

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were eleven members of the public.

2008.19. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Chris Lewis (Harrogate Borough Council)

2008.20. **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.20.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.21. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 16th January 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2008.22. **Public Participation.** Members of the public made comments and gave information about the school (agenda item 2008.27 below), which continues to achieve excellent results for its pupils. A new governing body now exists for the school, with one vacancy to be filled – if any members of the public are interested in becoming a school governor they can contact them via the village website. Complaints were made about the molehill damage to the playing field (item 2008.29).

2008.23. **Progress Reports.**

2008.23.1. Village Design Statement (minute 2007.184.1 refers). Questionnaires are still being returned but results so far highlight the following as areas of most importance: Quiet Lane status for Church Field Lane, on-street parking, dog fouling, the introduction of a 20mph zone in front of the school, clearing out and improving the fishponds/bridge area and improvement of school playing field facilities. The next VDS meeting will be to discuss the results in depth. The school is going to get involved in a project and the results from the Conservation Area Review will be incorporated.

2008.23.2. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2007.129.5 refers). The Clerk reported that Fitzgerald Harts had provided a form of words to use regarding the land that had been fenced off, and it was agreed that landowners involved should be offered a licence to regularise the situation.

2008.23.3. BBC Breathing Places Grant (minute 2007.189 refers). The Clerk reported that the application had been acknowledged and grant allocations would be decided in June.

2008.23.4. Ousegill Beck (minute 2008.9 refers). The Chairman reported that work had been carried out by Marston Moor Drainage Board in recent weeks. The beck has been dug out from the fishponds area up to Campbell & Penty, apart from one area that was too wet, and water is now flowing well. The blockages were due to an accumulation of sand and vegetation. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Board to ask what could be done to prevent the sand coming down again, and also to ask that the drainage dyke going to the allotments is similarly cleared.

2008.23.5. Road Conditions (minute 2008.10 refers). The Clerk advised members of the contents of an email from the Highways Authority stating that the repairs to Brown Lane/Broadgate are of an acceptable standard. The Clerk to reply to query this.

2008.23.6. Adoption of Moor Lane (minute 2007.184.2 refers). No further developments.

2008.23.7. Use of Aldwark Manor footbridge (minute 2007.171.2 refers). The fishing club have signed the paperwork but so far the Hotel has not – the Clerk to chase this up.

2008.23.8. Conservation Area Review 2nd February 2008 (minute 2007.192 refers). Cllr Rampling advised that a well-attended workshop highlighted concerns about possible future developments in the village, with preferred property types being smaller traditional cottage designs. There was a desire to extend the Conservation Area out as far as Well Lane, and support for ideas to 'soften' areas of the village with planting schemes.

2008.24. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2008.24.1. The Crown Inn, Main Street. Planning Enforcement case regarding the siting of a large umbrella. No further action being taken.

2008.24.2. Wingate Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension and 1.8m high boundary wall and gate (revised scheme) (listed and standard applications). Granted subject to conditions.

2008.25. **Planning applications.**

2008.25.1. The Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 detached dwelling and double garage with new vehicular access (revised scheme). The Parish Council did not object to or support the application but made comment regarding the proposed entrance onto Church Field Lane, the retention of the wall and the possible archaeological importance of the site.

2008.25.2. Lyndlea, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn. Retention of single storey link extension.
Cllr Burton declared a personal interest in this item.

The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that the Planning Appeal had already dismissed the appeal on this extension with the conclusion that the extension was at least 700mm higher than the approved height, and that to allow anything different to be approved would be contrary to the Appeal procedure.

2008.25.3. Outbuildings to rear of Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of outbuilding to form 1 dwelling (Revised Scheme). The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that it would set a precedent for further development along Back Lane.

2008.26. **Questions from Councillors.** Cllr Robinson asked if the Clerk could provide an update on the Carrside Road development for the next meeting.

2008.27. **Great Ouseburn School** (minute 2008.8 refers). Information from the Governors of the school was received during the public participation session, and it was agreed that space should be given to school news in the Parish Council newsletter, and the Parish Council expressed continuing support for the school.

2008.28. **Harrogate District Local Development Framework Public Consultation.** The Parish Council considered the various documentation connected with this consultation and agreed to respond as follows:

2008.28.1. Site Allocations (Homes and Jobs) Preferred Options. Support for the preferred option ref RL1064 south of Branton Lane.

2008.28.2. Development Limits Issues and Options. It was agreed that no large-scale changes to the development limits were warranted but that 'rounding off' and infill of existing limits would not be objected to.

2008.28.3. All other Site Options in Great Ouseburn. Other previously submitted site options were again considered and it was agreed that the Parish Council should formally re-state its opposition to them.

2008.28.4. Proposed New Site for future development at Branton. It was agreed that the Parish Council would propose the area between Carrside Road and Branton Lane as a suitable site for a supplementary scheme, to include the new scheme RL1064 as above (affordable housing) but also to include some other mixed housing, recreational and leisure areas and improved countryside walks linking the two lanes.

2008.29. **Molehills on the Village Green.** It was agreed that the Clerk should contact a suitable person to remove the moles, with an authorised expenditure limit of £100.

2008.29.1. **Village Hall expenditure.**

At this point Cllr Rampling declared a prejudicial interest in the following item and left the room.

Quotations received for the supply of a marquee lining and the installation of a staircase were considered, and it was agreed that the quotations were acceptable, the Village Hall Committee to make the final decision. Funds held by the Village Hall Committee to be contributed towards the cost.

It was agreed that applications for grant aid should be made for the Hall extension scheme, including an application to County Funds (Cllr John Savage), Foundation for Sport and the Arts, and the Rural Target Fund.

Cllr Rampling rejoined the meeting.

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- 2008.30. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2007 – 19th February 2008.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P41/07 | Harrogate Borough Council – building regs. Approval application fee | £ 198.31 |
| P42/07 | Cllr Paterson – VDS expenses (paper) | £ 14.78 |
- The appointment of Mazars LLP as external auditor for 2007/8 was approved. It was agreed to open a new bank account to hold reserves set aside for Pipers Lane pond and tree works.
- 2008.31. **Correspondence received.**
- 2008.31.1. Letter from a local resident re the removal of habitat in Churchfield Lane. The contents of the letter were discussed – the Clerk to respond, noting the concerns raised.
- 2008.31.2. NYCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework Core Strategy Submissions. To be circulated.
- 2008.32. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2008.32.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The Race Night will be on March 15th, and there will be a performance of Wind in the Willows on 10th May. The Spring Gardens Dance will be on 12th April, with the Festival the following weekend.
Volunteers are needed to work as bar staff.
- 2008.32.2. **Youth Forum.** More new members have joined and the group continues to do well – any offers of adult help would be welcome.
- 2008.32.3. **Police Liaison Group.** The next meeting is on March 3rd in Boroughbridge.
- 2008.32.4. **Yore Vision.** The noticeboards project is all on schedule – a leaflet will soon be available as well, describing local walks.
- 2008.33. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None raised.
- 2008.34. **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

After the meeting closed, the new Community Police Officer, Paul Haydon, introduced himself and spoke about the Safer Neighbourhood Team of officers now based in Knaresborough. This is a team of officers who are separate from reactive policing commitments and who can as a result concentrate on the principles of Neighbourhood Policing – local engagement, partnership working and problem solving. There are two new contact email addresses of: saferknaresborough@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk and saferboroughbridge@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk. The in-boxes will be available to all the Safer Neighbourhood Team and will be checked daily. They are recommended as a useful way of raising issues generally.