

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

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

Also present were four members of the public.

2010.107. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr J Burton and Cllr M Rampling. Cllrs Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and John Savage (North Yorkshire County Council) also sent their apologies.

2010.108. **Declarations of Interest.**

2010.108.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.109. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2010.110. **Public Participation.**

Complaints were made about the condition of the playing field and changing rooms at the end of the football season last year, which meant that the cricket club had to do a lot of work to do before their season started this year.

2010.111. **Progress Reports.**

2010.111.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.98.1 refers). The Clerk reported that a verbal quote of between £9,000 and £11,000 for work to create staging (reduced size) on the riverbank had been received. It was agreed that applications should be made for further grant funding to enable this part of the project to go ahead. It was agreed to sign the Licence with the Environment Agency to allow the installation of the river level recording equipment. The litterbin and sign have been ordered.

2010.111.2. Exercise Equipment (minute 2010.98.2 refers). The equipment is now installed and getting a lot of use, particularly from youngsters. There have been requests for more, and it was agreed that the Parish Council should look to install another couple of pieces of equipment over the next year or so – research to be done on whether any grant funding would be available.

2010.111.3. Community Emergency Plan/First Responder Scheme (minutes 2010.98.3 and 2010.98.7 refer). Seven volunteers have now been trained and the defibrillator will be available from the first week of August. There will be an official launch of the scheme at the end of August/beginning of September. There will be further refresher courses in the future, and more volunteers for the scheme are always welcome. The free First Aid training courses will be going ahead within the next couple of months – there are still some places available for those who are interested.

2010.111.4. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2010.98.4 refers). No further progress.

2010.111.5. Drainage Issues, Carrside Road (minute 2010.98.5 refers). No further progress.

2010.111.6. Community First Responder Scheme (minute 2010.81.7 refers). See above.

2010.111.7. Adoption of Moor Lane by NYCC Highways Authority (minute 2010.98.9 refers). The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for the Highways Authority to provide a quote for the cost of getting the road surveyed and approved. The contact details of the contractor to be sent to Highways in the hope that they can agree that the road has been brought up to the required specification.

2010.111.8. Community Infrastructure Levy (minute 2010.97 refers). The Clerk advised members that Harrogate Borough Council is currently awaiting an announcement from the Coalition Government as to the approach they are going to take with regards to CIL. However,

she had been advised by Harrogate that the Council would seek to maintain funding to village halls, allotments and other the types of open space covered by existing policy.

- 2010.111.9. Insurance re: informal play area on Lightmire Lane verge (minute 2010.84 refers). The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Parish Council's insurer, and had been advised that this casual play area was covered under the Public Liability insurance. It would be advisable to monitor the area for any hazards such as broken glass etc.
- 2010.112. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:
- 2010.112.1. The Forge, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of outbuilding to form annexe. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2010.113. **Planning applications.** None received.
- 2010.114. **Allerton Park Leachate Treatment Application** (minute 2009.197.2 refers). It was noted that NYCC's determination of the application has been delayed to the end of August. The revised interim and final restoration scheme, together with other correspondence including the company's response regarding the drainage issue, were noted. David Molland of the Waste Recycling Group gave a brief presentation to councillors on various aspects of this scheme, including the methods of surface water control and the separation of the water from the lagoons/landfill from surface water. It was agreed to respond to North Yorkshire with the comment that as long as the proposed procedures are followed then the Parish Council has no further objections.
- 2010.115. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park – request for scoping opinion.** It was noted that AmeyCespa, the preferred bidder, has started a process of consultations with the local community. Reports were received from public meetings held at Marton cum Grafton, Whixley and Great Ouseburn, where AmeyCespa made a presentation. The Parish Council agreed to respond to the consultation from North Yorkshire County Council on the scope of what issues should be covered in the Environmental Impact Statement required on the proposed Waste Recovery Park as follows:
- (a) The Scoping Report document states on page 11 that access will be along Moor Lane from the A168. Clarification is sought on this point as this is not the current access point as Moor Lane does not connect with the A168, but starts north of the existing quarry access. It is assumed that the intention is to use the existing access point.
  - (b) Further details on traffic flow are requested, to include estimated traffic across 24hrs, with peak flow times and peak flow numbers. Details are requested on operating hours, with estimates of traffic flows at times of shift handover. Furthermore, traffic movements and analysis is requested for the period of construction.
  - (c) Further information is required on how the electricity generated on site is going to be transferred to the National Grid, and in particular how the cabling is going to cross the A1 – will it be underground or overhead? The environmental assessment should also include consideration of any electromagnetic field effects in the vicinity of buried cabling, particularly near residential property.
  - (d) What will happen with the Readimix plant currently on site? Presumably Readimix will continue to import materials to their plant – the traffic movements associated with this and any other companies on the site should be shown separately and included in the overall totals for traffic movements predicted for the site as a whole. If landfill on the site is to continue this should also be included.
  - (e) The Parish Council would like to see detailed modelling of the emissions to air, including particulates. This should include diagrams of fallout zones under a range of weather conditions.
  - (f) It is noted that MT reject will be sent to a "suitably licensed landfill". The Parish Council would like to know which landfill sites in the UK are suitably licensed, and which site(s) it is intended to send MT reject to. Are there any plans to license the Allerton Quarry landfill site to take the MT reject?
  - (g) Detail is requested on what process is going to be used to make the secondary aggregate, and what noise and dust will be associated with that process and how that will be dealt with.
  - (h) The Report states that the water used in processing will be in a closed loop, but the Parish Council has concerns that if water is to be put onto the fly ash then there will be a certain amount of runoff. In cases of severe floods/storms, how will the runoff be handled to avoid contamination of Ousegill Beck via the drainage ditch as the edge of the site?
  - (i) Effects on public rights of way. The Report states (p29) that "the site is remote from existing public

