

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

**Present:** Mr Keith Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr L Paterson, Mr M Rampling,  
Mr B Robinson and Mr R White

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps.

There was one member of the public present, together with Cllr Martin Leather (HBC).

2009.19 **Apologies for absence.** None received.

2009.20 **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.20.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.21 **Minutes of the previous meeting.** held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.22 **Public Participation.** Cllr Martin Leather informed members that the Council Tax rise for Harrogate for next year would be under 4%.

2009.23 **Progress Reports.**

2009.23.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.5.1 refers). The Clerk advised that Statements of Truth (which replace the old Statutory Declarations) were being drawn up in order to apply to the Land Registry for registration of the remaining areas.

2009.23.2 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.5.2 refers). Unfortunately the birdbox event with the local school had been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The event to be rescheduled for March.

2009.23.3 Traffic Speed survey (minute 2009.5.4 refers). The survey has taken place – the Clerk to follow this up with the Highways department.

2009.23.4 Provision of new footway between Branton Lane and the Village Hall (minute 2009.5.5 refers). The Clerk advised that after further discussions with the Highways department it appears that the quote of £10,000 for this work was only a guess – this work will be costed up properly in the next few months when the new Improvement Manager is in post.

2009.23.5 Development at Carrside Road. A letter has been received informing the Parish Council that the original contractor has gone into liquidation and that the job will be going out to tender again shortly.

2009.23.6 Purchase of new trees, Branton (minute 2008.189 refers). Trees have been purchased and will be planted in the next few weeks. They will have underground cable ties to secure them.

2009.23.7 Trees at 'Tarnedale' (minute 2008.150 refers) No further update available.

2009.24 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2009.24.1 Branton Grange, Pipers Lane, Great Ouseburn. Standard and Listed Building applications for the conversion of barn to form additional living accommodation, and the erection of car port. Granted subject to conditions.

2009.25 **Planning applications.** None received.

2009.26 **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to query why the Highways department were no longer digging out drainage gulleys at the sides of roads.

2009.27 **Use of Commuted Sums – Allotments.** (Cllr White declared an interest in this item). Various proposals for improvement works to the allotment site were considered and it was agreed that an application should be made for commuted sums funding for improvements to the path.

2009.28 **Verges at Church Field Lane.** Further correspondence received was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should invite NYCC's Biodiversity Officer to advise the Parish Council on the matter.

2009.29 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the

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minutes). The price quoted for grasscutting work for 2009 from Harrogate Borough Council was approved.

P46/08	D R Johnstone Ltd	5,667.20
P47/08	J Marsland & Sons Ltd	1,015.60
P48/08	M B Electrical Contractors	946.00
P49/08	JSJ Structures Ltd - Village Hall extension	14,748.75
P50/08	D R Johnstone Ltd	929.77

## 2009.30 **Correspondence received.**

- 2009.30.1 HBC – Trees and Woodland policy questionnaire. The Clerk to respond.
- 2009.30.2 Rural Action Yorkshire – Calor Village of the Year Competition. To be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.
- 2009.30.3 HBC – LDF Framework – Inspector’s Report. To be circulated.
- 2009.30.4 Leeds City Region newsletter. To be circulated.
- 2009.30.5 HBC – training sessions regarding Commuted Sums Policy. To be circulated.
- 2009.30.6 Tockwith Residents’ Association letter re: Energy from Waste proposals, Marston Moor. To be circulated.

## 2009.31 **Reports from representatives.**

- 2009.31.1 **Village Hall Committee.** A coffee morning on 21<sup>st</sup> February and a Quiz Night on 28<sup>th</sup> February should both help to raise further funds. Quotes received for the decking were considered and it was agreed that the quote for redwood decking was the most acceptable – further quotes still to be obtained.
- 2009.31.2 **Youth Forum.** A very enjoyable Bowls evening took place earlier in February – thanks to Doug Childs and Rose Haines who kindly gave their time and expertise. As a result of the successful application for Young Money last year, two activities have been organised – go-karting for current members and Quad biking for older members from last year who applied for the grant.
- 2009.31.3 **Police Liaison Group.** The next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Boroughbridge.
- 2009.31.4 **Yore Vision.** Work is ongoing on the “shared space” project at Boroughbridge. Walks at Marton, Aldwark and Myton on Swale are all due to be completed by the end of March.

2009.32 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None specified.

2009.33 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.