

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr Keith Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr B Robinson, Mr L Paterson,  
Mr M Rampling and Mr R White

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps.

There were three members of the public present at the meeting, including Cllr Martin Leather (HBC).

2008.161 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Rachel Kay, and Cllr John Savage (NYCC).

2008.162 **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.162.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.163 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2008.164 **Public Participation.** Concerns were raised about the length of time it was taking to resolve the issue of the damage done to property by cherry trees planted in the verge. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had not received any correspondence from NYCC on the matter but that as soon as any letter was received it would be replied to promptly. The local Safer Neighbourhood Officer from North Yorkshire Police, Paul Haydon, introduced himself and answered questions from Councillors on traffic issues, travellers and other matters.

2008.165 **Progress Reports.**

2008.165.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2008.146.1 refers). No further progress on this matter.

2008.165.2 Development at Carrside Road – drainage (minute 2008.146.2 refers). The Clerk advised members that she had been in touch with Yorkshire Water and was waiting for them to revert to her.

2008.165.3 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2008.154 refers). BCTV have confirmed that they will provide a more detailed timetable in the next week or so, and it was agreed that a further meeting should be arranged. White marker posts have been requested from the Highways Authority. After considering quotations it was agreed to purchase a second bench in addition to the one that is being given to the project by Green-Tech. Cllr Rampling informed members that he had received an updated quotation for the second phase of the project, at the riverbank, of over £18,000 – to include creating a jetty, steps and ramp. These costs to be investigated further. Cllr Rampling had researched the possibility of help in conserving the Tansy Beetle, and informed members that York University are interested in this. The Clerk to make enquiries, and also contact British Waterways and Harrogate Borough Council regarding conservation/wildlife projects.

2008.165.4 Village Design Statement (minute 2008.146.4 refers). Cllr Paterson informed members that, having seen an early draft of the Conservation Area Review, there was a great deal of overlap between the two documents. It was agreed that if the extra issues in the VDS could be included in the Conservation Area document then that would be a good outcome, as the Conservation Area Review is an officially recognised planning document. A further VDS group meeting would be held at the end of October.

2008.165.5 Tree Preservation Orders (minute 2008.150 refers), and condition of trees at the Village Green. The Clerk confirmed that Harrogate Borough Council had apologised for the strimmer damage and that they would not strim close to trees in future and would replace any dead trees. The TPO request had been submitted but no response received yet.

2008.165.6 Recycling facility at the Crown Inn (minute 2008.151 refers). The Clerk informed members that she had been advised by Harrogate that because of other facilities available locally (kerbside collections and the mini-recycling facility at The Green Tree) it

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was not considered that a mini-recycling facility was necessary at The Crown. Harrogate Borough Council to be asked to reconsider.

2008.165.7 Provision of a new seat near the bungalows, Branton Lane (minute 2008.153 refers). Permission has been received from Harrogate Borough Council for the installation of a bench seat and planting area, provided the Parish Council agrees to the maintenance. Awaiting confirmation of what funds are available in commuted sums.

2008.165.8 Draft Conservation Area Review (minute 2008.116.3 refers). See 2008.164.4 above.

## 2008.166 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2008.166.1 Belgrave House, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey side and rear extensions to basement (revised scheme). Granted subject to conditions.

2008.166.2 St Imoges, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Outline application for the erection of 1 detached dwelling with access considered and the felling of various trees (revised scheme). Granted subject to conditions.

2008.166.3 Gilling House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of outbuilding to form additional living accommodation. Granted subject to conditions.

## 2008.167 **Planning applications.**

2008.167.1 Fields View, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of rear conservatory. There were no objections.

2008.167.2 Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 2 detached dwellings and felling of 1 Fruit tree within Great Ouseburn Conservation Area. The agreed response was option C – neither objecting to nor supporting the application, but seeking clarification on the materials to be used, the visibility splay, and the loss of stabling.

## 2008.168 **Questions from Councillors.** None.

2008.169 **HBC Parish Consultation Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008.** The Chairman reported on the Parish Consultation Meeting held at Aldborough Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The issue of the lack of information regarding commuted sums was being looked into, and Harrogate Borough Council are saying that all will be sorted out by the end of this year. The issue over enforcement action over planning was the usual lack of funds, and the matter of the footpath will be replied to separately.

2008.170 **NYCC Waste Core Strategy.** The current position is that because of flaws in the consultation procedures, the whole process has been halted. It was noted that there are concerns locally regarding incineration at the site. It was agreed that the Parish Council should liaise with Whixley Parish Council regarding this.

2008.171 **Community Safety Plan.** It was agreed to create a Community Safety Plan for Great Ouseburn. The Clerk to invite Harrogate Borough Council to speak on the matter at a future meeting.

2008.172 **Annual Inspection of Playground.** The report on the annual inspection of the playground was noted and it was agreed that remedial action should be taken where appropriate. Overall the inspection was satisfactory, with all identified risks being marked as 'low'.

## 2008.173 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008.**

It was noted that the external audit of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been approved.

The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P19/08	Peter Smith Associates – Village Hall	£550.00
P20/08	Moor Lane Autos – tractor repair/diesel	£152.24
P21/08	HBC - grasscutting (2 cuts)	£138.79
P22/08	Green-Tech – grounds maintenance	£152.75
P23/08	Mazars – external audit fee	£158.62

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P24/08	HBC – annual playground inspection	£64.63
P25/08	JSJ Structures Ltd – Village Hall extension	£1,950.50
P26/08	Ouseburn Football Club grant	£300.00

## 2008.174 **Correspondence received.**

- 2008.174.1 “The making and enforcement of bylaws” – consultation from the Department for Communities and Local Government. To be circulated.
- 2008.174.2 “Town and Parish Standard” Sept 2008. To be circulated.
- 2008.174.3 YLCA Harrogate Branch Meeting – agenda for 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008. To be circulated.
- 2008.174.4 NY Fire & Rescue Service Corporate Report 2008-2011. To be circulated.
- 2008.174.5 ARCH Mediation Service leaflets. To be circulated.

## 2008.175 **Reports from representatives.**

- 2008.175.1 Village Hall Committee. Work on the new extension will start within the week.
- 2008.175.2 Youth Forum. The AGM was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October with an excellent turnout by members and helpers. New members and volunteers are very welcome. The next planned event is the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- 2008.175.3 Police Liaison Group. No meeting.
- 2008.175.4 Yore Vision. The Walks Through Time project has received a cheque for £250 from a regional award programme.

## 2008.176 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.

2008.177 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.