

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Cllr K Scott (Chairman), Cllr B Robinson (Vice Chairman), Cllr G Potter, Cllr M Rampling, Cllr Ian Shaw, Cllr J Burton.

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

Also present: 1 member of the public

2014. 61        **Apologies received for absence:** Cllr M Grant, Cllr C Lewis (Harrogate Borough Council), Neil Waite (North Yorkshire Police).

2014. 62        **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the Village Hall and declare their personal interests in the Village Hall. Members to indicate whether they will be declaring any other interests under the Code of Conduct.

2014. 63        **Minutes of the previous meeting.** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014: The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record plus signed and dated by the Chairman.

2014. 64        **Public Participation.** Any member of the public present at the meeting may make representations, answer questions or give evidence in relation to the business to be transacted. Members of the council who have a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business to be transacted may also speak in relation to that matter. *Please note that the Chairman will control this session and will exercise his discretion as to the amount of time allowed for public participation. No decisions are made at this part of the meeting – this will be done by the Council having heard and noted the representations made: nil*

2014. 65        **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

2014.65.1 Free landing/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.110.1 refers): no news.

2014.65.2 LDP Affordable Housing Site, Branton (minute 2012.074 refers): no news.

2014.65.3 Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.110.2 refers). See minute 2012.149.03: no news.

2014.65.4 Highways issues: The clerk is to contact NYCC to urgently cut Brown Lane junction, Carr Side and the T-Junction to Whixley.

The potholes on Churchfield Lane are currently marked up for repair.

The Parish Council is awaiting a quote from Richard Grant for Grass Cutting works for 2015 to incorporate the areas of The Avenue, Church Field Lane and from the Primary School to Fishpond Bridge. This is for 6 cuts in the financial year. Cllr Robinson/Cllr Potter to obtain a quote for the above also from Mr. Young.

2014.65.5 Tree Management: Light Mire Lane Trees – the trunks are sprouting. Nigel Roskilly can do the work and has been put on his work list to do.

2014.65.6 Commuted Sums: see minute 2013.126 no news.

2014.65.7 Fishpond Conservation Area: The lease agreement has been signed and returned to NYCC. Once NYCC have confirmed and finalised the lease Cllr Scott will organise a sub-committee for this area. The Insurance Company has been informed about the lease by the clerk but any land rented is automatically covered no need to notify the Insurance Company.

Volunteers have helped cut back undergrowth along the parcel of land. The Himalayan Balsam needs removing in the next few weeks.

The Environment Agency was out last Monday doing a survey on the Vegetation in the stream.

2014.65.8 Allotments: see minute 2014.4 Further to the last meeting Cllr Robinson confirmed his contact has got a bobcat to carry out the works needed to rectify the drainage problem. Cllr Robinson is to arrange a meeting with him at the allotments to show what works require carrying out. Cllr Scott, Cllr Rampling and Cllr Potter also would like to be present at the meeting.

**2014. 66 Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2014.66.1 Mr G Jackson, Sandlands, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire, YO26 9RQ DCREFULZ 14/01782/FUL 6.80.45.E.FUL Conversion of garages and office to form additional living accommodation, erection of garage block and conversion of agricultural land to form domestic garden: REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION

To note any decisions received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date

**2014. 67 Planning applications:**

To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date

Updates on planning issues as follows:

- Harrogate Planning Enforcement looking into a possible breach of planning condition at Green Acres, Moor Lane, Great Ouseburn
- Rosehill: Work has started again and a roof has been demolished to the left of the gateway. Cllr Scott is to check and clarify the plans as when discussed this was thought not to be part of the plans.
- The Forge, Main Street: A meeting took place today with planners and councillors. The original plan is now to be dismissed however, the new plan submitted by Cosy Homes had certain criteria missed off the plan of which Harrogate Borough Council said they were negligent for due to workload at the time. Therefore the property is left with an enlarged footprint. The planners accepted a footprint of 8.3 however the builder has built the property to a footprint of 9m which is in breach therefore has been told to re-submit new plans of how the building has actually been built. The Parish Council should be consulted on these new plans of which they will not be accepting and have the following concerns and will object to:
  - Increase in height of the building
  - Moving of the footprint towards the old forge cottage and is overbearing to this adjacent property and dominating the street scene.
  - The property has gained 450mm in length including the garage (20.4m on the plan passed and actually built to 21m). This has brought it closer to the old forge cottage.
  - Window Jams on the side of the windows should not be there and are out of keeping with the period of the village.
  - The Porch is also out of keeping and is a different style and is bigger than what was approved on plan.
  - The window in the garage is too close and overlooking the adjacent property.
  - The Velux roof window nearest to the Forge Cottage (West End) is overlooking the adjacent property.

The clerk is to contact Harrogate Borough Council and request a copy of the Environmental Survey/Report.

**2014. 68 Questions from Councillors.** To consider questions from Councillors.

Cllr Potter is to organise the playing field hedges to be trimmed. Cllr Potter also said the signs for the CCTV at the Village Hall are ready to collect.

Cllr Shaw requested for the clerk to contact YWA re: a drain that continues to get blocked from Branton Green Pumping Station to Branton Close. This has been a problem from 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and requires investigating as it continues to be backing up sewage through the manhole in Abeokuta.

Cllr Scott proposed to register 'The Crown Inn' public house as a community asset due to it being the last pub in the village and at the heart of the community. Harrogate Borough Council has the forms which Cllr Scott said he would complete once he has the owners name and address (Wellington Inns). All present agreed to the proposal.

2014. 69 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.** To consider the statement of accounts for the current year and approve payments therein.

P5/14	Boroughbridge Services (Spring Festival Cup Engraving)	£10.50
P6/14	Keith Scott (Allotment pump washer)	£12.99
P7/14	James Mackman (Internal Audit fee)	£80.00
P8/14	YLCA (Annual subscription renewal)	£185.00
P9/14	CPRE (Annual subscription renewal)	£36.00

2014.69.1 Harrogate Borough Council: Annual Inspection of Children's Play Area FOR 2014 AND 2015 £60 inc VAT each year: All present agreed the fee for this year and next year.

2014. 70 YLCA - Joint Annual Meeting 2014: To discuss to see if any Councillors wish to attend on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm: no interest expressed.

2014. 71 James Mackman Internal Audit Report dated the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014: To discuss the report with the Councillors: Report discussed and all points acknowledged.

Items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date

2014. 72 **General Circulation Correspondence received – for information only.** This was noted and passed for circulation by the clerk

- Clerks & Councils Direct July 2014 issue
- North Yorkshire County Council letter ref: P52/Impl dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014: Charges for hardcore, rubble and plasterboard waste
- North Yorkshire County Council letter ref: 20140713 Review – Renewal of Contracts for local bus services in Richmondshire, Hambleton and Harrogate Areas.

2014. 73 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2014.073.01 **Village Hall Committee:** Cllr Judith Burton is now the new Chairman for GOVH

Tour de France raised £5,800 which included a £1000 donation from the Martin Trust. These funds are to go towards the improvements for the Village Hall.

Two bike racks have been purchased; One for the village hall and one for the primary school.

A bike club is getting created and run by Nigel Bew and will be known as Le go le tour club.

The away changing room is still to be painted.

Richard Grant is now undertaking the gardening works at GOVH.

The Beer Festival will be taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

A quiz will be held in November.

2014.073.02 **Police Liaison Group:** no news

2014.073.03 **Yore Vision:** no news

2014. 74 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda:** Killing Weeds playing field invoice.

2014. 75 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room at the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.