

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mr B Robinson (Vice Chairman), Mrs M Grant, Mrs J Burton and Mr M Rampling.

**In Attendance:** Mrs L Evely (Clerk).

Also present was Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council), Naiomi Kempton (Conservation, Harrogate Borough Council) and three members of the public.

- 2011.144. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr J Savage, Cllr L Paterson and Cllr G Potter,
- 2011.145. **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.
- 2011.146. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 2011.147. **Public Participation.**
- 2011.147.1. Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) informed members that the Council are looking into changing refuse collection to every fortnight rather than it currently being collected weekly. This will work out to be alternate weeks to the recycling collection. This is designed to encourage more recycling by residents therefore the Council will include more recycling facilities to incorporate plastic bottles and cardboard.
- 2011.147.2. Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) informed members that as from 12th December the non-emergency phone number for the police in England and Wales will be 101 replacing 08456060247, which will be phased out over a period of time. The 999 emergency number is not affected. Calls to 101 will cost 15pence for an unlimited time. This applies to mobile phones and land lines.
- 2011.147.3. Cllr Keith Scott requested that the Village Hall Corner Refuse Bin to be emptied as has been missed for the last few months. Member of the public Mr Geoff Gill mentioned that the other 7 public bins in the village are also getting missed on occasions.
- 2011.147.4. Mr Dave Dwight from Ouseburn FC queried the letter from the PC dated the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 regarding the Parish Council interest in purchasing the Football Goal Posts they have supplied at the Village Hall Playing Field. They are currently not prepared to sell them to the Parish Council and are concerned why we want control of them. Cllr Rampling explained this is due to Health and Safety reasons and that the Parish Council is liable for the condition of the Goal Posts. Cllr Rampling and Cllr Burton also explained that Ouseburn FC will not be able to charge anybody else for using them on the Village Hall Playing Field which Mr Dwight acknowledged. The clerk is to obtain clarification of their insurance.
- 2011.148. **Progress Reports.**
- 2011.148.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.110.1 refers). Awaiting confirmation from NYCC of official creation of footpath. Mrs Zillah Hopps posted agreement to Solicitors 19.10.11 The Clerk to ask Mrs Hopps regarding the Grant Application for the Free Landing Disabled Access to the River Bank. Cllr Robinson is to top/cut off the land this coming week. Cllr Robinson/Cllr Rampling will obtain 2 Scaffolding Brackets for the Bracing Pole.
- 2011.148.2. 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.
- 2011.148.3. High Speed Rural Broadband (minute 2011.110.3 refers). NYCC are in discussions to come to an agreement re: funding for the infrastructure agreement. They are hoping to get a system in place before Christmas.

- 2011.148.4. Church Field Lane sign (minute 2011.110.4 refers). The Clerk is awaiting a response from Harrogate Borough Council 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.
- 2011.148.5. Church Field Lane kerbing (minute 2011.115 refers) Vanessa Peers Area Customer Care Officer contacted the clerk on the 18/10/11 by e-mail. Unfortunately, the residents have not yet been contacted regarding large stones on the verge due to various staff sick leave. However, an Inspector will visit the lane and will carry out an assessment and obtain the details of the residents who need to be contacted. Following this, house owners will be contacted.
- 2011.148.6. Highways issues. The dropped kerbs have now been completed. Therefore now the path between the kerbs requires digging out and scalping's put in. Cllr Potter has kindly offered to do the digging and Cllrs Robinson, Potter and Rampling completing the path together.
- 2011.148.7. Proposed Article 4 Directive, Conservation Area (minute 2011.110.6 refers). Mrs Naomi Kempton Conservation officer Harrogate Borough Council attended the meeting to clarify any queries. This is a Pilot scheme which started on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and shall remain in force until 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011. No planning fee is required for the Article 4 Directive at present however, this is currently being reviewed. A meeting will be held before the consultation process finishes and a draft report produced to see if there are any concerns. At present no concerns have been logged. If the public show that they are against the Article 4 Directive it will lapse after the 6 month consultation period and will not be renewed. The meeting expressed concern over the wording of the Article 4 being very confusing. The Council is currently working on a document to clarify matters. Mrs Kempton assured the parish council that we should get notification of any Article 4 Directive applications through the same channels as a normal planning application. Naomi Kempton and Harrogate Borough Council are happy to try and answer any further queries.
- 2011.148.8. Bench on Village Green (minute 2011.113 refers). Cllr Grant has now purchased the Bench and to provide the clerk with the invoice for reimbursement. Cllr Grant has kindly agreed to organise the installation of the bench.
- 2011.148.9. Bramblings, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn. (minute 2011.126.3 refers) Highways to inspect regarding the crossing over Highway Land.
- 2011.149. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**
- 2011.149.1. Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RQ Planning Enforcement: possible breach of planning control regarding back door and windows replaced with UPVC. The site was visited on the 30.09.11 no breach of planning control - no further action to be taken.
- 2011.149.2. Rose Cottage, Carr Side, Great Ouseburn, YO26 9RW. Erection of a single storey extension and porch. Granted subject to conditions
- 2011.150. **Planning applications.**
- 2011.150.1. Highway Land at Horseshoe Cottage, Great Ouseburn, York. Application for Stopping Up Order. NYCC Carole Dunn Solicitor is making an application to the Harrogate Magistrates Court for a 'Stopping-up Order' in respect of the small area of land at above address. No objections from the Parish Council.
- 2011.150.2. See below for further planning application received after publication of the Agenda and prior to the meeting.
- 2011.150.3. 9 Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn, York. Planning Application ref 11/04099/FUL, for the demolition of garage and conservatory and erection of single storey extension. No objections from the Parish Council.
- 2011.151. **Condition of Trees.** (minute 2011.131 refers) To note complaints received about overhanging trees on various lanes in the village and to agree on any action required. To note the condition of newly planted trees and to agree on any action required. The clerk awaiting response from Harrogate Borough Council to ascertain whether or not permission is sought before carrying out any works. There is also 1 dead tree on Pipers Lane and 10 dead trees at the Burn Beck Junction. They have all been sawn off to identify them. The clerk is to contact Thorpe Trees to replace F.O.C. Contact Richard Padget.
- 2011.152. **Commuted Sums.** (minute 2011.133 refers) To note the present levels of commuted sums and to agree on any action required. The clerk to get the agreement from Harrogate Borough Council to use the Total Sum 'OSF' towards the proposed purchase of Ouseburn FC Goal posts. The Total Sum AmGS&GC can go towards the purchase of a new bench at the Village Hall and towards the creation of new path and seating area. The Clerk to ask Mrs Hopps (previous clerk) if she has contacted Upper Dunsforth Parish to let them know that Gale Gate Copse commuted sum money of £750 lies currently within the Great Ouseburn commuted sums.

