

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th September 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were six members of the public.

2009.128. **Apologies for absence.** None.

2009.129. **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.129.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.130. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 15th July 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.131. **.Public Participation.** None.

2009.132. **Co-option of new Councillor.** Following the resignation of Cllr Rachel Kay, and confirmation from the Returning Officer at Harrogate that it was in order to co-opt a replacement Member:

2009.132.1. It was resolved to co-opt a suitable person qualified to serve as a local councillor. Mr Graham Potter and Mr Mark Tankard both expressed an interest in serving, and were asked to make brief statements to the Council, following which a vote was held which was in favour of Mr Potter.

2009.132.2. The declaration of acceptance of office was received from Mr Potter.

2009.133. **Progress Reports.**

2009.133.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.116.1 refers). A quote for laying a base and path to the disabled bench was received and it was agreed that further quotes should be obtained.

2009.133.2. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.116.2 refers). The Clerk advised members that the Land Registry had rejected applications to register land on verges and bridleways through adverse possession, as it could not be established because of the number of people with access to the land. Other registrations are still ongoing.

2009.133.3. Highways issues (minutes 2009.116.3 to 116.6 refer). It was noted that a meeting with the Area 6 Highways team has been organised on 21st September in Great Ouseburn Village Hall, open to all Parish Councillors in the Ouseburn Ward and Kirk Hammerton.

2009.133.4. The Crown public house (minute 2009.116.7 refers). No further developments.

2009.133.5. Commuted sums (minute 2009.116.8 refers). Further commuted sums had been applied for and were pending. It was noted that the provision of tennis rackets could not be funded from commuted sums.

2009.133.6. Proposals for an incinerator at Allerton (minute 2009.116.9 refers). The likely timetable is now: preferred bidder appointed in January 2010, informal local consultations around May 2010, and formal submission of planning applications in June 2010.

2009.133.7. Grant Application to Yore Vision for tree planting (minute 2009.121 refers). The Chairman confirmed that the grant application had been successful, and that Yore Vision would be funding over £1,000-worth of tree planting in the area.

2009.134. **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** It was noted that the following applications had been considered under the provisions of Council Standing Order No 32(c):

2009.134.1. Churchfield House, Church Field lane, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey side extension. No objections.

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2009.134.2. Wingate Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension and 1.8m to 1.3m high boundary walls and gates, etc (standard and Listed applications). No objections.

2009.135. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions of the Borough Council were noted:

2009.135.1. Churchfield House, Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey side extension. Granted subject to conditions.

2009.135.2. Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 dwelling. Refused.

2009.135.3. Dent House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Possible breach of planning control. The Clerk advised that since the agenda had been published, Harrogate Borough Council's Enforcement Officer had decided that there was no breach.

2009.136. **Planning applications.**

2009.136.1. Longfield House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Deletion of condition 5 of permission 6.80.48.L.FUL to allow additional use of building for domestic storage.

It was agreed to respond with Option B (the Parish Council objects) on the following grounds:

The Parish Council had serious concerns at the time of the original application that the building was in fact intended for a different use than that stated. The reason given by Harrogate for imposing condition 5 was given as 'for the avoidance of doubt as to what is being permitted'. Despite this, it would appear that an early conversion to domestic use is now being sought. The Parish Council feels that if permission is granted, it weakens the whole purpose of the imposition of planning conditions, as this condition was specifically requested so as to avoid this situation.

The site is also outside the present building line of the village, and so for this reason as well, the planning condition should not be removed.

2009.136.2. Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 detached dwelling and double garage with new vehicular access (revised scheme).

It was agreed to respond with Option C (the Parish Council does not object to or support the application) and to make one comment regarding the external chimneys being a positive change to the original design as they break up the otherwise flat façade of the gable end.

2009.137. **Questions from Councillors.** The poor condition of the footways in Branton was raised and the Clerk requested that this matter was mentioned at the meeting with Highways on 21st September.

2009.138. **Grasscutting Contracts.** Some quotes had been received, and it was agreed this matter should be discussed again once further quotes were in.

2009.139. **Hedges, trees and shrubs overhanging the public highway.** Complaints regarding overhanging trees on Churchfield Lane and Lightmire Lane were noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should, in the first instance, contact the landowners to ask them to prune the trees.

2009.140. **Harrogate Borough Council – Consultation Meetings with Parish Councils 2009/10.** It was noted that items for the agenda for the consultation meeting on 6th October 2009 had to be submitted by 18th September. It was agreed to submit questions on the way that the new system of collecting s.106 payments from developers was being handled, and the current situation with the Rural Safety Scheme budget.

2009.141. **Publication Scheme.** Various amendments to the Publication Scheme adopted in November 2008 (changing availability of some items to 'hard copy only') were approved. It was agreed to upload the Publication Scheme to the website.

2009.142. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2009 – 15th September 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P22/09	Websters (hedgecutting)	34.50
P23/09	HBC - grasscutting	141.27
P24/09	John Wilkinson & Son (Village Hall heaters)	1,688.01
P25/09	YLCA Good Councillor Guide postage	5.00

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A quotation for work to install the new bench seat at the Branton Lane bungalows was accepted.
A quotation for a spray treatment to the Playing Field was considered and it was agreed that further enquiries should be made and the matter should be brought before a future meeting.

It was agreed to amend the HSBC Bank Mandate to include Cllr Rampling's name on the list of signatories and to approve the resolution required by the Bank as follows:

- (i) that bank accounts be continued with HSBC Bank plc and the bank is authorised to:
 - (a) pay all cheques and other instructions for payment or accept instructions to stop such payments signed on behalf of the Parish Council by any two of the listed signatories
 - (b) deliver any item held on behalf of the Parish Council by the Bank in safe keeping against the written receipt of the signatory and
 - (c) accept the signatory as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Parish Council in any other transaction with the Bank
- (ii) that any debt incurred to the Bank under this mandate shall in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary be repayable on demand.
- (iii) that the Clerk from time to time is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons who are authorised to sign give receipts and act on behalf of the Parish Council and that the Bank may rely on such lists
- (iv) that these resolutions remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the Bank signed by the Chairman or Clerk and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.

2009.143. **Correspondence received.**

- 2009.143.1. Harrogate Standards Committee Report – Cllr Clive Billeness. To be circulated.
- 2009.143.2. Knaresborough & Boroughbridge Safer Neighbourhoods Team. Sept 2009 update.
The local Police Officer, Paul Haydon, spoke briefly about current issues in the area, and said that there is an ongoing problem with so-called poachers, who in fact engage in a number of criminal activities.
- 2009.143.3. Harrogate Borough Council – Review of the Statement of Principles, Gambling Act 2005.
To be circulated.
- 2009.143.4. Safer Communities Conference 29th September 2009. To be circulated.
- 2009.143.5. Harrogate Borough Council – LDF Update & Consultation. Noted.

2009.144. **Reports from representatives.**

- 2009.144.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The minutes from 5th August were noted and Cllr Burton informed members that the Village Hall Committee was in the process of applying for alterations to the existing liquor licence. They were also getting quotes for the installation of the new disabled lift.
- 2009.144.2. **Youth Forum.** The new term started on 7th September, and the AGM is on October 13th.
- 2009.144.3. **Police Liaison Group.** Cllr White reported that he attended a meeting of the new group in Boroughbridge on 7th September, which was very disappointing as it had not changed much from the way the old group operated.
- 2009.144.4. **Yore Vision.** A tree planting event is being planned for Boroughbridge.

2009.145. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.

2009.146. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.