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rights of way". This is not the case – there is a public bridleway that runs right along the boundary of the site and circles right round to meet up again with Moor Lane. The Parish Council would like the assessment to include the impact of the development on this bridleway, and suggests that the British Horse Society should be consulted on this aspect.

(j) External Lighting. This has been a bone of contention locally with light pollution from Queen Ethelburga's College and also from the golf driving range. Any external lighting should be designed to avoid an intrusive dome of light over the site.

(k) The Report states (p22) that the River Ure is located some 6.5 km to the east of the site, at its closest approach. This seems rather strange as the river actually passes under Aldwark Bridge, within Great Ouseburn Parish. The Report also states that the closest watercourse is situated to the East, ultimately discharging into Ousegill Beck. The closest watercourse actually touches the boundary of the site, and where Ousegill Beck flows through from Kirby Hall bridge to the wood is a SINC. Attention should be given to any impact that the development might have on this area, and the Parish Council would like to see a system set up where the water quality flowing into Ousegill Beck is regularly monitored.

(l) Any assessment of noise/light/air pollution associated with the development should also include the construction phase. The Parish Council considers that working hours should be restricted during the construction phase.

(m) Clarification should be sought over the 30 mph speed limits referred to on p27 of the Report as it is the Parish Council's understanding that there are no speed restrictions on the roads leaving the site.

(n) Finally the Parish Council would like to see details of how the developer plans to monitor any potential impact on public health, crops, and livestock over the 25 year period envisaged. Where are the monitoring stations going to be and how will monitoring be carried out and by whom?

2010.116. **Highways Issues** (minute 2010.101 refers). The present situation regarding matters outstanding with the Highways Authority was noted:

- work to install the dropped kerbs in Branton should be starting in the next two to three weeks
  - no further progress on the new weight limit signs
  - repairs to the damaged boundary wall at the junction of Boat Lane and Main Street will be part of a package of larger works in the area, and no firm date has been set
  - plans and costs for the HRSS works should be sent to the Parish Council shortly
  - the extension to the speed limit at Carrside Road should be completed towards the end of August
- The Clerk was asked to clarify when the lettering/white lining would be done.

2010.117. **Playing Field.** It was noted that the football club has now paid the outstanding rent charges, and will only be fielding one team next year. The complaints received regarding users of the playing field were noted and it was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for discussion/action at the next Parish Council meeting, including the possibility of asking for a bond from users of the field, to cover damage.

2010.118. **Questions from Councillors.** With harvest about to start, a query over trees overhanging the highway was raised.

2010.119. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010.**

The prices for the purchase of an outside storage bin for tennis nets deferred to the next meeting. The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes)

P19/10	RSS children's exercise equipment	3,901.00
P20/10	Great North Air Ambulance	100.00
P21/10	Websters (grounds maintenance)	88.00
P22/10	St Mary's Church (commuted sums)	590.52
P23/10	James Mackman (internal audit)	80.00

2010.120. **Correspondence received.** To consider correspondence received, as follows:

2010.120.1. Letter from Mr Barr Young. Noted.

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2010.120.2. HBC Consultation meetings – timetable for 2010/11. It was noted that the next meeting would be on 11<sup>th</sup> October, with items for the agenda submitted by 29<sup>th</sup> September.

2010.121. **Reports from representatives.**

2010.121.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The floor will be resurfaced in the first week of August.

2010.121.2. **Youth Forum.** Members are enjoying the new exercise equipment on the play area, and the last night of the term was a pizza party. New members and also adult volunteers are always welcome – the AGM will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

2010.121.3. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

2010.121.4. **Yore Vision.** A new booklet on the Yore Vision walks is now available for sale. A new project will involve the creation of new cycle rides in the area.

2010.122. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda** include the possibility of requiring a bond from users of the playing field to cover damage and designation of the beginning of Litemire Lane as an area where dog fouling is not allowed.

2010.123. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.