

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th November 2010
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mr L Paterson, Mr M Rampling and Mr B Robinson

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

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

2010.160. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr J Burton and Cllr G Potter. Mr Richard White had tendered his resignation and the Clerk confirmed that she had notified Harrogate Borough Council. Unless 10 or more electors request an election by 30th November the post will be filled by co-option at the next meeting.

2010.161. **Declarations of Interest.**

2010.161.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2010.162. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 13th October 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.163. **Public Participation.** None.

2010.164. **Progress Reports.**

2010.164.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.147.1 refers). No further progress.

2010.164.2. Highways issues (minute 2010.152 refers). A report was received from the meeting at Whixley on 25th October. It is hoped that the issue of flooding on the B6265 will be resolved soon, with soakaways being built and work being done at the top of Sleeper Lane..

2010.164.3. Dog Fouling (minute 2010.154 refers). Harrogate Borough Council have agreed to lend the Parish Council some 'bag and flag' equipment – the Clerk to arrange a day go over the playing field.

2010.164.4. First Responder Scheme (minute 2010.147.2 refers). The Chairman confirmed that the scheme is now fully operational.

2010.164.5. Yorkshire Water (minute 2010.146.1 refers). The Clerk advised that Yorkshire Water had come out to look at the area where there have been overflows, but she did not know the outcome of their investigations.

2010.164.6. Drainage Issues, Carrside Road (minute 2010.128.5 refers). The Clerk advised that Building Control had now signed off on this development as they had received a consultant's report confirming that the drain is connected correctly. Several councillors commented that they still felt that there would be a problem in the future as the drop was so steep, and it was agreed that it would be helpful to clarify whose responsibility it would be if there was a blockage.

2010.165. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None.

2010.166. **Planning applications.** None.

2010.167. **Harrogate Borough Council Local Development Framework** (minute 2010.150 refers). Consultation documents have been issued by Harrogate Borough Council, which include proposals for housing on land between Branton Lane and Carrside Road (RL1064b), providing about 56 dwellings to be a mix of market housing (50%) and affordable housing for local people (50%). It was agreed that the Parish Council's response would include the following:

2010.167.1. The area highlighted in the consultation document includes an extra area of land not in the original documentation. This increases the area of land from approx 3.6 hectares to approx 4.9 hectares.

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- 2010.167.2. On the original plans references 1064 and 1064a the proposal was for a maximum of 17 houses. The Parish Council considers that the number of 56 houses in this new plan is too high. Considerable thought went into the original proposal and the Parish Council does not accept that such a large increase is warranted. The development should not be for more than the original 17 houses proposed. Any more than this would unbalance the character of the village.
- 2010.167.3. No development should take place until the sewerage system in the village is upgraded. It is at full capacity now and such a large development would overload it.
- 2010.167.4. The entrance to the development should be adjacent to or through the existing houses at Branton Court, in order to maintain the separation of Branton and Great Ouseburn. An entrance from Carrside would not be acceptable because of the congestion on that road, together with the higher level of the land and problems with visibility.
- 2010.167.5. The proposed landscaping along both entrances to the village should include a walkway/cycle way. Further tree planting could be put in place along Carrside.
- 2010.167.6. The obvious place to put any new allotment gardens would be adjacent to the lane at the back of the current housing. This would allow for a circular walk to be created, which is something that has been requested in the Parish Plan.
- 2010.167.7. With regard to the possible new sports field, the village is over the minimum requirement but under the 'optimum' level for sports facilities. The Parish Council therefore thinks that there is an opportunity to create facilities for junior/recreational sports use which will reduce the use of the current field, which has competitive matches played on it every day of the week during the summer. There would be no need for structures such as changing rooms or score boxes, which would mean that it would be kept as a more open space.
- 2010.167.8. The children's play area should be kept in its current position near to the facilities of the Village Hall.
- 2010.167.9. Following problems with extra amenity land at Whixley Gate being taken into private gardens the Parish Council requests that the open amenity land included in any development is transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council upon completion.
- 2010.168. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2010.151 refers). Reports were received from the Allerton Waste Recovery Park Liaison Group and from meetings at Marton cum Grafton. Emphasis is being placed on challenging the financial aspects of the proposals, and information is being gathered on possible alternatives. The Clerk will speak at the public meeting on December 15th on what local residents are telling us, using the results of the survey. It was agreed to donate £100 to Marton cum Grafton Parish Council towards their postage costs.
- 2010.169. **Land Adjacent to the Playing Field.** It was agreed to write to the landowner to ask if he would consider selling a plot of land adjacent to the Playing Field to the Parish Council.
- 2010.170. **Village Hall Accounts 2009/10.** It was agreed to approve the Annual Return and Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for Great Ouseburn Village Hall (charity reg. no 523617). The accounts to be submitted to the Charity Commission.
- 2010.171. **Older Person's Christmas Dinner.** As the Youth Forum has disbanded and will not be running this event, a proposal that the Parish Council continues to provide the funding for this event (under s.137 LGA 1972) was considered. It was agreed that if possible it would be appropriate to hold the event at The Crown, and the Chairman confirmed that he had already discussed the potential cost with the landlord. A generous donation towards the cost has also been offered from the Parochial Church Council, and £250 has been given from the organisers of the Beer Festival. The balance would be roughly the same as the grant to the Youth Forum in previous years and it was agreed that the event should go ahead on this basis.
- 2010.172. **Questions from Councillors.**
- 2010.172.1. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority with regard to some of the signs in the village, which are in need of repair.

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2010.172.2. The Clerk was asked to contact Harrogate Borough Council to ask them what they intend to do with the wooden plaques at Knapping Mount when they move out of the building.

2010.173. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 10th November 2010.**

It was agreed to make a £50 donation to the Red Cross with reference to the recent First Aid training course.

It was noted that the budget for the precept for 2011/12 has to be agreed at the next meeting in December.

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

P35/10	HBC - grasscutting (1 cut)	63.26
P36/10	J H Cambage - grasscutting	216.00
P37/10	Websters (ground maintenance)	124.00

2010.174. **Correspondence received.**

2010.174.1. Harrogate Borough Council – Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Noted.

2010.174.2. NYCC – public consultation meetings on Budget and Council Tax – 23rd November in Harrogate and 25th November in Selby. Noted.

2010.175. **Reports from representatives.**

2010.175.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The next set of doors has been ordered, which means that within the next month or so all the doors will have been replaced.

2010.175.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.

2010.175.3. **Yore Vision.** New allotments are being created at Boroughbridge – it was agreed that the Clerk should let everyone on the Great Ouseburn allotment waiting list know about this.

2010.176. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None raised.

2010.177. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 15th December 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.