

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

There were four members of the public present.

2009.49 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Paterson. Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) and Cllr John Savage (NYCC) also sent their apologies.

2009.50 **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.50.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.51 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 18th March 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.52 **Public Participation.** A complaint was made about the condition of the pavement near Copthorne Farmhouse.

2009.53 **Progress Reports.**

2009.53.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.38.1 refers). The Clerk advised members that Messrs Fitzgerald-Harts were currently trying to register the allotment land at HM Land Registry, and will then move on to the rest of the land to be registered.

2009.53.2 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.38.2 refers).
The new timetable of works for 2009 provided by BTCV was noted. The schedule of expenditure involved was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to BTCV to inform them that the Parish Council would not be going ahead with them as it considered the quotation to be too expensive. Cllr Rampling offered to make some enquiries regarding other groups that could do work at the Freelanding.
It was agreed to form a working party to install the benches on site.
It was resolved to apply for further funding from the Aggregates Levy Sustainable Fund (deadline 29th April).

2009.53.3 Development at Carrside Road (minute 2009.23.5 refers). A new contractor has now been appointed to complete the works.

2009.54 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None.

2009.55 **Planning applications.** None.

2009.56 **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to contact the grasscutting contractor for Church Field lane regarding some damage to trees in the verge.

2009.57 **Waste Thermal Treatment plant at Allerton.** A report from the public meeting held in Great Ouseburn Village Hall on 8th April was received. It was agreed that as there are no published plans at present, no further action was required at this stage. It was noted that the Parish Council will almost certainly be a statutory consultee in this matter.

2009.58 **Land at Branton.** The present situation with regard to the potential development of land at Branton was noted, with the landowner wishing to create a mix of market and affordable housing, to include the development of new sports facilities. The Parish Council has previously supported this plan, and after further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Harrogate Borough Council to ensure that the Parish Council's proposals were still being considered, following the adoption of the Core Strategy in February.

2009.59 **Power of Well-Being.** The Clerk advised members on the new Power of Well-Being available to Parish Councils, which is only available to Parish Councils that have achieved a strict set of

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standards (equivalent to those required of a Quality Council). It was agreed that a proposal to achieve Quality Council status should be brought before a future meeting for further discussion.

- 2009.60 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2008 – 31st March 2009 and for the period 1st April 2009 – 14th April 2009.** The statement of accounts for the previous year and the current year was considered. There were some concerns raised about expenditure on the Village Hall and the charges made for bookings, but after some discussion the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P55/08	North Yorks Timber	1,420.28
P56/08	C&L Interiors	2,328.75
P57/08	Thorpe Trees - trees at Branton	379.50
P58/08	Dalton Enterprises - grasscutting	74.75
P59/08	Clerk's salary and expenses - 3rd quarter	741.62
P1/09	YLCA membership	160.00
P2/09	HBC non-domestic rates	43.29
P3/09	John Wilkinson & Son (Village Hall)	140.36
P4/09	BTCV bird box event	402.50
P5/09	Green-Tech - bench for freelanding	373.75
P6/09	BCTV freelanding work	2,766.90
P7/09	JSJ Structures Ltd (Village Hall)	4,042.25

2009.61 **Correspondence received.**

- 2009.61.1 Information Commissioner's Office – 'Tick Tock' DVD. To be circulated.
- 2009.61.2 Wetherby District Lions – Great Yorkshire Bike Ride 13th June 2009. Noted.
- 2009.61.3 NCVO – invitation to join the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. Declined.

2009.62 **Reports from representatives.**

- 2009.62.1 **Village Hall Committee.** The official opening of the new Club Room will be on the May Day Bank Holiday Monday.
- 2009.62.2 **Youth Forum.** The Forum will shortly be giving a donation to the "Buy a Brick" campaign for the Village Hall. They will be liaising with the cricket club re Tuesday night fixtures.
- 2009.62.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.
- 2009.62.4 **Yore Vision.** Four new walks will be opening soon.

2009.63 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.

- 2009.64 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2009 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn. Following that at approximately 8.00 p.m. would be the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.