

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th April 2008 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.

2008.51. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr B Robinson

2008.52. **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.52.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.53. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 19th March 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2008.54. **Public Participation.** Members of the public made comments and gave information about the poor condition of the repairs recently carried out to potholes in the roads (minute 2008.60 refers), and trees in the village and the condition of the playing field (minute 2008.59 refers).

2008.55. **Progress Reports.**

2008.55.1. Village Design Statement (minute 2008.39.1 refers). Cllr Paterson advised that the next scheduled meeting of the working group will now be next week.

2008.55.2. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2008.39.3 refers). The Clerk advised that Messrs Fitzgerald-Harts have registered three areas of land with the Land Registry, but that they may need further Statutory Declarations before they can proceed with the remainder of the registrations.

2008.55.3. Mole Cottage planning application (minute 2008.42.1 refers). The Clerk advised that this had been removed from Harrogate Borough Council's website because it was currently an invalid application. It would go back onto the website when it became valid.

2008.55.4. Tree felling at Branton (minute 2008.49.1 refers). Cllr Rampling confirmed that the two hollow trees had now been removed by NYCC. The 'give way' sign at Pipers Lane was taken down and needs re-erecting. The Clerk to chase NYCC regarding replacement trees.

2008.56. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:

2008.56.1. Outbuildings to rear of Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of outbuilding to form 1 dwelling (revised scheme). Granted subject to conditions.

2008.56.2. The Forge, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Planning Enforcement case. Works to a protected tree were in excess of those authorised.

2008.56.3. Henyard Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey side extension. Granted subject to conditions.

2008.57. **Planning applications.**

2008.57.1. The Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conservation Area application for the demolition of part of front boundary wall. It was resolved to respond with Option B – the Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out below:

The Parish Council does not object to an opening being created in the wall, but considers that this proposal to step the wall back from the road is totally out of keeping with the rest of the wall. It would be better to curve the wall back.

Every attempt must be made to reuse the old Victorian bricks. A second area of boundary wall

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(marked) is also very old and should also be protected.
The archaeological dig should also cover the area of the wall.

2008.57.2. Great Ouseburn Community Primary School. Erection of wooden pavilion for use by parents as a waiting shelter and pupil use during school day. The Parish Council supported this application.

2008.58. **Questions from Councillors.** Councillors asked if North Yorkshire County Council had responded to the complaints about the work done to the road at Burn Beck. The Clerk replied that she had been told that NYCC considered the work to be of a satisfactory standard. As the road is flooding because of the position of the drain it was agreed that this matter should be put on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.
Queries were also raised about the sewerage system overloading, and speeding buses. Both matters to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

2008.59. **Playing Field.** It was noted that both the school and the football club have contributed to the cost of hiring a roller to improve the condition of the playing field at the start of the cricket season. No further action required.
Complaints concerning the trees at the edge of the playing field dropping their cones were considered, and it was agreed that as a first step the Clerk should ask the aboriginal officer at Harrogate Borough Council to come and look at these trees, and also the cherry trees on the Village Green. There were no objections in principal to the idea of removing the pine trees at the playing field and replacing them with a different species.

2008.60. **Condition of Roads.** The present condition of roads in the parish was noted, and in particular the haphazard way in which some potholes had recently been mended. The potholes along Carrside have still not been mended and were considered dangerous. The Clerk to contact the Highways Authority to ask them if they inspect the repairs carried out, and to request that the remaining potholes are mended without further delay.

2008.61. **Parish Council Elections Thursday 1st May 2008.** It was noted that as insufficient candidates had been proposed, the following Parish Councillors have been returned unopposed: Keith Scott, Brian Robinson, Judith Burton, Rachel Kay, Mike Rampling and Richard White. There remains one place unfilled, which can be filled by co-option within 35 days, beginning with the day on which the election would have been held. Notices to be put up to advertise the vacancy.

2008.62. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2008 – 16th April 2008.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes). The Clerk explained that a rebate had been applied to the non-domestic rates, which meant a much lower than usual charge.
The Clerk to obtain further quotes for the insurance, due for renewal on 1st June.

P1/08	Peter Smith Associates – consultancy fee, Village Hall	£900.00
P2/08	York & North Yorks Playing Fields Association	£12.50
P3/08	Yorkshire Local Councils Association	£155.00
P4/08	MH & J Rampling – works to Village Hall	£1,559.51
P5/08	HBC – sports ground non domestic rates	£1.15

2008.63. **Correspondence received.**

2008.63.1. Harrogate Borough Council – annual Daffodil Bulb offer. It was agreed that this should be accepted. One bag of bulbs will be given by HBC – the possibility of buying further bulbs to be discussed at a future meeting.

2008.63.2. NYCC – Children and Young People’s Plan 2008-2011: Consultation. To be forwarded to the Youth Forum.

2008.63.3. The Mayor of Harrogate – Civic Thanksgiving Service 20th April. Noted.

2008.63.4. NYCC – 2008 Local Transport Plan Progress Report and Survey. The Chairman to respond.

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2008.63.5. Standards Board – Town and Parish Standard March 2008. To be circulated.

2008.63.6. Letter from a local resident concerning a weight limit for through traffic. There was general agreement with the main sentiments expressed in the letter. The proposal for a 20mph limit outside the school was one of the items on the Village Design Statement questionnaire. It was agreed that this matter should be given further consideration.

2008.64. **Reports from representatives.**

2008.64.1. Village Hall Committee. The new staircase is in, and a wall has been created as a safety barrier above the bar.

The Chairman informed members that funding of £10,000 has been confirmed from the Rural Target Fund. This is money from Yorkshire Forward, administered by North Yorkshire County Council, and is a huge boost to the plans for the Village Hall. Quotes for the work can now be presented for consideration.

2008.64.2. **Youth Forum.** The annual meeting with the Cricket Club took place last month, to try to minimise congestion and promote fair use of the field on Tuesday evenings. Cllrs Rampling and White have agreed to monitor these evenings. Meanwhile a suggestion has been made for a joint end-of term social event.

Future plans include Go-Karting and Quad Biking in Knaresborough and a trip to an Outdoor Activity Centre.

2008.64.3. **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.

2008.64.4. **Yore Vision.** The interpretation board and leaflets for the walks will be in place in time for the Spring Festival, with the official opening date for the walks now 12th May. Work on re-cobbling St James's Square in Boroughbridge is to go ahead.

2008.65. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Possible damage caused to a footpath by cherry tree roots.

2008.66. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 14th May 2008, immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.