

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and two members of the public.

2011.35. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr G Potter, Cllr L Paterson and Cllr M Grant.

2011.36. **Declarations of Interest.**

2011.36.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.37. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.38. **Public Participation.**

2011.38.1. Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) gave an update on various matters: he is intending to call another ward meeting with Highways sometime in May; the move to kerbside collection of plastic and cardboard for recycling will be phased in over about 18 months; the crime figures for the Harrogate area are up by 1% mainly due to a blip from shoplifting from the Asda store.

2011.39. **Progress Reports.**

2011.39.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.22.1 refers). It was noted that the Environment Agency have constructed the brickwork for their telemetry apparatus but nothing has been installed yet. The Clerk was asked to advise them that some screws are sticking out of the structure and could possibly be dangerous.

A preliminary application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for further funding for the next phase of the project.

The Clerk reported that she had again spoken to the Fishing Club about the legal agreement for the creation of the new footpath. The Club seems to have been unsure about parking rights and although they have never raised any issue with the Parish Council this seems to have been behind the delay in signing the agreement. It was hoped that this would be sorted out soon.

2011.39.2. Land Adjacent to the Playing Field (minute 2011.6.3 refers). The Clerk advised that she had received no response from the landowner to the proposal to either purchase or lease some extra land – Cllr Robinson to follow this up for the next meeting.

2011.39.3. Highways Issues (minute 2011.22.4 refers). The pavement at the bungalows has recently been resurfaced, but the pavement further along Branton Lane is still in a very poor condition. Work has recently been done to the avenue of trees on Branton Lane to remove dead branches and to cut back the basal growths. The Clerk has asked the Highways department if the Parish Council would be permitted to do any of this work in the future, as in view of recent cutbacks it is uncertain when any further works could be funded by the Highways department. The new weight limit signs re Aldwark Bridge are due to be installed very soon, and the Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme project (to install kerbing at the edge of the village green to enable a footpath to be put in place) should also be started soon.

2011.40. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2011.40.1. Church Hill Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Removal of internal wall (Listed Building application). Granted subject to conditions.

2011.40.2. Jasmine Cottage Carr Side Road Great Ouseburn. Conservation Area consent for the demolition of boundary wall. Application withdrawn.

2011.41. **Planning applications.** None received.

2011.42. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2011.25 refers). It was noted that there were no major new developments on this matter. The Clerk gave a report from the Parishes Group, which is starting the task of fundraising to pay for potential costs at a Public Enquiry. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not make any direct financial contribution at this stage – the Clerk to contact local

residents who had already expressed opposition to the scheme, with a view to organising some independent fundraising activities.

- 2011.43. **High Speed Rural Broadband.** The Chairman gave a report on the Broadband North Yorkshire Conference which he attended on 19<sup>th</sup> February at Ripon Racecourse. It was noted that Great Ouseburn and surrounding villages could possibly benefit from high speed broadband within a year, with a local digital hub in place near the school and wireless transmission from that point. This NYNET project is aiming to give 100% high quality broadband across the whole of North Yorkshire by 2015, using the existing fibre optic ring that has been put in place across the county by NYCC. It was noted that a great number of local expressions of interest have already been registered and that NYNET is actively working on solutions for Great Ouseburn. It was agreed that no further action is currently required by the Parish Council in order to facilitate this, but that an update will be given at the next meeting.
- 2011.44. **Questions from Councillors.** Dog fouling is still a problem in the village, particularly in Branton, and the Clerk was asked to provide some posters for the area.
- 2011.45. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**  
The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payment approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P43/10 | ICO renewal                           | 35.00  |
| P44/10 | Green-Tech - sprays for playing field | 188.00 |
- 2011.46. **Correspondence received.**
- 2011.46.1. Harrogate Borough Council – withdrawal of concessionary scheme enhancements. Noted.
- 2011.46.2. NYCC – Parish Charter. To be circulated.
- 2011.46.3. CPRE – update on the future of the Forestry Commission. Noted.
- 2011.46.4. Request from Harrogate Town Under-19s Football Team to use the football pitch at Great Ouseburn on Sunday afternoons. After some discussion with Mark Forster, a local resident who coaches the U19s, it was agreed that they could hire the ground, and a fee was agreed.
- 2011.47. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2011.47.1. **Village Hall Committee.** There will be a Race Night on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be an event to celebrate the Royal Wedding in April.
- 2011.47.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No report. It is understood that Neil Waite is taking over duties from Paul Haydon, who has now retired.
- 2011.47.3. **Yore Vision.** There will be a Film Night at the Coronation Hall in Boroughbridge on 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2011.47.4. **First Responder Scheme.** The Clerk advised that she had contacted Marton cum Grafton Parish Council to ask if they wished to become involved in the Scheme and was waiting for a response.
- 2011.48. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Possible installation of a new litterbin in Branton, to address the problem of dog fouling and bags being left on the verges.  
Also – the issue of Ouseburn Football Club, the bond and ongoing use of the football pitch.
- 2011.49. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.