

### **Items for discussion meeting to be held Wednesday 19.01.2022**

1. Planning application No 21/05466/FUL – Vine House. Erection of detached dwelling and single storey annexe. Repair and conversion of existing outbuilding to utility accommodation. Alterations to workshop to provide separate access to Vine House.
2. Planning application No 21/05525/TPO – Townend Farm. Crown thin the canopy by approximately 20% of 1no Cedar Tree alongside the removal of dead material over 25mm within the canopy and an inspection of storm damage to reduce to suitable branch unions. Works within TPO 34/2001.
3. To note the payment has been made to Agripest in the sum of £420.00 for the removal of rabbits. To discuss the fact that the owners of Sunnybank have also received a charge in the sum of £420.00 for the same works carried out in their garden. They are disputing this, saying they did not expect to be charged for the work and certainly not that amount. They have asked if the PC will pay half of the bill for them.
4. To agree the budget for 2022/2023
5. To discuss the issue of the allotment at Tannery House – the property is on the market for sale, however the potential new owners will only purchase if they are allowed to take over the allotment at the end of the garden.
6. To nominate a replacement representative for the village hall.
7. To discuss the cricket club booking for the playing field.
8. To discuss communication received in relation to the PC's objection to planning application to turn garage into a café.
9. To discuss communication received in relation to the actions of members of a hunt in the village.
10. To advise where new village sign was purchased from.
11. To discuss/advise on the charity return in relation to the village hall.
12. Microsoft 365 Subscription.
13. Grass Cutter service and extras £221.13
14. Siting of new bench.
15. Cricket Invoice and payment for grass cutting.
16. Dave's retirement.

3 Good evening, I have returned home from working away to find a confused and worried wife. We have been given a very heavy invoice for works carried out by your rabbit contractor.

I only agreed to your letter explaining we had an issue, never did we think we would get charged anything let alone nearly £500.

This is very concerning but if we need to pay something we could consider contributing 50% of the invoice.

We had confirmation we would be fronting this work financially, no quotation, Pre works visit or even interaction with the contractor.

I don't want this to be an issue as I thought it was a neighbourhood/ community offer of help or assistance.

Please email or call anytime at all.

7 I am writing on behalf of Ouseburn CC. I would like to book the playing field for the 2022 cricket season for the period from the beginning of April until the end of September, for the following days.

Mondays to Fridays – 6pm until 9pm

Saturdays – 10am until 9pm

Sundays – 9am until 2pm

We would also like to book the playing field during August for 3 separate dates, as we are offering to host the three Golden Oldies games against teams from other countries. I will let you know the specific dates as soon as we have them.

8 We were disappointed to receive the news that you have objected to our proposal to build a small cycle cafe and therapy pod in our garden at Aldwark Bridge House. We would love to take the opportunity to meet with you and discuss our plans in person and wondered if we could be involved in the next parish council meeting?

To give you a little background, I, Joanna, have recently trained as a Reflexologist and hope to offer my services from the proposed therapy pod at home. I have accepted redundancy from my current full-time position in York and will be out of full-time employment from 4th February 2022. I'm sure you can understand that this is both an exciting opportunity but also risky and nerve-wracking for us financially. My future earning capacity will depend upon us gaining planning permission for the therapy pod to be built. Our plan includes a designated parking space for my therapy clients on our property.

I have included your objection text below which relates to the cafe element of our application:

**Great Ouseburn Parish Council would object to this planning application on the grounds that there is no facility for car parking in the vicinity. The area designated on the plan is owned by the Parish Council. There is also a nature reserve located there. This area is also prone to flooding. +**

and also the access statement from the Design and Access Statement:

**9. Access to the site The café will be focussed on serving the needs of passing cyclists, as opposed to those touring by car. It is anticipated that the use by cyclists will be off-putting to other potential customers, as is apparent at other farm shop cafes and the like, where cyclists and other customers often feel mutually uncomfortable mixing. Thus, parking for the site is focussed entirely on the two-wheeled visitor. However, it should be noted that a publicly accessible car park is available directly across Boat Lane from the access to Aldwark Bridge House: whilst this primarily serves fishermen, it would accommodate cars from any motorist who dared to brave the lycra. Fig. 13 shows this parking area.**

