

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mrs M Grant, Mr L Paterson and Mr M Rampling.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present was Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council).

2011.106. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Graham Potter and Cllr Brian Robinson. Cllr John Savage (NYCC) also sent his apologies as he was unable to attend.

2011.107. **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.108. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.109. **Public Participation.** Cllr Martin Leather gave the Parish Council a brief update on current issues at Harrogate Borough Council.

In future all bookings for the Royal Hall, the Theatre and the Conference Centre will be made through the Theatre. This should enable some cost savings.

In the next financial year Harrogate Borough Council will see a £1m cut in support from central government, which may mean that some charges will have to go up.

Discussions are underway regarding a possible upgrade to the train service, with park and ride facilities possibly at Cattal or at Kirk Hammerton. He asked if the Parish Council/Clerk could write to local media to support the plan.

Crime – figures have gone down on a year to date basis, however there are still some problems with rural crime, including thefts for scrap metal.

2011.110. **Progress Reports.**

2011.110.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.94.1 refers). The scaffolding ramp is now in place for the new pontoon, which has been leased to a new tenant. Some further grasscutting work is needed, and it was agreed that this could be done by volunteers.

2011.110.2. Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.94.2 refers). The planning application has not yet been submitted to NYCC. The PC Group (led by Marton cum Grafton PC) is giving talks to local councils and other organisations. It was agreed that at this stage a talk was not required at Great Ouseburn.

2011.110.3. High Speed Rural Broadband (minute 2011.94.3 refers). The Chairman informed members that this had not yet been given the final go-ahead but that Great Ouseburn's project is the furthest forward of any of the current projects.

2011.110.4. Church Field Lane sign/kerbing (minute 2011.94.4 refers). The Clerk advised that she was waiting for a response from the Diocese regarding the position of any new sign.

2011.110.5. Highways issues (minute 2011.94.5 refers). Work has started on the dropped kerbs required for the path across the edge of the village green.

2011.110.6. Proposed Article 4 Directive, Conservation Area (minute 2011.94.6 refers). The Clerk advised that she had not yet received notification from Harrogate to confirm that this had been approved.

2011.111. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2011.111.1. 3 Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn, YO26 9RW. Certificate of lawfulness for erection of replacement garage. Application refused.

2011.112. **Planning applications.** None.

2011.113. **Bench on Village Green.** The poor condition of the bench on the Village Green was noted and it was agreed that it should be replaced. Cllr Grant offered to obtain some prices for wood-effect recycled plastic 6-ft benches, which should last a bit longer than a wooden bench.

2011.114. **Appointment of new Clerk.** It was noted that several applications had been received and it was agreed that interviews should take place in early September. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Rampling and Cllr Grant would conduct the interviews and would make recommendations to the next Parish Council meeting.

2011.115. **Questions from Councillors.** Cllr Paterson said that some local residents had raised concerns about the new kerbing installed in Church Field Lane, and the Clerk advised that she had asked the Highways Authority to comment on the matter.

The Chairman mentioned that Harrogate Borough Council's grasscutting team had strimmed the bark from one of the new trees at Piper's Lane Pond, and that several of the other newly planted trees had not survived the year. He will mark up all the trees that need replacing so that an estimate can be made of the cost.

2011.116. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011.**

A quotation for work arising from safety repairs at the children's play area was noted and approved, and it was agreed that this work should go ahead, apart from the wetpour repair. It was also agreed that the contractor should repair the catches on the gates and put up some 'no dogs' and 'please shut the gates' signs.

It was noted that the internal audit of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 had been completed satisfactorily and that the accounts had now been sent to the external auditor.

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

P14/11	Moor Lane Autos (gang mower inner tubes)	15.00
P15/11	Y&NYPFA	12.50
P16/11	James Mackman (internal audit)	80.00
P17/11	Clerk's salary & expenses (1st qtr)	778.61
P18/11	HBC (grasscutting)	130.32

2011.117. **Correspondence received.**

2011.117.1. NYCC – Home Library and Information Service update. Noted.

2011.117.2. Harrogate Borough Council – commuted sums training August 3rd. Cllr Grant confirmed she would attend this meeting.

2011.117.3. Bulb planting. A local resident has offered to plant some of the crocus bulbs on the verges along Carrside.

2011.118. **Reports from representatives.**

2011.118.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The repairs have nearly all been completed, and the remaining doors will be replaced in August. The kitchen is due a facelift and the ladies lavatories will be improved.

2011.118.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.

2011.118.3. **Yore Vision.** A Facilities Audit is being conducted, with the aim of creating a more joined-up approach to the booking of facilities in the wider Boroughbridge area.

2011.118.4. **First Responder Scheme.** One more volunteer has now been fully trained. It was agreed that a further request for volunteers should go into the next Newsletter.

2011.119. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.

2011.120. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.