dated 2 June 2017: ongoing
- c) Annual Play Area Inspection Report to discuss: Mike/Brian are to look at the bearings – Project ongoing to redesign the play area.
- 2017.124.9 Allerton Waste Recovery Park: no news
- 2017.124.10 The Crown Inn: no news – The Meakins trimmed the window boxes.
- 2017.124.11 Two Ridings Community Foundation Grant: see minute 2017.124.6
- 2017.124.12 Development of land to houses and new Public House at Branton Green: no news
- 2017.124.13 The Pensions Regulator: no news
- 2017.124.14 Village Hall ‘Disaster Plan’: Cllr Jorgensen is to invite The Dunsforth representative to the next meeting.
- 2017.124.15 Senior Citizens Christmas Party – price from The Anchor to discuss: £10 per head for 2 courses. Booked for Thursday the 14th December 2017 11.45 – 12noon.
2017. 125 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**
- 2017.125.1 Mrs Leoni Evely Little Ouseburn Bridge, Church Lane, Little Ouseburn, North Yorkshire 6.89.8.A.FUL DCPEFULZ 17/03461/FUL Replacement of bench and footbridge; erection of information panel and landscaping. GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.
- 2017.125.2 Tregaron Lodge, 103 Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York, YO26 9RQ **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASE NO: 17/00597/PR15 PLANNING REF: 09/01818/FUL** Erection of flue - in breach of the Great Ouseburn Article 4 Directive (removing some Permitted Development rights)
- 2017.125.3 Mr & Mrs Clapperton, Ousebank Farm, Great Ouseburn, North Yorkshire YO26 9TP 6.80.72.E.FUL 17/04180/FUL Erection of annex with associated garaging for Ousebank Farm. APPROVED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

2017.125.4 Mr N Corban, Ousegill Warehouse, Carr Side Road, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9TW DCPCWDN 6.80.5.F.PWR 17/03902/PWR Notification of prior approval for change of use from storage (use class – B8) to 5 no. dwellings (use class – C3) WITHDRAWN

2017.125.5 Raven Developments Ltd, Ousegill Warehouse, Carr Side Road, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9TW DCPCWDN 6.80.5.G.FUL 17/03909/FUL Demolition of industrial unit and erection of 5 detached houses, conversion of existing buildings to form 3 dwellings WITHDRAWN

To note any decisions received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:

2017.0125.06 Harrogate Borough Council letter dated 13.11.17 Tree Preservation Order no. 65/2017 Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn

2017. 126 Planning applications

2017.126.01 Mr W Ashcroft, 6 Branton Close, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire YO26 9SF 6.80.201.FUL 17/04558/FUL Erection of single storey extension: The Councillors discussed this application and have no objections.

<http://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OXRRUQHMYMRR00>

2017.126.02 Mr and Mrs R Kay, Land adj to Gardeners Cottage, Back Lane, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RQ DCPARISH 6.80.125.AB.FUL 17/04658/FUL Erection of 1 no detached dwelling. Conversion of outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation. Formation of driveway and vehicular access: The Councillors had a site visit and made the following comments:

1. Entrance Gateway should be made to look like an old agricultural barn doorway with rustic wooden doors and a rustic wooden beam above, to be in keeping with the original building.
2. The pointing of the converted building should use lime mortar.
3. The conversion of the building should have a clause to remain as ancillary to the new building and prevent separate use.
4. There should be a clause added to restrict further houses in the garden.
5. During construction, building deliveries and builders vehicles should use the parking area adjacent to the caravan site down back lane, to prevent obstruction and damage to Church Field Lane and back lane should be repaired on completion

<http://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OY4QJ8HYMTR00>

2017.126.03 Mr R Parkin, Land Comprising Field at 445716 463020, Lightmire Lane, Great Ouseburn, North Yorkshire DCPARISH 6.80.198.A.FULMAJ 17/04562/FULMAJ Change of use of land from agriculture to explosives storage and distribution place (use class B8) with erection of three floodlit earth bunded storage magazines, one earth bunded sampling ground, detached storage building, and re-packing shed, with associated access and hardstanding (site 4.35ha): The Councillors discussed this application and wish to object due to the following points as per the previous application 6.80.198.FUL 16_04473_FUL:

1. The transport road system is not capable of taking this traffic and the route for the Artic Lorry to drive down Carr Side Road is not realistic. The lane is too narrow and at points you would be unable to pass an artic lorry as it is currently too tight for regular sized vehicles. As you enter the village on this route cars park on both sides of the road. There is a blind bend which when cars are parked an Arctic lorry would not be able to pass. The dustbin lorries already struggle on this route. The turnings that the Artic lorry would make at the village green would result in the village green being churned up which are a historic feature of this Conservation village. The carriageway from Oaklands Farm on Light Mire Lane is between 5-6m in width which would result in the grass verges being destroyed. Other road routes entering the village are not possible for an Artic lorry to use due to the turning at Brown Lane end being too tight due to the bends and Little Ouseburn end of the village have weight restrictions on the toll bridge and Fishpond Bridge. On the planning application for the drawings of the trucks turning in and out of Branton Lane onto Green Hill

(The village Green) measurements are shown as 5.07m. This is incorrect the correct measurement which we have taken a photo of is 4.02m. To do a manoeuvre the driver will have to drive on the wrong side of the road and go on the verges of the Conservation village green. Their plans of the route on Carr Side Road also show all the cars parked on one side of the road which is totally unrealistic as they park on both sides at points and is too narrow for a artic lorry to pass through. Please see e-mails with photographic evidence.

