

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and three members of the public.

2010.51. **Apologies for absence** – none from Parish Councillors, but Cllr John Savage (NYCC) presented his apologies.

2010.52. **Declarations of Interest.**

2010.52.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.53. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 17th March 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.54. **Public Participation.** Cllr Leather (HBC) informed members that he was organising another meeting with the Highways Authority for local Parish Councils, in late May. He also mentioned that he had written to support the application to extend the licence at The Crown (see 2010.61 below).

2010.55. **Progress Reports.**

2010.55.1. Footpath from Branton Lane to the Village Hall (minute 2010.37.1 refers). It was noted that the Highways Authority have now stated that as the Village Green is not 'Highways Land' the HRSS funds cannot be used on this project. It was agreed that an application should be made for a dropped kerb at the edge of the proposed path and a section of kerbing around the drain opposite the Village Hall.

2010.55.2. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.37.2 refers). The cost of the interpretation board was approved. There is still a problem with parking at the entrance to the site and it was agreed that 'access required at all times' signs should be put up. Proposals for improvements to the telemetry installation at Aldwark Bridge were noted and it was also noted that an amended plan would be sent to the Parish Council for formal approval..

2010.55.3. Exercise Equipment (minute 2010.37.3 refers). The Clerk advised that Harrogate Borough Council had confirmed that commuted sums funds could be spent on this project. The Chairman agreed to get firm quotes for the project, based on the designs that the Youth Forum had picked out, and it was agreed that as long as the quotes came under the available funding then the project should go ahead without delay.

2010.55.4. Community Emergency Plan (minute 2010.37.4 refers). The Chairman reported on a 'speed training' event that he had attended with the Clerk in Ripon. The Parish Council will shortly be receiving some free equipment including a sandbag-filler and a first aid pack, together with an opportunity to get some free first aid training from the St John's Ambulance service. It was agreed that local clubs and societies should be asked if they were interested in this offer.

2010.55.5. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2010.37.5 refers). No progress.

2010.55.6. Application for Listed Building Status, Ouseburn Workhouse (minute 2010.37.6 refers). The Clerk advised that she had contacted Mr Peter Higginbotham, author of 'workhouses.org' and he had commented that there did not seem to be grounds for appeal. The most distinctive characteristic of the building is its unusual lack of internal modernisation but that has been outweighed by other factors. He added that listing does not protect a building from being effectively destroyed through neglect and that the only guaranteed way to preserve this kind of building, even with a listing in place, is to be the owner

2010.55.7. Drainage Issues, Carrside Road (minute 2010.41 refers). Correspondence on this matter was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should continue to press for a decision from Yorkshire Water as it would appear that if YW do not 'adopt' the drain there is a potential problem .

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2010.55.8. Standing Orders (minute 2010.45 refers). The Clerk apologised that the revised SOs were not yet ready for distribution.

2010.56. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2010.56.1. Sevenoaks, 2 Townend Court, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension. Granted subject to conditions.

2010.56.2. Mole Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Breach of planning control due to an unauthorised extension of the domestic cartilage.

2010.56.3. William Burrell & Son, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Breach of planning control due to the apparent creation of a commercial caravan site without planning permission.

2010.57. **Planning applications.**

2010.57.1. 11 Branton Close, Great Ouseburn. Erection of two storey rear extension. No objections.

2010.57.2. Great Ouseburn CP School, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Partial demolition of outbuildings to create new school hall and erection of single storey extension. There were no objections but a comment was made that the toilet block appeared out of keeping with the rest of the building, and it was requested that this design was looked at again.

2010.58. **Questions from Councillors.** Comment was made that the promised new road signs had not yet appeared, and it was agreed that this should be brought up at the meeting with Highways in May. The amount of litter was noted and it was also noted that there was to be a litterpick at the weekend as part of preparations for the Open Gardens event. It was noted that children were enjoying playing on the mounds of soil near the Village Hall and it was agreed that some permanent 'humps' could be left.

2010.59. **Community First Responder Scheme.** Correspondence from Dr Simpson on this matter was noted. It was also noted that Cllr John Savage had offered to make £500 available for such a Scheme, with further funding to come from the Parish Council's reserves. The proposal to set up a Scheme was approved and it was agreed that Little Ouseburn PC and possible Marton cum Grafton PC should be asked if they wished to be involved and to make a donation towards the cost. The Chairman said that he would be willing to be the main contact for the scheme.

2010.60. **Condition of Roads.** The present condition of the roads was noted, in particular the footpath down Branton Avenue. It was agreed that this should be brought up at the next meeting with the Highways department, together with the problem of remedial works not being carried out. The Clerk advised that she had written directly to Balfour Beatty in the hope of getting this problem sorted out.

2010.61. **Application for a Beer Garden Licence at the Crown Inn.** It was noted that an application is being made to the Licensing Authority and it was agreed to write a letter of support.

2010.62. **Participatory Budgeting Consultation 25th March.** Cllr Rampling reported from the meeting and advised that although there is currently no funding in place it is hoped that funds will become available from a mixture of sources including local authorities. The idea is to involve groups in the community in a project from start to finish. It was agreed that no further action was required at present.

2010.63. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 21st April 2010.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes)

P55/09

JSJ Structures Ltd (disabled lift)

934.12

2010.64. **Correspondence received.**

2010.64.1. YLCA – training courses available in 2010. Noted.

2010.64.2. Harrogate Borough Council – Members' Code of Conduct training. Noted.

2010.64.3. Harrogate Borough Council – Dog Warden Service. An offer to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the work of the Dog Warden Service was noted and the Clerk asked to write to them to suggest the September Parish Council meeting.

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2010.64.4. NYCC – Review of passenger transport services and home to school transport services. The Clerk to respond with the comment that the new buses seem to be very wide indeed and are getting stuck at Fish Ponds Bridge. Harrogate and Knaresborough are not well served by public transport.

2010.64.5. NYCC – Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Consultation April 2010. Cllr Potter agreed to read through this document and report to the next meeting. The deadline for response is 28th May.

2010.64.6. Bilton & Bickerton PC. Proposal for a Rural Parish Council's police liaison meeting. It was not considered necessary at present as Boroughbridge is a rural area.

2010.65. **Reports from representatives.**

2010.65.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The main hall floor has been repaired at no cost by Cllr Rampling and he was thanked for his contribution. Further repair works are required. A possible date of 6th October has been suggested for a Beer Festival. The new path has been laid for access to the disabled lift.

2010.65.2. **Youth Forum.** Members of the YF will be helping on the ice cream stall on Open Gardens on 2nd May.

2010.65.3. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

2010.65.4. **Yore Vision.** The AGM is on 20th May.

2010.66. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.

2010.67. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn. The meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.