

# GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th September 2007 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs R Kay, Mr L Paterson, Mr M Rampling, Mr B Robinson and Mr R White.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were four members of the public.

2007.127 **Apologies for absence.** None received.

2007.128 **Declarations of Interest.**

2007.128.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall

2007.112 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2007 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2007.129 **Progress Reports.**

2007.129.1 Village Design Statement (minute 2007.116.1 refers). Cllr Paterson informed members that the questionnaire is now ready for distribution. Harrogate Borough Council have confirmed that they will be happy to review the questionnaire and advise on any changes needed to make it suitable as a reference for planners.

2007.129.2 Use of Aldwark Manor footbridge (minute 2007.116.2 refers). The Clerk advised that North Yorkshire County Council are preparing the papers for all three parties to sign, so that the new footpath can be created. The Clerk to confirm to the Fishing Club that they can park on the Freelanding.

2007.129.3 Discharge into Ousegill Beck (minute 2007.116.6 refers). Cllr White told members that he had walked the whole length of the beck with a representative from Yorkshire Water, and had discussed the problems of discharges into the beck. The system is functioning correctly but is overloaded, and the beck is so overgrown that water cannot flow easily – where the growth has been cleared there is less of a problem. It was agreed that the Clerk should request that Marston Moor Drainage Board carries out regular dredging and clearance of the vegetation.

2007.129.4 The Crown Inn (minute 2007.116.8 refers). The Chairman informed members that the new tenants have moved in and the pub should reopen within a matter of weeks.

2007.129.5 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 8.3/07/05 refers). The Chairman informed members that Messrs Fitzgerald Harts have been instructed to register the various parcels of land owned by the Parish Council. The roads may be more difficult to deal with and will be the subject of further discussions with the solicitor. The Parish Council has been advised by the solicitor that where fences have been erected to enclose verges on Moor Lane, the owners should be contacted and advised that they have enclosed Parish Council-owned land.

2007.129.6 Harrogate Borough Council – Consultation meeting (minute 2007.123.12 refers). The Clerk advised members of the final form of the questions tabled by Great Ouseburn. Cllr Rampling confirmed he could attend the meeting.

2007.129.7 Trees on Branton Lane (minute 2007.119 refers). The Clerk advised that North Yorkshire County Council looks after these trees and that she had advised them of the concerns over the condition of two of the trees.

2007.129.8 Roadworks adjacent to the Village Green (minute 2007.125.2 refers). Now completed.

2007.129.9 Adoption of Moor Lane (minute 2007.57.1 refers). The Clerk advised members of the advise received from NALC's legal adviser, and that she had, on the basis of that advise, asked North Yorkshire County Council to reconsider their refusal to adopt the lane. No reply had yet been received.

2007.130 **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** It was noted that the following applications were dealt with under the provisions of Council Standing Order No 32(c):

- 2007.130.1 Mole Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Amendments to approved scheme to extend the garage. No objections.
- 2007.130.2 3 Lakeside Cottages, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of two storey side and rear extension (revised scheme). No objections.
- 2007.130.3 Village Hall, Great Ouseburn. Alterations to roof to form additional lounge with balcony to rear. The Parish Council supported the application.
- 2007.130.4 Prospect Farm House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Protected Tree Works application for the felling of one silver birch tree and lateral reduction of one silver birch tree. No objections.

2007.131 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:

- 2007.131.1 Galtres Cottage, Branton Green, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey side extension and double garage etc (plus listed building application). Granted subject to conditions.
- 2007.131.2 Mole Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Amendments to approved scheme to extend the garage. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2007.131.3 3 Lakeside Cottages, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of two storey side and rear extension (revised scheme). Granted subject to conditions.

2007.132 **Questions from Councillors.**

- 2007.132.1 Cllr Robinson asked about concerns raised in Aldwark that the proposed footpath would be cutting across farmland. The Chairman explained that the route of the footpath did not cut across any farmland, but that he understood that Aldwark Parish Council had proposals of their own to create another footpath that might affect farmland on the other side of the bridge.
- 2007.132.2 Cllr Rampling asked whether the Clerk had contacted Harrogate Borough Council's arboricultural officer about the condition of the cherry tree on the village green, which is suffering damage from vehicles. It was agreed that this matter should be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 2007.132.3 The Clerk was asked to ensure that the triangle at Branton is included in the grasscutting.

