

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were two members of the public.

2008.96. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr M Rampling. Cllr John Savage (NYCC) also sent his apologies.

2008.97. **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.97.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.98. **Minutes of the previous meetings** held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2008.99. **Public Participation.** Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) introduced himself as the newly elected member for Ouseburn and offered his help to the Parish Council if there were any issues that needed taking up with Harrogate Borough Council. He also put forward the idea of regular joint meetings of parish councils in the local area, to discuss matters of mutual interest, and this was well received.

2008.100. **Progress Reports.**

2008.100.1. Matters raised by electors at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May. There were none.

2008.100.2. Village Design Statement (minute 2008.82.1 refers). Cllr Paterson reported that the stand-in Head Teacher at the school was keen to involve the children before the end of term, with further involvement next term. The exposition will follow after that. New volunteers would be welcome, particularly in the buildings/history side of things.

2008.100.3. BBC Breathing Places Grant (minute 2008.23.3 refers). The Chairman informed members that the application for a grant of £10,000 has been awarded. It was agreed that an informal working party should be set up, to include those members of the Parish Council who were able to help, together with a representative from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. A first meeting will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July on site.

2008.100.4. Conservation Area review (minute refers). The Clerk advised that the report for Great Ouseburn will go to Cabinet at Harrogate in June.

2008.101. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:

2008.101.1. Longfield House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Outcome of investigation: no breach of planning control.

2008.101.2. Townend Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Crown clean and thin 1 weeping willow and 1 cherry tree under tree preservation orders. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.101.3. Great Ouseburn CPS. Erection of wooden pavilion. No objection from HBC.

2008.101.4. Wayside, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Confirmation of provisional TPO.

2008.101.5. Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conservation area application for the demolition of part of front boundary wall. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.101.6. Outbuildings to the rear of Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Listed building application for the conversion of outbuilding to form 1 dwelling. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.102. **Planning applications.** No planning applications were received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting.

- 2008.103. **Condition of trees.** The Clerk reported on the visit from the arboricultural officer from Harrogate Borough Council on 4<sup>th</sup> June. He looked at all the areas of concern raised by councillors, and made suggestions on management. Based on his recommendations, it was agreed that:
- 2008.103.1. The Parish Council would apply for Tree Preservation Orders for trees at the village school, on the verge outside Tarndale, Main Street, and adjacent to the allotments.
- 2008.103.2. The trees at Tarndale should be left in situ but monitored. The Clerk informed members that she had already contacted the owners of the property to advise them that as the trees are on the verge of the highway, they are the responsibility of North Yorkshire County Council. The Clerk to contact NYCC to ask what they would suggest re: new saplings further along the verge.
- 2008.103.3. The Clerk should contact NEDL to ask if the cabling at the Village Green could be put underground. Enquiries to be made about any possible grant funding for this.
- 2008.103.4. The trees at the Village Green that have been damaged by passing buses should be trimmed – Cllr White had already made a start on this and was thanked for his help.
- 2008.103.5. Large replacement trees should be planted at the sites of the two trees recently felled on Branton Lane. Alan Gilleard at Harrogate Borough Council has offered to source some 25ft high hornbeams for these sites, to be paid for by the Parish Council, and his offer was accepted.
- 2008.103.6. The Clerk to follow up concerns raised over a tree on the new building plot at Church Field Lane.
- 2008.104. **Condition of roads.** The present condition of the roads was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should chase the Highways Authority regarding potholes on Carrside Road, Lightmire Land and Church Field Lane. In addition, a request should be made that the trees overhanging Church Field Lane should be trimmed.
- 2008.105. **Traffic Calming/Traffic Speeds.** A proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit outside the school, together with traffic calming measures, was considered. It was agreed that this would be of particular benefit to children crossing the road during the day to attend the playing field, and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Highways Authority to request that the preliminary speed surveys were carried out before the end of term.
- The offer of white verge marker posts from NYCC was noted and it was agreed that there were no suitable sites for these posts at the moment, although they might be useful at the freelanding when the work on improving the area gets under way.
- 2008.106. **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked if the issue of drainage at the site of new houses at Carrside had been resolved with Harrogate Borough Council (the subject of planning conditions) and she was asked to obtain a copy of the reports.
- 2008.107. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008.**
- Various quotations for work to the Village Hall extension were considered and it was agreed that the quotations from JSJ Structures and Northern Trade Windows were approved. Funding from the fundraising achieved so far and grant aid from the Rural Target Fund.
- The quotation by Harrogate Borough Council for the inspection of the childrens' play area was approved.
- The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P8/08  | Harrogate District Sports Council                 | £10.00  |
| P9/08  | CPRE (membership)                                 | £27.00  |
| P10/08 | HBC – grasscutting (5 cuts)                       | £346.98 |
| P11/08 | Clerk's salary and expenses (1 <sup>st</sup> qtr) | £710.17 |
- 2008.108. **Correspondence received:**
- 2008.108.1. NYCC – winter maintenance scrutiny review.

2008.108.2. Fitzgerald-Harts. Letter informing the Parish Council that a new member of staff will be dealing with the registration of land. The Clerk advised members that since receiving the letter she had spoken with Fitzgerald-Harts, who did not appear to have much in the way of notes on the matter. The Chairman and Clerk have made arrangements to meet with them.

2008.108.3. NYCC – Highways Capital Programme 2008/9. No highways schemes in Great Ouseburn are listed for 2008/9.

2008.108.4. HBC Consultation meetings 2008 – Group 2 will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

2008.108.5. HBC – Co-option of Parish Representative. As neither of the candidates were known to members, it was agreed that no vote would be made.

2008.108.6. NYCC – Waste Timetable Review. The final draft allocations document has been delayed and will not now be considered on 24<sup>th</sup> June. A new date will be published as soon as possible.

2008.109.        **Reports from representatives.**

2008.109.1. Village Hall Committee. The marquee lining has been used for a function and was a great success. More bookings are coming through.

2008.109.2. Youth Forum. Numbers are good. The sponsored walk went well, and future events include a trip to Carlton Lodge and go-karting/quad biking. There will be an end of term BBQ.

2008.109.3. Police Liaison Group. Cllr White reported on the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Pubwatch is proving successful locally, with 9 out of 10 pubs locally signed up to this scheme. Burglary and shed thefts are down, but there are problems in Boroughbridge with HGV parking near the supermarket.

In an attempt to encourage more members of the public to attend, the next meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September in Great Ouseburn Village Hall.

2008.109.4. Yore Vision. At the AGM there were presentations on each project, including our Village Hall extension project. St James's Square improvements in Boroughbridge will be starting soon. The Ure Walks Through Time project is on to the second stage with walks in Aldwark, Myton on Swale and Stavely.

2008.110.        **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** An update on the development at Carrside Road.

2008.111.        **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.