

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th October 2005 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were Cllr John Savage (NYCC), Cllr Chris Lewis (HBC) and 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Paul Thompson and Ruth Girdham.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
 - 2.1. All Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in items relating to the Village Hall.
 - 2.2. Cllr Robinson declared a prejudicial interest item 6.2.
 - 2.3. Cllr Kay declared a personal interest in item 9.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 21st September 2005 having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Progress Reports.**
 - 4.1. Basketball Court (minute 4.2/9/05 refers). The Clerk advised members that a Registration of Interest form had been forwarded for consideration by the Rural Target Fund, and also that a letter supporting the project had been received from Great Ouseburn Activity Club. Various quotations were now on file.
 - 4.2. Bus Shelter (minute 4.3/9/05 refers). Cllr Scott reported that the Youth Club were happy for the shelter to go over the Millennium Stone, and would ideally like some extra seating built in. Further quotes were being obtained for the project.
 - 4.3. Registration of Village Green (minute 4.4/9/05 refers). The Clerk advised members that the statutory notice had been placed in the press on 30th September, and that the matter was therefore proceeding.
 - 4.4. Adoption of Moor Lane (minute 4.5/9/05 refers). The Clerk reported that she had been unable to make any further progress with North Yorkshire County Council. Cllr Savage offered to talk to the legal department at NYCC about the matter.
 - 4.5. Village Hall car park (minute 4.9/9/05 refers). A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, advising the Parish Council that an acceptable quotation had been received for the work. The Village Hall Committee has offered to undertake all the necessary arrangements and manage the work, and could also commit half the costs from Village Hall funds. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee should obtain two further quotations for the work, and that initial enquiries should be made about applying for an Awards for All grant. The Clerk advised members that Cllr John Savage had also agreed to a request for £300 from the Area Committee. It was resolved that the balance required would be funded by the Parish Council, in order that the work could start as soon as possible.
 - 4.6. Vehicle Activated Signs (minute 4.11/9/05 refers). The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for replies to enquiries.
 - 4.7. New section of pavement at Village Green (minute 10/9/05 refers). Initial enquiries had been made of the Highways Authority, and a further report would be made when replies received.
 - 4.8. Tree pruning at Branton Lane and Church Field Lane (minute 11/9/05 refers). Members were advised that the trees on Branton Lane are included in a four-year pruning plan and will be attended to in the near future. The overhanging trees on Church Field Lane had been reported to the Highways Authority.
 - 4.9. Felling of two trees at Village School (minute 8.3.2/9/05 refers). The Clerk reported that according to the Enforcement Officer at Harrogate Borough Council, there are a number of exceptions to the rule that any proposed work to trees in a conservation area must be approved by the local planning authority. One of these exceptions is works carried out by the County Council – and as the County Council did the work carried out within the school it did not have to notify the planning authority and therefore no breach had taken place.

- 4.10. Harrogate Borough Council Parish Consultations 5th October (minute 11/7/05 refers). The Clerk reported Harrogate Borough Council's response to the query regarding commuted sums.
5. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions had been notified by the Borough Council:
- 5.1. Addition of 3 catslide windows to rear elevation. Brignall, Seggans Road, Great Ouseburn. Granted subject to conditions.
- 5.2. Erection of 1 detached dwelling with new vehicular access (revised scheme). Hillcrest, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Refused.
6. **Planning applications.**
- 6.1. Retention of 2-storey front & side extension with increased roof height & additional rooflight & window. Lyndlea, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that the property is not appropriate to the form and character of other properties at Branton Close, and does not respect the scale, proportions and height of neighbouring properties, thus damaging the visual amenity and character of Branton Close. By reason of overlooking, overshadowing and overbearing the adjoining properties, the Parish Council considers the property has caused an unacceptably detrimental impact on the living conditions of residents in the adjoining properties.
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Head of Planning Services regarding the quality and completeness of the drawings submitted.
- At this point Cllr Robinson left the meeting.*
- 6.2. Listed Building Consent for the partial demolition of boundary wall to form new vehicular access, Walnut Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. The Parish Council did not object to or support the application, but sought safeguards regarding the position of any gate, and the brickwork.
- Cllr Robinson rejoined the meeting.*
- 6.3. Erection of detached workshop and change of use of land in association with educational and recreational activities, Hill Rise, Moor Lane, Great Ouseburn. The Parish Council did not object to or support the application, but sought safeguards about the parking.
7. **Questions from Councillors.** Cllr Burton asked about the legality of the signs for Moor Lane Autos, as they were rather large and possibly obscuring vision at the exit from Moor Lane. The Clerk to report to the next meeting.
8. **Reports from the Clerk.**
- 8.1. Possible damage to sewage pipe, Avenue House. Yorkshire Water have inspected the pipe and confirmed that there is some damage – they have agreed that the contractor can carry out the necessary repairs.
9. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2005 – 18th October 2005.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments therein were approved (copy appended to the minutes):
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| P23/05 | HBC – grasscutting | £ 63.51 |
| P24/05 | Green-tech – spraying | £293.75 |
| P25/05 | HBC – grasscutting | £ 63.51 |
10. **Parish Precept 2006/7.** Draft budget proposals for the precept to be demanded for 2006/7 were considered and it was resolved to increase the precept demand to £5,700 for the year (an increase of 2.4%). Major projects planned included the freelanding, bus shelter, basketball court, new playing field and the car park, with overall expenditure for the year estimated at just under £45,000, much of it grant-aided. Parish Council reserves would also be used on these projects.
11. **Correspondence received.**
- 11.1. North Yorkshire Police Authority – 'Closing the Gap' Questionnaire. Responses were discussed and the Clerk to reply.
- 11.2. Harrogate Borough Council – 'What matters to you?' Questionnaire. Copies of this questionnaire are available in the Village Hall.
12. **Reports from representatives.**
- 12.1. **Village Hall Committee.** This matter discussed at item 4.5.
- 12.2. **Youth Forum.** It was agreed that the Parish Council should make a donation of £250 to the Christmas celebration/older persons' party under the LGA 1972 s137.

12.3. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

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

13.1. Road safety – Church Field Lane.

14. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 16th November 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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