2007.133 **Reports from the Clerk.**

- 2007.133.1 Emptying of litterbins. The Clerk reported that she had complained again to Harrogate Borough Council that litterbins were still not being emptied every week. The Clerk to monitor the situation.

2007.134 **Felling of Ash Tree in Conservation Area.** Concerns were noted over the recent felling of an ash tree in the Conservation Area, which had received approval from the Planning Authority. The Clerk advised members of the correspondence received from the planning department on the matter, and it was agreed that a formal complaint should be made to Alan Gilleard, the arboricultural officer at Harrogate Borough Council, about the way the matter had been handled.

2007.135 **Ure Valley Interpretation and Signage Project.** A request for support for this project was considered, and it was agreed to make a donation of £200 from commuted sums, subject to approval from Harrogate Borough Council.

2007.136 **Street Lighting on Branton Avenue.** It was noted that the streetlights had now been mended.

2007.137 **Harrogate District Council Local Development Framework:** Consultation on the Core Strategy DPD: Submission Draft. The documents supplied by Harrogate Borough Council, having been circulated amongst members, were considered and it was agreed that a comment should be made about the lack of mixed housing in the plan, with affordable housing concentrated in particular areas. The Parish Council considers that particularly in rural areas, housing types should be mixed, to avoid divisions within the community.

2007.138 **Members' Code of Conduct – Registration of Interests.** The requirement for a new registration of interests following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct was noted.

2007.139 **Community Plan/Local Sandbag Store.** Correspondence from Harrogate Borough Council was considered and it was agreed that the offer of a talk on the subject should be accepted.

2007.140 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007.**

2007.140.1 It was noted that the external audit for 2006/7 had been approved. The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P20/07	Fitzgerald-Harts (Land Registry fees)	£ 310.00
P21/07	HBC (grasscutting)	£ 134.75
P22/07	Adey.com (website hosting)	£ 45.00
P23/07	HBC (grasscutting)	£ 134.75
P24/07	Mazars (external audit)	£ 182.12
P25/07	Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 656.48

2007.140.2 The cost of servicing the gang mower was agreed, with the cost of repairs to the tractor used on the playing field to be considered at the next meeting.

2007.141 **Correspondence received.**

2007.141.1 Harrogate Borough Council – consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy. To be circulated.

2007.141.2 Harrogate Borough Council – review of polling districts and polling places. It was agreed that the present location of the Village Hall was preferred.

2007.141.3 Standards Board – Predisposition, Predetermination or Bias, and the Code. To be circulated

2007.141.4 Vitalise – request for assistance. To be circulated

2007.141.5 Selby & Ainsty Conservatives – letter of introduction. Noted.

2007.141.6 Harrogate & Area Council for Voluntary Service – monthly mailing. To be circulated

2007.141.7 YLCA – Harrogate Branch Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October – questions for the leader and chief planning officer of Harrogate Borough Council. Noted

2007.141.8 YLCA White Rose Update August 2007. To be circulated.

2007.141.9 Assembly Digest August 2007. To be circulated.

2007.141.10 North Yorkshire County Council – Boroughbridge Service Centre Transportation Strategy Survey. The issues of parking at Cattal railway station and the Burn Beck junction to be included on the response.

2007.141.11 Charity Commission – The Essential Trustee. To be circulated

2007.142 **Reports from representatives.**

2007.142.1 **Village Hall Committee.** A Bollywood Night is taking place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

2007.142.2 **Youth Forum.** Salsa dancing, and a Halloween Party are two of the events being planned – publicity to be given in the next issue of the Newsletter.

2007.142.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

2007.142.4 **Yore Vision.** A new press release will be coming out soon – Yore Vision will be giving small grants of up to £500 to local groups.

2007.143 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**

2007.143.1 Status of the proposals for a waste site at Allerton Quarry.

2007.144 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.