**The forecourt to the café gives level access from Boat Lane, and provides secure and overlooked cycle parking. The applicants maintain use of their garage, and a parking space to the south, the opposite side of the access road to Aldwark Scout Activity Centre. A new car parking space is to be provided immediately to the south of the café, for the use of reflexology clients. This will be linked to the therapy pod via a level path and boardwalk giving flush access to the building. Both buildings have level access throughout including accessible thresholds to external decks. In the café, this provides DDA-accessible seating both internally and externally. The café deck also provides a level alternative means of escape, with stepped access only from the decks down to the garden: the natural gradient of the land is such that ramped access cannot be achieved. The café provides DDA compliant toilet facilities, and these would be available to reflexology clients.**

We would like to reiterate that our target market is cyclists and we are providing safe and secure parking for cycles. This is a small cafe and we are not expecting crowds of any significant size. We hope that the fishing community who often congregate in the Parish Council owned parking area on the free-landing will also make use of our facility and also the frequent dog walkers who use the riverside public footpath.

However, we must also add that we would not wish to turn customers away if they did choose to arrive by car, and we are wondering why the Parish Council would object to the public occasionally using the existing parking facilities located here? The parking area available vastly out-sizes the potential capacity of our small cafe and is already frequently used by fishermen and dog walkers. The entrance to the freelanding also has ample parking capacity and is used by the other local businesses located here including the Toll Cottage staff and visitors to our neighbour's exotic zoo and street-side shop at Northlands.

Please see attached the map and photo of the current parking at the entrance (photo taken as I write this email)

Is this parking area not in place to serve the local community and therefore cafe customers included? I know that when I visit coffee shops, pubs and other local businesses in our local town of Boroughbridge, I make use of the council owned free parking facility there.

Please could you confirm which particular area on the map refers to the nature area? We are not aware of this. The freelanding area has been neglected for some time, with waste soil dumped in areas and other areas piled high with wood/vegetation waste. In the past we have approached the Parish Council to ask that the grass areas be maintained and this has happened once since we

mentioned it. Matt, my partner, has occasionally and voluntarily mowed some of the grass areas and trimmed the overgrown vegetation which has been blocking the access to the public footpath and fishing entrance. We both frequently litter pick around the car park area as it is often left in a state of neglect. Perhaps this is a matter we could discuss with the Parish Council to gain a mutually beneficial arrangement?

We do live in an area which regularly floods and we manage this. Our Flood Risk Assessment for the proposal can be found on the planning portal for your perusal and we are confident that our build plans allow for this.

We believe we have a lot to offer the local community, including future staff job opportunities as well as development work for local builders and craftsmen, promoting cycling in the area which has huge physical and mental health benefits, as well as bringing in visitors to the local area and providing a cosy environment where locals can meet up and enjoy a coffee. We would like to work with the Parish Council, not against, and would greatly appreciate a chance to be heard.

9 On Saturday 13th November a local hunt entered our village for their activities. At one point riders & hounds were surrounding our homes on Carrside on 3 sides as they were on Branton Lane, Carrside road & the field next to our houses. We found it terrifying to be caught in the middle of it all. We were outside as, once we heard them, we were trying to find our cat to bring him in to safety.

It is a frightening event for the safety of domestic animals, especially in light of the well-publicised killing of a pet cat & other animals by hunts this year. I know from speaking with my neighbours & other residents in the village that they are also concerned about them coming into the village.

Since the 13th I no longer feel relaxed at home & feel extremely anxious at the prospect of them appearing unannounced again at any time. I find it really upsetting to live in fear of such a group hunting around our homes in the village.

Please could we ask that the group be asked to keep away from all residential areas of the village for the safety & wellbeing of villagers, children & pets.

If for some reason this is not possible, could we ask that the group give a minimum of 24 hours notice to all residents that they intend to enter the village to allow residents to keep pets & small children out of harms way.

Thank you, I really hope you can help as we do love living in the village.

10 I understand that you have recently purchased a village sign. Little Ouseburn would like to install one at the Fishponds end of the village. Could you please let me know which company you used?