

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

20th September 2021

Minutes of a parish council meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.30pm at the main hall, Great Ouseburn village hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present Cllr R Jones (Chairman), Cllr K Scott, Cllr D Meakin, Cllr Jorgensen,
In attendance were two police officers

Also present were Cllr A. Paraskos (NYCC) and one member of the public.

2021.078 reminder by the chairman of the Parish Council's expectation for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

2021.079 Apologies for absence Cllrs R Kay, R Grant and S. Wilkinson.

2021.080 In view of the disturbance at the July Parish Council meeting, resulting on the meeting having to be abandoned, it was agreed by all present to stop the public element of the meeting that occurred in the 5 minutes before each meeting proper. It was further agreed by all present that there should be a standing agenda item to allow county and district councillors to speak at the meeting.

2021.081 Declarations of interest All parish councillors are trustees of the village hall and declare their personal interest in the village hall. Members to indicate whether they will be declaring any other interests under the Code of Conduct.

2021.082 Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the previous complete meeting, held on June 21st 2021, were agreed by all, and signed and dated by the chairman.

2021.083 Progress reports

2021.083.1 Keld Lane It was agreed that the state of the footbridge would be examined by Cllrs Scott and Meakin with a view to deciding on repairs. The state of Keld Lane generally was to be discussed at the October 2021 meeting.

2021.083.2 Fishpond Conservation Area. It was agreed to employ a solicitor to witness the new lease with NYCC.

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

2021.084 General Items

2021.083.3 A complaint has been received about the noise arising from the 5 bungalow development on Branton Lane, and the hours of work being extended to late in the evenings and weekends. Cllr Jones will check the planning consents on this.

2021.083.4 Holly Tree Farm, Piper's Lane, has had a number of bales slashed.

2021.083.5 The footpath signs at both ends of the footpath from the village hall to Upper Dunsforth have been damaged. The Clerk is report this to highways dept.

2021.083.6 The dead cherry tree on the village green is to be replaced. Deferred to next meeting.

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2021.083.7 There is a new date for the public enquiry into the proposed increases in prices for the Aldwark Toll Bridge. It will be held on October 25th 2021. The chairman is to confirm with the Toll Bridge owners that they will repair any damage to the land at the Free Landing occasioned by their repair work to the bridge and toll house.

2021.084 Questions from Councillors.

In reply to a question from the chairman, Cllr Meakin agreed to visually inspect the new playground weekly. Harrogate conduct a formal inspection every year, on a three year cycle.

2021.85 Statement of Accounts for 2021-2022

No accounts are available for the current year.

2021.85.1 (and 2 and 6)It was agreed to pay Cllr Meakin for his several purchases of petrol for the grass cutter totalling £93.76 (£12.19 + 28.03 + 14.30 + 26.22 + 13.02).

2021.85.3 (and 4) It was agreed to pay Joseph Lund for two invoices (£96.00 + 25.99). The chairman having settled these invoices directly with Mr Lund it will be the chairman who is reimbursed.

2021.85.5 Defibrillator pads for the village hall defibrillator. These were purchased by Cllr Jorgensen and she was reimbursed by the village hall. The invoice for £85.13 will be paid to the village hall.

2021.85.7 The new village signpost is complete and it was agreed to pay the invoice for £2487.60

2021.85.8 Parish Council insurance is due and it was agreed to pay the premium of £1502.96. The clerk is to check that the cricket club score board building has been removed from the insurance schedule.

2021.85.9 Report from the auditor Mr James Mackman, fee £150. Approved.

2021.85.10 Invoice from Nigel Roskilly for groundworks near to playground and village hall £ 306. Approved.

2021.86 Banking It was agreed that the chairman be nominated as the primary official for the parish council bank accounts.

2021.87 Parish Clerk Susan Reid has accepted the position of Parish clerk. She will commence duties with effect from Monday 20th September 2021. Her hours of work for the initial month or two will be variable while she catches up with items arising from the gap in the clerk's position.

2021.88 Disruptive member of the public. The police have advised that they will intervene should any member of the public attempt to disrupt the function of the parish council.

2021.90 General Circulation Correspondence received None

2021.91 Reports from representatives

2021.91.1 Village Hall Committee to clarify the issue of the new oil tank

2021.91.2 Police Liason Committee Nothing to report

2021.92 Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda Keld Lane

2021.93 Date and Time of next meeting To confirm the next meeting of the council will be on Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 20.51 hours.