

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Before the meeting there was a presentation by Paul Stevens from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service on "Community First Responders", a scheme where local trained volunteers can respond to emergencies and use a defibrillator before ambulances can get to the scene. Full training is given to volunteers, and it would take about three months to get a scheme up and running. It was agreed that this should be given publicity in the next Newsletter and that it should be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th March 2010 at 7.50 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr L Paterson, Mr G Potter, Mr M Rampling, Mr B Robinson and Mr R White

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council), Cllr John Savage (North Yorkshire County Council) and nine members of the public.

2010.33. **Apologies for absence** – none.

2010.34. **Declarations of Interest.**

2010.34.1.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.35. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 17th February 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.36. **Public Participation.** Item 2010.42, the proposal to hold a Beer Festival, was explained more fully by a group of local residents, with the idea for this being that it could be a very good charity fundraiser.

2010.37. **Progress Reports.**

2010.37.1. Footpath from Branton Lane to the Village Hall (minute 2010.22.1 refers). The Clerk advised that a specification had been drawn up and sent to the Highways Authority (no response yet).

2010.37.2. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.22.3 refers). The amended design of the interpretation board was approved, with the 'you are here' text to be made larger if possible. The final cost has not yet been provided – to be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman informed members that the Hotel has signed the legal documents regarding the new footpath, and that the documentation is now with the Fishing Club for signature. Quotations for work to remove surplus soil from the riverbank were considered and it was agreed that AA Skip Hire should be contracted to do this work, also to install the height barrier. The Clerk advised that an Army lorry had damaged an area at the entrance to the Freelanding and that she was contacting RAF Linton on Ouse to see if they could rectify the damage.

2010.37.3. Exercise Equipment (minute 2010.22.4 refers). The Clerk advised that she was still waiting to hear from Harrogate Borough Council as to whether or not this could be funded from the Children's Equipped Play Area section of commuted sums.

2010.37.4. Community Emergency Plan (minute 2010.22.7 refers). The Clerk and the Chairman will be attending a training event on 30th March.

2010.37.5. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.22.9 refers). No further progress on this matter.

2010.37.6. Application for Listed Building Status, Ouseburn Workhouse (minute 2008.208 refers). A letter from English Heritage has been received advising that the application to add the Workhouse to the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest has been refused. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Peter Higginbotham, who is an authority on the history of workhouses and the author of the website 'workhouses.org.uk', to ask his advice regarding the possibility of making an appeal against the decision.

2010.38. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2010.38.1. 2 Hills Cottages, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension. Application withdrawn.

2010.38.2. Mole Cottage, Carr Side Road. Notification of a complaint regarding alleged unauthorised extension to domestic cartilage. Harrogate Borough Council to investigate this matter.

2010.39. **Planning applications.**

2010.39.1. Sevenoaks, 2 Townend Court, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension. There were no objections.

2010.40. **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked when the damaged boundary wall opposite the junction with Boat Lane was going to be mended – she confirmed that the damage had been reported to the Highways Authority and that it would be dealt with in due course.

2010.41. **Drainage Issues, Carrside Road.** It was noted that there had been problems with drainage from the highway near to Tannery House for some time, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Highways Authority about this matter.
The Chairman explained the outcome of discussions with Building Control/Yorkshire Water/contractors regarding drainage from the new properties being built on Carrside Road. It was agreed that the main issue was whether or not Yorkshire Water would adopt the drain that has been used from the site, which runs under the allotment gardens to the main sewer. The Clerk to contact the Housing Association to ask them to ensure the problem is resolved.

2010.42. **Great Ouseburn Beer Festival.** A suggestion from a local resident that Great Ouseburn holds a beer festival was noted, and following on from the earlier public discussion it was agreed that in the first instance the Village Hall committee should be approached about this idea.

2010.43. **Venue for Parish Council Meetings.** It was noted that the Village Hall now has a premises licence. It was noted that the LGA Act 1972 requires that meetings of a Parish Council shall not be held in premises which at the time of the meeting may be used for the supply of alcohol, unless no other suitable room is available free of charge or at reasonable cost. It was considered that such an alternative venue is not available and it was agreed that Parish Council meetings shall continue to be held at the Village Hall.

2010.44. **Registration with the Information Commissioner's Office.** It was agreed to register as a 'data holder' under the Data Protection Act, at an annual cost of £35.

2010.45. **Standing Orders.** It was noted that NALC have issued an update to the model standing orders for local councils, and it was agreed to update the Parish Council's standing orders in line with this. Copies to be provided to all councillors at the next meeting.

2010.46. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2009 – 17th March 2010.**

The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes)

P45/09	Websters (hedgcutting)	50.60
P46/09	Travis Perkins - new bench at Branton	21.88
P47/09	Moor Lane Autos - diesel	74.06
P48/09	Mole Control (village green and playing field)	56.00
P49/09	Golden Fields Nursery – planting near bench	68.95
P50/09	Access Lift Consultants	4,641.25
P51/09	Green-Tech - grounds maintenance	65.00
P52/09	Clerk's salary and expenses - 4th quarter	728.47
P53/09	Great North Air Ambulance	50.00
P54/09	Richard White (mulch round new bench)	92.91

In addition, two payments on invoices for next year were approved, as follows:

P1/10	YLCA (membership)	187.00
P2/10	Harrogate Borough Council non-domestic rates	44.82

2010.47. **Correspondence received.**

2010.47.1. Harrogate Borough Council – LDF Sites and Polices DPD update. It was noted that all the site information on the website has the village as category C, whereas the most recent correspondence correctly has the village as category B. The Clerk to contact Harrogate Borough Council to get the website amended.

2010.48. Reports from representatives.

2010.48.1. **Village Hall Committee.** Further grant funding has been obtained for the disabled lift, which should be fully fitted by the end of next month. The village has been picked to host some of the 'golden oldies' cricket matches in August.

2010.48.2. **Youth Forum.** Numbers remain steady at the moment, and they are hoping to organise some more events after Easter.

2010.48.3. **Police Liaison Group.** Richard White advised members that at the most recent meeting there was a DVD presentation on counter-terrorism. The policing priorities locally for the next quarter are poaching control, doorstep sales and anti-social behaviour. The crime figures continue to go down. The police are assuring residents in Boroughbridge that there will be a presence on the bridge the next time it floods, so that the road can be closed.

2010.48.4. **Yore Vision.** There is an event on 'renewables' in Boroughbridge this month.

2010.49. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda** include the condition of the roads – Cllr Martin Leather is organising the next meeting with the Highways department.

2010.50. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.