2. In recent years planning applications have been refused even at appeal stage when trying to change open countryside may I ask you to view planning application 6.80.166.A.FUL DCREFULZ 06/00643/FUL. The proposal would encroach onto the River Ouse floodplain such as to cause undue harm to the otherwise open agricultural landscape of this locality contrary to policies A1, C2 & C13 of the Harrogate District Plan. The appeal decision APP/E2374/A/06/2017828 & APP/E2374/A/06/2017323 also states refusal due to 'The countryside between Great Ouseburn and the River Ure is unspoilt and apart, from occasional aircraft noise, tranquil. The landscape is attractive and made up from open fields bounded by trees and hedgerows. There is a general absence of buildings. The lanes in this vicinity are used for quiet recreational including walking and riding'. All other points in this appeal refusal are valid for this application due to the harmful effect it would have on this village and lane. Such vehicle movement and associated noise and activity would erode the peaceful nature of the local area.
3. Another recent planning application was declined for 39 residential houses on Branton Green due to the vehicle impact in this area. Therefore this should be again considered and taken into account with this application proposing a number of HGVS/Artic lorries on a regular basis are not acceptable in this rural conservation village. No transport analysis has been carried out for this village and a risk assessment should be carried out.
4. Lightmire Lane is not suitable for HGV/Artic vehicles as it is a narrow single track lane with no passing places. Great Ouseburn Parish Council owns this lane and will not approve any passing places. It is regularly used by horse riders/The local Hunt/Dog walkers and farmers. The HSE guidelines for this proposal say 'Class A distances should be used for bridleways, footpaths, footways and waterways used by more than 20 people in any 24-hour period. Class A distances should also be used for a road used by more than 20 and no more than 500 vehicles every 24 hours'. Wood Lane and Lightmire Lane are permissive public footpaths which, was created by John Coates of DEFRA Countryside Access grant scheme.
This lane is clearly against this rule being a permissive public footpath and does have more than 20 people passing this site on foot/riding and farming vehicles within a 24 hour period. Dog walkers of the village regularly use this route down Lightmire Lane straight onto Wood Lane, do a circular walk around Galegate and return back down wood lane - Lightmire lane. The other HSE relevant statements are: Class C distances should be used for places of public resort. Places of public resort are places other than buildings where more than 100 people are present or are likely to be present on at least a weekly basis. Class C distances should also be used for a road used by more than 10 000 vehicles every 24 hours.
And: Class E distances should be used for any vulnerable buildings. The vulnerable building distances for Hazard Type 3 or 4 explosives are the same as those for other buildings. I have attached the whole document so you can view the chart accordingly.
5. This application goes against the Harrogate District Landscape Character Assessment – Aldborough Moor and Great Ouseburn low lying farmland. A copy of which is attached.
6. The access from the village green/Lightmire Lane junction is very busy due to the Village Hall being located here together with the Children's play area. The access to the village hall has a blind access and if this application is granted this will make this lane very dangerous near the Village Hall and Children's play area due to increased traffic flow. The village hall has an increased problem with parking on the lane due to not having an overflow car park as events are always taking place and the village hall is always in use, therefore another problem for an arctic lorry to pass the parked cars on this single track road. This lane is not salted in winter months and in wet weather has a large amount of water flowing down the road making it unsafe for vehicles.
7. The drainage in Great Ouseburn is already over capacity and in any heavy downpours overflows and floods the roads. The water flows like a river down the highways. Therefore the Councillors support the Ainsty Drainage Boards view that the proposed soakaway is not satisfactory and will be impossible to soakaway the surface water due to the existing clay land.

8. There is no information specified with regards to the proposed Lighting. The lighting in open countryside would be viewed from the North side of the village, Upper Dunsforth, Branton Green and Aldwark. Any PIR controlled lighting will go on and off due to the abundance of wildlife in this area such as Deer, Badgers (which live in the adjacent hedgerow), Buzzards (which are nesting in the lane), Owls and Red Kite. This will surely have an impact on the wildlife habituating in this open countryside.
9. There is no explanation or details on the plans of what takes place in the 're-packing/sampling shed'. Is this testing the explosives? What would the noise and safety levels be? Is there an emergency plan – how would they get fire engines down there and water from? Fires could affect Farmers straw fields etc
10. It has been explained that this site will be 'un-manned' and to contact the police if a problem. The police were called last week to a problem in the village and took over 2 hours to respond. A key holder has to live within 20 minutes of site and believed to be based in York. In an emergency if during the day it takes longer than 20 minutes to reach this site due to heavy traffic flows on the A59 and A19.
11. It also concerned the Parish Councillors that it will be known that explosives will be stored on this site un-manned. Will it bring crime/unwanted attention to the area as this site is easily accessed by road and river. What security is there to avoid this from happening?
12. The Parish Council would like to know how the explosive products will be moved and hours of work. Vehicle parking details are not specified and need to be provided.
13. Are there any welfare facilities taken into account for drivers, people packing/unpacking?
14. This proposal has no benefits to the community or job opportunities.