2011.153. **Proposal to recognise the 70th anniversary of the Crash in Great Ouseburn** of a RAF Plane carrying Russian Envoys. The crash was at the back of 'Vine House' Parish Council thought it would be suitable to place a plaque for remembrance. Cllr Scott to contact Hand on the Past (HOP) and arrange free use of the Village Hall for a presentation by them.

2011.154. **Questions from Councillors.** To consider questions from Councillors. Cllr Robinson stated his concern over the state of the roads. Cllr Burton requested a 'No Dogs Allowed' sign for the gate on the Children's Playground plus rings to be attached on the outside of the play area by the gate for dogs to be tied up. Cllr Scott kindly offered to fit these.

2011.155. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P23/11	Mazars External Audit Fee	342.00
P24/11	Harrogate Borough Council (Grass Cutting)	547.34

2011.156. **Correspondence received.**

2011.156.1. **Village Hall Accounts 2010/11.** The Annual Return and Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for Great Ouseburn Village Hall (charity reg. no 523617). Approved.

2011.156.2. Harrogate Borough Council 'Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Lighting of Beacons. Circulate correspondence and put onto the next agenda for discussion.

2011.156.3. Denise Forster: Maintenance of Trees and Bushes outside Mulberry Cottage, Carrside, Great Ouseburn YO26 9RW Clerk to clarify with Harrogate Borough Council the ownership of land and if the Parish Council can claim as Parish land and notify Denise Forster with outcome.

2011.156.4. Landscaping/benches for the area in front of the Club Room at the Village Hall (minute 2011.142 refers) Geoff Gill has suggested to have another 3 benches and a Picnic Table. Richard White to do the hedge and maintain the area. The Village Hall has kindly offered to pay for the maintenance of the garden. This item to be reviewed after winter.

2011.156.5. Councillors to approve payment of the Clerk to be a member of the SLCC and to also attend the SLCC 'Working with your Council' course. Approved.

2011.156.6. Correspondence received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting.

2011.156.7. Donation from the Youth Forum (minute 2011.134 refers) Zillah Hopps telephoned 'Awards for All' and spoke to them about the remaining Youth Forum funds, they confirmed that they have no record and that Great Ouseburn Parish Council can spend the money on the Play Area. This item is to be put on the next agenda for discussion of what type of equipment to buy.

2011.157. **Reports from representatives.**

2011.157.1. **Village Hall Committee.** Ladies Toilets are to be upgraded and the Walls Lined.

Fund Raising: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Shopping Event at the Crown Pub

Children In Need 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Day before 'Children In Need' Rocks, Screen and Bar Proceeds for

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Christmas Party Cabaret Evening and meal £15 per ticket.

Recent Beer Festival Event has given the Village Hall £1000.

2011.157.2. **Police Liaison Group.** See above minute 2011.147.2.

2011.157.3. **Yore Vision.** No further news

2011.157.4. **First Responder Scheme.** Cllr G Potter and Cllr L Paterson will be going on their training courses in November plus 1 person from Little Ouseburn.

2011.158. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Senior Citizens at the Crown date TBC

2011.159. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.