

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st September 2011
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs M Grant, Mr L Paterson, Mr Graham Potter, Mr M Rampling and Mr Brian Robinson.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present was Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and four members of the public.

2011.121. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr J Burton.

2011.122. **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.123. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 20th July 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.124. **Public Participation.**

2011.124.1. Mr Jeff Gill informed members that the cricket club are looking to replace the nets next year, and that the trees near the nets may have to be trimmed. The gang mowers will need servicing as usual, he will book them in.

2011.124.2. Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) informed members that NYCC will be putting up their charges for on-road car parking, but Harrogate are not putting up their parking charges yet. Harrogate Theatre will be running the bookings service for the Royal Hall and the Conference Centre. The new kerbside recycling will start to take place from April next year. Cllr Leather said that he would be contacting all Parish Councils regarding the proposed constituency boundary changes.

2011.125. **Progress Reports.**

2011.125.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.110.1 refers). The Clerk advised that she had received a draft Agreement from the Fishing Club re the parking, which means that there are no further barriers to the creation of the new footpath.

2011.125.2. Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.110.2 refers). It was noted that the planning application is currently being validated and will be going to consultation in the next few months.

2011.125.3. High Speed Rural Broadband (minute 2011.110.3 refers). This project has not made much progress recently.

2011.125.4. Church Field Lane sign (minute 2011.110.4 refers). The Diocese has advised that they do not wish the sign to be attached to the wall. The Clerk to ask Harrogate if they would be willing to create a new street sign, to be installed on posts as the current sign, and to advise on costs.

2011.125.5. Church Field Lane kerbing (minute 2011.115 refers). The Clerk advised that the Highways department had confirmed that the access as constructed (with granite sett kerbing) is acceptable but that the large stones on the verge will have to be removed.

2011.125.6. Highways issues. The dropped kerbs have still not been installed yet – the Clerk is waiting for a response from the Highways department.

2011.125.7. Proposed Article 4 Directive, Conservation Area (minute 2011.110.6 refers). Following one or two queries from residents, the Clerk has obtained clarification of the regulations:
- re-erecting a TV aerial would be a repair and would not require consent
- the amount of detail needed on any application would be proportional to the type of development, so that, for instance, replacement windows would need detailed drawings but a roof aerial would just need photos. It was agreed that it would be most helpful if someone from the planning authority could attend the next Parish Council meeting to answer any questions.

2011.125.8. Bench on Village Green (minute 2011.113 refers). Cllr Grant provided some designs for members to look at and it was agreed to provide a 3-seater traditional style replacement bench. It would be

made out of recycled plastic, which should mean that it would last a bit longer than a wooden bench. The cost was agreed at less than £200, and Cllr Grant agreed to organise this.

2011.126. Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.

- 2011.126.1. West View, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of outbuilding to form 1 dwelling with single storey link extension. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2011.126.2. Fieldhead, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey extension and covered porch, alterations to windows and doors and removal of 1 white willow, 1 pear tree, 2 plum trees and 1 Lawson cypress within Great Ouseburn Conservation Area. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2011.126.3. Bramblings, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn. Planning Enforcement investigation re the erection of a boundary wall and insertion of large gate (vehicular access). (Cllr Potter declared a personal interest in this matter).
No breach of planning control.
It was agreed that the Highways department should be asked to look at the issue of the entrance requiring a crossing across Highways land.

2011.127. Planning applications dealt with between meetings. It was noted that the following applications had been considered under the provisions of Council Standing Order 30(c):

- 2011.127.1. Erection of replacement garage, 3 Carr Side Road, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RW. No objections.
- 2011.127.2. Erection of boundary wall (highest part 2.7m high) - standard and Listed Building applications, Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RQ. No objections.

2011.128. Planning applications.

- 2011.128.1. Rose Cottage, Carrside, Great Ouseburn. Erection of a single storey extension and porch. The proposal includes the demolition and rebuilding of the garage and boundary wall. It was agreed that objections should be made to the materials proposed and it was further agreed that (a) demolition should not be necessary; the existing structures should remain and be used as part of the development and (b) the materials used should match the existing structure both on site and in other properties on Carrside, that is, any new construction should be in cobble and brick.
In particular the front wall should match the other Carrside walls, in cobble and brick, to preserve the street scene.
The drawings show a flue at the front of the property. It was requested that this is reconsidered and that the flue should be placed at the back of the property, in order to preserve the street scene.
- 2011.128.2. Moor Farm, Moor Lane, Great Ouseburn, YO26 9TT. Change of use of agricultural building to waste recycling facility. No objections.