<http://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OXVH75HYMS300>

2017.126.04 Brexco Ltd, Land Comprising Field at 445716 463020, Lightmire Lane, Great Ouseburn, North Yorkshire DC500PRA 6.80.198.HSC.16/05077/HSC Application for Hazardous Substances Consent for the storage of up to 50 tonnes of Explosive and up to 200 tonnes of Ammonium Nitrate.: The comments of the above application are to be submitted.

<http://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OGUEBTHY0DN00>

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

General items:

2017. 0127 Neil Terrett e-mail dated the 31st May 2017 regarding a Neighbourhood Plan – to discuss further from the last meeting: Delayed to the next meeting.
2017. 0128 Leah Swain - British Science Week: see minute 2017.123: see public participation minute 2017.123
- Items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:
- 2017.128.01 Paul Gill email 20.11.17 Proposed Sugar beet factory: see public participation minute 2017.123.
- 2017.128.02 Harrogate Borough Council letter dated 17.11.17 Grants for Parish Grass Cutting: Read out by the Chairman.
2017. 0129 **Questions from Councillors.** To consider questions from Councillors: nil
2017. 0130 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018** To consider the statement of accounts for the current year and approve payments therein. The accounts were approved by all present as a true and accurate record.

P29/17	Topping Engineers (Fishpond Bridge Flood Risk Assessment)	£540.00
P30/17	Nigel Roskilly (Groundworks invoice 14.09.17)	£229.00
P31/17	Great North Air Ambulance (Annual Donation)	£100.00
P32/17	PKF Littlejohn LLP (Annual Audit Fee)	£120.00

P33/17	D Meakin (Groundworks September fuel receipt)	£13.62
P34/17	K Scott (Screwfix – piping for boat lane project)	£26.97
P35/17	Harrogate Borough Council (Playground Inspection fee)	£66.00

Current account balance @ 14.11.17:	16,031.21
Deposit account balance @ 31.10.17:	1,411.76
Reserves account balance 14.11.17:	2,096.15
Less unrepresented cheques/transfer:	1,096.09
Add unbanked receipts/transfers:	500.00
Total:	18,943.03

2017.0130.01 Trish Meakin (Plants for the Great Ouseburn Village Trough) £31.64: agreed to pay

2017.0130.02 Harrogate Borough Council Invoice 2961649 Annual play area inspection fee £66: agreed to pay

2017.130.03 HSBC Mandate to complete sections 3 b & c and nominate persons. Written on mandate

2017.130.04 HSBC Reserves and Deposit account. The Councillors to decide which account they wish to close and where to transfer monies: Keep Reserves account and close the deposit account and transfer any monies into the Reserves account. The clerk to write a letter to the HSBC and get two signatory Councillors to sign and date.

Finance items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:

2017.130.05 Great Ouseburn Primary School – Head teacher e-mail dated 22.11.17 regarding Early Years equipment funding request: agreed to support

2017. 0131 **General Circulation Correspondence received – for information only.** This was noted and passed for circulation by the clerk

2017.0131.01 YLCA - General Data Protection Regulations - Payment of fees to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) (e-mail 17.10.17)

2017.0131.02 Community First Yorkshire – Rural News October 2017 (e-mail 18.10.17)

2017.0131.03 NALC Chief Executives Bulletin no.37 20.10.17 (e-mail 23.10.17)

2017.0131.04 NALC Chief Executives Bulletin no.38 27.10.17 (e-mail 01.11.17)

2017.0131.05 NALC Chief Executives Bulletin no.39 03.11.17 (e-mail 13.11.17)

2017.0131.05 NALC Chief Executives Bulletin no.40 10.11.17 (e-mail 13.11.17)

2017. 0132 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2017.132.01 Village Hall Committee: nothing to report apart from the CCTV is just being finished.

2017.132.02 Police Liaison Group:

20/10/2017 - Small drugs seizure from a young person on Brown Lane

23/10/2017 - Minor injury collision on the B6265

23/10/2017 - Theft from an outbuilding on Church Field Lane

20/11/2017 - Non injury collision on the B6265

We have also dealt with several incidents involving the residents of Branton Court. The Housing Association and myself are working together to prevent further problems.

2017.132.03 Yore Vision: no news

2017. 0133 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda:** Cllr Jorgensen sends apologies for the next meeting

2017. 0134 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

With there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm