

Great Ouseburn Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 8th May 2013

Chairman's Report

This year we have dealt with around 21 planning applications compared to 19 last year.

The proposed housing development between Branton Lane and Carrside continued to be discussed and we are still fighting to keep the development to a reasonable size. To this end we contacted the Council for the Protection of Rural England who attended our meeting in October 2012. The Local Development Framework covering this scheme will have its' **'Publication Consultation'** between **10th May and 21st June 2013**, it is important everyone in the parish gets involved.

The long awaited riverside footpath from the Free Landing to Aldwark village was finally added to the Definitive Map in October 2012 and is now a Public Right of Way. It also forms part of a circular footpath from Boroughbridge to Great Ouseburn on the West side of the Ure and returns on the East side. This circular walk was created by the Boroughbridge and Lower Ure Valley Walkers are Welcome group, whose area includes Great Ouseburn.

The Dog Fouling problem is not improving and we will need to try all possible measures this year to solve it.

Cold calling is increasingly becoming an issue and we are trying to set up a "No Cold Calling Zone" in the village.

On its' anniversary, the Russian embassy sent a senior representative to place flowers at the memorial plaque that was unveiled last year to the memory of the people who died in the crash of De Havilland Flamingo R2764.

What else has happened:-

The ladies toilets at the village hall were renovated and the village hall committee have been successful in obtaining a grant for installing LED lighting throughout the hall.

The footpath from Branton Green to Great Ouseburn was resurfaced.

The older persons Christmas party was held at the Crown Inn and was again very successful.

Thanks:

This year I would like to give special thanks to the excellent and important work carried out by Brian, Graham and Mike. They have worked extremely hard, saving the Parish a lot of money with work on the Allotments, Verges, Free Landing, Playing Field etc.

Keith Scott, Chairman, Great Ouseburn Parish Council