

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council at 7.00 pm on 16th April 2025 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors R. Jones (Chairman), E. Bainbridge, G. Jackson, K. Scott, S. Wilkinson

Clerk: J. Merriman

Public Session

No members of the public were present therefore the public session did not take place.

2024/199 An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

2024/200 Apologies were received from County Councillor Warneken and Councillor Grout. and reasons for absence approved.

2024/201 Declaration of Interest

a) There were no declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

b) No applications for dispensation were received

2024/202 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2025 were received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings subject to minor amendments. (These were circulated under separate cover).

2024/203 The Clerk provided a verbal report on behalf of Councillor Warneken on North Yorkshire Council.

2024/204 **Clerk's report**

- The agreed donation has been made to Townend Field
- The allotment letters requesting rent for 2025/6 have been sent to all holders
- The potential allotment holder for allotment 5 has been notified of the vacancy and is carrying out a site visit with Councillor Jones
- 10 litter pickers have been requested from NYC
- James Mackman has been appointed as the internal auditor for year end 2023/24

2024/205 Owl box

The purchase of an owl box for the allotments was considered and it was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting and to ask Councillor Grout to suggest a site.

2024/206 The following financial matters were considered:

- (a) Payments to include; £18.00 Village Hall, £27.28 Dave Meakin Petrol
- (b) A letter from PKF Littlejohn was received and the Certificate of Exemption for 2024/5 was received, approved and signed.
- (c) The Bank Reconciliation was noted

Balance Bfwd as at 05/03/25	£ 21,077.50
Income	£ 29.90
Expenditure	£ 5,100.91
Balance as at 09/04/25	£ 16,006.49

2024/207 Planning Issues

a) Planning applications

Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments
ZC25/00952/DISCON	Approval of details under Condition 3 (Percolation Report and Drainage Strategy) of Planning Permission ZC23/03752/FUL (Erection of single storey extension and alterations to approved barn conversion, erection of detached car port and change of use to domestic garden)	Burrows Park Back Lane Great Ouseburn York North Yorkshire YO26 9AB	NO COMMENT
6.80.154.B.FUL ZC25/01017/FUL	Conversion of existing workshops to create 4 dwelling houses.	William Burrell And Son Main Street Great Ouseburn York North Yorkshire YO26 9RQ	NO COMMENT
DCPARISH 6.80.85.TCON ZC25/01152/TCON	Felling of 6no. Leylandiiall (marked in blue on submitted plan) and crown reduction (by 10m) of 7no. Leylandii (marked in red on submitted plan) within Harrogate	White Cottage Main Street Great Ouseburn York North Yorkshire YO26 9RF	SUPPORTS

	Conservation Area.		
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b) Planning enforcements – no planning enforcements were received

c) Planning decisions

Application No	Proposal	Location	Decision
ZC25/00445/TPO	Lateral reduction of 1 no. Birch of the lower crown on the house side to gain a maximum of 2m clearance from the building within TPO No. 49/2023 (HAR) G1.	Fieldhead Main Street Great Ouseburn York North Yorkshire YO26 9RG	Granted subject to conditions

2024/208 **Townend Field**

An update was received from Councillor Jackson

2024/209 **Playing field fence**

An email regarding damage to the field fence was received and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should reply to confirm that the council will pay for the posts.

2024/210 **Ousegill Monument move – planning requirements**

An email was received regarding planning requirements for moving the monument and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact Highways (cc Councillor Warneken) and the landowner for proof of land ownership and also to contact English Heritage.

2024/211 **Standing Orders**

Revised standing orders were received from NALC and approved.

2024/212 **Free landing**

A payment board was considered, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would look at the example on the Townend Field website and replicate it on the council website. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Scott would contact Joseph Lund regarding cutting back the paths and the Clerk would contact NYC regarding verges and commuted sums.

2024/213 **Elderberry bush**

An email was received from a member of the public regarding an elderberry bush, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would ask Nigel Roskilly to chop it down and kill it

2024/214 **Land Registry communication**

An email was received from the land registry regarding the cricket club lease and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact them to confirm that the lease and a new plan will be re-issued for signature.

- 2024/215** **Casual vacancy and register of interests**
(i) The casual vacancy was considered, and it was agreed to publicise it more widely.
- (ii) The updated register of interests forms were received, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would send them to NYC.
- 2024/216** **Parish Grass Cutter spares**
Quotes were received from Councillor Scott, and it was agreed to buy 6 belts for £250
- 2014/217** The Action Log was received and updated
- 2024/218** The date of the next meeting was agreed as the 21st May 2025

The meeting finished at 21.00