

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th April 2012
at 7.30 p.m. in the Club Room, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs L Evely (Clerk).

Also present: Cllr Martin Leather

2012.01 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Lawrence Paterson, Cllr M Grant, Cllr J Savage

2012.02 **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2012.03 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 21st March 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

2012.04 **Public Participation.** Cllr Leather informed the Parish Council that there are plans for Harrogate Borough Council together with the Chamber of Commerce and Railtrak to improve the Railway lines from York to Harrogate. This is planned to take place in the next few years.

2012.05 **Progress Reports.**

2012.5.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.110.1 refers) The clerk is to contact the solicitor by letter and copy Bethan Brown of HBC to chase up the agreement for the riverside path and to inform that Aldwark Manor Hotel is up for sale. This may cause problems for signing the agreement. If this doesn't get completed shortly the car park will have to be closed and the fishermen and general public will have no further foot or parking access available.

Cllr Potter in the meantime has kindly offered to cut around the benches when the weather is dryer and to top the grass.

2012.5.2. Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.110.2 refers). Planning application NY/2011/0328/ENV. Awaiting the report from Amey Cespa regarding the roads. The Waste Core Strategy Draft Vision was agreed by councillors to be vague and unable to comment.

2012.5.3. Highways issues.

Cllr Leather informed the parish council that Malcolm Smurthwaite of Highways advised that 'The Avenue' Footpath was scheduled to be put right by the end of February. This has not been done to date and Cllr Leather is to chase.

Cllr Potter has informed the local Hunt and Livery Yards for riders not to ride their horses on the footpaths within the village. It has been observed that this is still occurring therefore the councillors agreed that 2 signs need erecting at either end of the avenue as a deterrent. Cllr Potter will sort the signs with Timpsons.

2012.5.4. Proposed Article 4 Directive, Conservation Area (minute 2011.110.6 refers). No further news.

2012.06 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

Holly Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RF: Enforcement case no: 12/00126/LB

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

2012.07 **Planning applications. None to date.**

2012.7.1. To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: Cllr Scott downloaded from the website:

Mr & Mrs Parker, West View Farmhouse, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RE 6.80.180.C.FUL 12/01273/FUL: All councillors agreed to seek safeguards on the following points: All windows seen from the street scene should be 4 pane double hung sash windows hung on cords and pullies. This original style of window was present in this house until the 1960's not the proposed 'Yorkshire Sliding Windows'. Cast Iron guttering should also be present on the frontage.

2012.08 **Questions from Councillors:**

2012.8.1. A cherry tree has been removed from a grass verge outside Mr Beaumont's property, 'Highfield', Main Street, Great Ouseburn. The clerk is to ask Harrogate Borough Council to see if this has had permission to be removed.

2012.8.2. Cllr Robinson requested the potholes on Lightmire Lane to be reported.

2012.8.3. Cllr Rampling attended the CPRE NALC Planning meeting and has requested that we need to remain adamant that the LDS (Local Development Scheme) green recreational space needs protecting between Branton and Ouseburn and the need for the amount of planned affordable housing reducing as it causing concerns of the impact it will have on the village. Cllr Leather will check on the status as we have had no reply from the Development Office on the Parish Councils comments from the consultation period last May/June time.

2012.09 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012 & for the period 1st April 2012 – 18th April 2012** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P34/11	Clerks Salary and Expenses	389.02
P35/11	Aaztec Assoc (Ladies Toilets VH)	7560.40
P36/11	Leander Architectural (Plane Crash Plaque)	398.42
P1/12	BACLA Donation	50.00
P2/12	SMP Playground Equipment	4200.00

2012.010 **Correspondence received.**

2012.10.1. Allotment Restriction on rental to people within the parish have first offer then to go to people outside the parish: The Councillors agreed to change the following parts of the tenancy agreement to state:

(2.3)'Cultivation: free from weeds plus cutting of grass – should be kept cut and tidy'

(2.11) Dogs should be kept on leads at all times

(2.12) Remove Act and update to be the same as the Boroughbridge Allotment Agreement re: restriction on keeping of animals.

(2.14)If the tenant moves away from the Parish the tenancy agreement will automatically cease at the end of the contracted year unless by prior agreement of the Parish Council.

2012.10.2. Parking outside the Village Hall/Cricket entrance re: Grass Crete: Cllr Judith Burton kindly offered to check how much grass-crete (roll type) costs with Green Tech and report back to the council.

2012.10.3. Pine Trees on the edge of the playing field regarding the option of placing a tree preservation order on them: To check with Allan Gilliard the Arboriculturist how much can be trimmed off the bottom once had a site visit then we can move forward with the Tree Preservation Order.

2012.10.4. James Mackman Internal Audit fee of £80 for Mazars: All Councillors present agreed to the fee.

2012.10.5. Memorial ceremony - purchase of a wreath: All Councillors present agreed to purchase a wreath at a cost of £17.

2012.10.6. Armed Forces Day – Fly a Flag: The Parish Council already own a flag and agreed to fly it.

Correspondence received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:

2012.10.7. Harrogate Borough Council: Parish Council Community Group – Bulb Scheme 2012: The Parish Council agreed to Crocus bulbs.

2012.011 **Reports from representatives.**

2012.11.1. **Village Hall Committee.**

Currently waiting for a survey and quotes for the proposed Solar Panels for the Village Hall building. There are possibly grants to recover 95% of the costs.

2012.11.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No further news.

2012.11.3. **Yore Vision.** Still setting up local partnership group. Welcome Walkers Scheme coming up will hopefully increase tourists to the area. Plant to pot in Boroughbridge Car Park on Saturday for petitions to be signed by the public.

2012.11.4. **First Responder Scheme.** The next training weekend is the June 9th and 10th and also coming to assess Cllr Scott.

2012.012 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**

2012.12.1. Finance Sheet

2012.013 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 16th May 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.