

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st November 2007 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were two members of the public.

2007.168 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr B Robinson and Cllr Chris Lewis (HBC).

2007.169 **Declarations of Interest.**

2007.169.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2007.170 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 17th October 2007 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2007.171 **Progress Reports.**

2007.171.1 Village Design Statement (minute 2007/148.1 refers). Cllr Paterson informed members that the questionnaire was now completed and that copying costs would be just over £60. It was agreed that this should be paid by the Parish Council. The questionnaire will now be distributed – replies could be handed in at the Post Office or at Cllr Rampling's workshop.

2007.171.2 Use of Aldwark Manor footbridge (minute 2007.148.2 refers). The Clerk confirmed that North Yorkshire County Council's Definitive Map Team has prepared the Creation Agreement and forms have been sent out to the relevant parties.

2007.171.3 Adoption of Moor Lane (minute 2007.148.3 refers). The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the legal department at North Yorkshire and that a response was expected in the next few weeks.

2007.171.4 Accent Homes development at Carrside Road (minute 2007.151.1 refers). The Clerk advised that she had not yet been able to speak to the developer, but that she would keep trying. The land ownership has now been transferred from Harrogate Borough Council to Accent Homes. It was noted that complaints had been received about scrap being left on the site, and it was agreed that a complaint should be made to the developer.

2007.171.5 Lyndlea, Branton Lane (minute 2007.151.2 refers). The Clerk advised that she had been in touch with the Enforcement Officer in the planning department at Harrogate Borough Council, and had been told that a new planning application is being submitted relating to the single storey link extension., which will then have to be dealt with in the usual way.

2007.172 **Planning applications.**

2007.172.1 Outbuildings to rear of Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion to form 1 dwelling with 3 front dormer windows.

At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting and took contributions from the floor. The meeting was then reconvened.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond with Option C – making comments regarding the introduction of dormer windows into the Conservation Area, and the setting of a precedent for future development along Back Lane.

2007.172.2 The Firs, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of detached double garage. The Parish Council had no objections.

2007.172.3 Prospect Farm House, Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn. Erection of detached annexe and rebuilding of boundary wall (incl. Listed Building application). The Parish Council objected on the grounds that the proposed building would be completely out of keeping with the main house and with other properties in the area, and would have a

detrimental impact on the main listed building and on the streetscene. Comments were also made about the access to the new building.

- 2007.172.4 The Forge, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Felling of one sycamore and dead wooding and crown cleaning of 1 sycamore. Concerns were expressed over the fact that the Parish Council was not a consultee on this matter, which is for trees right opposite the Village Green, on the Main Street and next to a bus stop. It was agreed that Harrogate should be contacted and asked that in future the PC should be consulted on applications for tree works within the Conservation Area where the trees are in a prominent position. It was agreed that the removal of the sycamore tree would cause damage to the appearance of the Conservation Area and a second opinion should be sought over the need to remove the tree as every effort should be made to save it.
- 2007.173 **Commemorative Plaque.** It was agreed that a plaque in memory of Keith Raspin and Elliot Swann should be placed on the new shelter on the Village Green.
- 2007.174 **Verges on Church Field Lane and Lightmire Lane.** The present overgrown condition of these verges was noted and it was agreed that they should be cut at least once a year to stop them reverting back to scrub. The Clerk to contact Dalton Enterprises to arrange.
- 2007.175 **Internal Audit Action Plan.** The Clerk advised members of the requirements under the new audit regulations for a review of the effectiveness of the internal audit, and it was agreed that the Chairman should liaise with the Clerk on what appropriate measures should be put in place to carry this out. A report to be made to the next meeting.
- 2007.176 **Parish Precept 2006/7.** Budget proposals put forward by councillors for the precept to be demanded for 2006/7 were considered, and the final budget will be approved at the next meeting. Suggestions included:
- 2007.176.1 A sum set aside each year for pruning trees that were planted by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that she had received confirmation from both Harrogate and North Yorkshire that these are the responsibility of the Parish Council
- 2007.176.2 An increase in rents charged to allotment holders, mooring holders, and to the cricket and football clubs, followed by annual increases to keep pace with inflation.
- 2007.176.3 Removing smaller items such as seats and troughs from the insurance policy, on the understanding that reserves should be kept for replacing them.
- 2007.177 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2007 – 20th November 2007.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P31/07 | Websters – churchyard | £ 235.00 |
| P32/07 | CPC – Village Hall sound system | £ 191.54 |
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| P34/07 | The Ouseburns Youth Forum | £ 250.00 |
- 2007.178 **Correspondence received.**
- 2007.178.1 Harrogate Borough Council – Parish Briefings on new Code of Conduct. Noted.
- 2007.178.2 Harrogate Borough Council – Highways Agency Agreement consultation. No comment.
- 2007.178.3 Harrogate Borough Council – consultation on hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licensing. The Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 2007.178.4 Harrogate Borough Council – questionnaire on HBC's budget 2008/9. The Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 2007.178.5 North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority – summary of accounts 2006/7. To be circulated.
- 2007.178.6 CPRE York & Selby District branch newsletter Autumn 2007. To be circulated.
- 2007.178.7 Ripon CVS – November 2007 mailing. To be circulated.
- 2007.178.8 NYCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework Site Allocations preferred options consultation. It was noted that responses must be in by 24th December. This document and disc to be circulated, and the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 2007.178.9 BBC Breathing Places Grants. Applications to be submitted by Friday 18th January – the letter to be circulated and the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

2007.179 **Reports from representatives.**

2007.179.1 **Village Hall Committee.** The sound/lighting system is nearly finished. Fundraising is going well.

2007.179.2 **Youth Forum.** Thanks were expressed for the donation from the Parish Council. Numbers are steady at present.

2007.179.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.

2007.179.4 **Yore Vision.** It has been agreed that the interpretation board being erected at Great Ouseburn will feature the local links to the Bronte family. The next meeting will be on 24th November.

2007.180 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 19th December 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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