2011.129. NYCC Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Consultation. It was noted that the first consultation document has been published with a deadline for responses of the end of September. It was agreed that a response to the consultation should be submitted. The Clerk to circulate councillors with the correspondence from Marton cum Grafton Parish Council and submit a response to NYCC.

2011.130. Website. The Chairman reported that after some difficulty during the summer when the webhosting company ceased trading, the website is now up and running again with a new hosting company. The new hosting arrangements and costs were approved.

2011.131. Condition of Trees. It was noted that complaints had been received about overhanging trees on various lanes in the village and it was agreed that the Highways department should be asked to trim trees overhanging the lane next to the Village Green. It was also noted that some other trees on the Village Green could possibly do with some slight pruning – the Chairman agreed to ask a local tree surgeon to look at them. The Clerk to ascertain whether or not permission is required from Harrogate Borough Council before doing any work. The condition of newly planted trees was noted and it was agreed that Thorpe Trees should be asked to replace those trees that had not survived their first year.

2011.132. Appointment of new Clerk. A report was received from the working party set up to interview candidates and it was agreed to accept their recommendation to appoint Mrs Leoni Evely as the new Clerk, starting 1st October.

2011.133. Commuted Sums. A report was made from the meeting held in Harrogate in August. It was noted that the present level of commuted sums is not high (the Clerk to obtain an up to date spreadsheet) and it was agreed that the situation re monies from the Methodist Chapel should be clarified. Monies allocated to Gale Gate Copse should be within Dunsforth's budget, the Clerk to advise Harrogate.

2011.134. **Donation from Youth Forum.** It was noted that the Youth Forum, which has now disbanded, ended with quite a large balance in the bank account. A proposal was made that this money is donated to the Parish Council, to be spent on the installation of further pieces of exercise equipment, and it was agreed that the Clerk should make some enquiries to ensure that the money does not have to be handed back to the grant funding body. Provided that can be established it was agreed that some new equipment could be bought with the money. Carolyn Simpson was thanked for all her hard work in running the Youth Forum over the years.

2011.135. **The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.** It was noted that nominations are invited for the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge from town and parish councils. If playing fields become part of the scheme they are then permanently protected as a tribute to the Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed that the playing field next to the Village Hall should be nominated for the scheme.

2011.136. **Football Clubs in Great Ouseburn.** It was noted that Ouseburn FC has re-formed. It was agreed to allow Ouseburn FC to use the field for the 2011/12 season, and the Clerk was asked to send them an invoice for the season and for a bond, on exactly the same terms as the Harrogate U-19s. It was agreed that the Parish Council should reimburse Ouseburn FC for the posts that they have bought.

2011.137. **Proposed Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Changes.** It was noted that the report recently issued by the Boundary Commission proposes to include the Ouseburn Ward in an amended Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency.

2011.138. **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to arrange for the annual verge topping on one side of Litemire Lane.

2011.139. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2011 – 20th Sept 2011.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P19/11	Mole Control	116.00
P20/11	HostPapa	70.20
P21/11	Nominet	10.00
P22/11	Clerk's salary & expenses (2nd qtr)	766.03

2011.140. **Correspondence received.**

2011.140.1. Mayor's Charity Autumn Ball, 11th November 2011. Noted.

2011.140.2. Harrogate Borough Council Community Chest. Noted.

2011.140.3. NYCC - Consultation to refresh the Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire. Noted.

2011.140.4. Harrogate and District Volunteer Awards. It was agreed that the Parish Council should nominate a local resident for the Ackrills Unsung Heroes award.

2011.141. **Reports from representatives.**

2011.141.1. **Village Hall Committee.** All the windows and doors have now been replaced.

2011.141.2. **Police Liaison Group.** The next meeting is 27th September.

2011.141.3. **Yore Vision.** There is a proposal to set up a new website, linking all the village halls in the area, so that online booking etc. can be shared.

2011.141.4. **First Responder Scheme.** New volunteers will be going on their training courses soon. The Clerk was asked to contact Marton cum Grafton Parish Council again, to explain the benefits of this scheme and to let them know that their area is covered and ask for help/volunteers.

2011.142. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Landscaping/benches for the area in front of the Club Room at the Village Hall.

2011.143. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 19th October 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.