

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd November 2016
at 7.30 p.m. in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Cllr K Scott (Chairman), Cllr B Robinson (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Kay, Cllr S Wilkinson

In Attendance: Mrs L Evely (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr A Paraskos (Harrogate Borough Council) and 11 members of the public

2016.107 **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Cllr Teague (HBC)

2016.108 **Declarations of Interest.** All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the Village Hall and declare their personal interests in the Village Hall. Members to indicate whether they will be declaring any other interests under the Code of Conduct.

2016.109 **Minutes of the previous meeting.** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th October 2016: Approved by all present, signed and dated by the Chairman.

2016.110 **Public Participation.** Any member of the public present at the meeting may make representations, answer questions or give evidence in relation to the business to be transacted. Members of the council who have a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business to be transacted may also speak in relation to that matter. *Please note that the Chairman will control this session and will exercise his discretion as to the amount of time allowed for public participation. No decisions are made at this part of the meeting – this will be done by the Council having heard and noted the representations made.* Please see minute 2016.113.01

2016.110 a) Councillors to discuss about Co-opt Electees: Mr Dave Meakin and Ms Debbi Jorgensen applications: Dave Meakin has lived in the village 16 years and been involved in village events such as the Spring Festival. All present agreed to co-opt.

Debbi Jorgensen has lived in the village for 15 years and has also been involved in village events such as the Beer Festival. All present agreed to co-opt.

2016.111 **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

2016.111.1 LDP Affordable Housing Site, Branton (minute 2012.074 refers): no news

2016.111.2 The Free Landing: e-mail dated 31.10.16 from Rachel Earnshaw – The Conservation Volunteers: The e-mail was read out regarding the unsuccessful grant application.

2016.111.3 Highways issues: Cross Lane/Church Field Lane have had potholes patched.

2016.111.4 Tree Management: Rich Kemp (HBC) e-mail dated 20.10.16 re: TPO 44/2016 – Highfield, Main Street, Great Ouseburn YO26 9RF: Read out by the Chairman

2016.111.5 Commuted Sums: no news

2016.111.6 Fishpond conservation area: Responses have been received from the public consultation held on the 12.11.16. The public would like a low maintenance scheme and would not like the idea of a jetty but to have a more natural look.

2016.111.7 Allotments: no news

2016.111.8 Children's Play Area: To discuss the Dog Warden HBC, Dog Fouling Order/Dogs on a lead on the playing field: no news

2016.111.9 Green Spaces Consultation: all applications have been turned down.

2016.111.10 Allerton Waste Recovery Park: Cllr Teague is to chase any news regarding the Farmhouse.

2016.111.11 The Crown Inn: no news.

- 2016.111.12 Two Ridings Community Foundation Grant: End of grant monitoring report to be completed by the Councillors: Completed by the councillors.
- 2016.111.13 Possible development of land to houses and new Public House at Branton Green: This was discussed at Harrogate Borough Council on the 8th November.
- 2016.111.14 The Pensions Regulator: no news
- 2016.111.15 Senior Citizens Christmas Party: It was agreed to hold the party on Thursday the 8th December at 12-12.30pm at the Anchor in Whixley. The clerk is issue invites.

2016. 112 Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.

2016.112.01 Prof L Storrar, Tinkers Hollow, Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9SG DCPCDEC 6.80.187.F.FUL 16/03179/FUL Conversion of garden store to form dwelling to include erection of two storey extension and alterations to fenestration, erection of replacement wall, formation of patio area, hardstanding, vehicle storage, bin store and landscaping and demolition of outbuilding (revised scheme): APPROVED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS: Read out by the Chairman

2016.112.02 Mr M Cowen, Ardwell House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RQ DCPCDEC 6.80.86.PDU CO 16/02502/PDU CO Replacement of fenestration: APPROVED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS Read out by the Chairman

2016.112.03 Mr M Gath Rosecroft, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RG 6.80.88.A.FUL 16/00072/NREFPP Erection of detached dwelling with associated landscaping and parking and demolition of outbuildings. APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/E2734/W/16/3158193: Read out by the Chairman

2016.112.04 Mr I Shaw, Abeokuta, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RT 6.80.1.B.FUL 16/03400/FUL Erection of 1 dwelling with attached garage and 1 dwelling with detached garage and formation of access:REFUSED: Read out by the Chairman

To note any decisions received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: None to date

2016. 113 Planning applications

2016.113.01 Mr R Parkin, Land Comprising Field at 445716 463020 Lightmire Lane, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire DCPARISH 6.80.198.FUL 16/04473/FUL Erection of buildings and fencing, installation of floodlights and storage magazines, with creation of earth bunds and access track to serve a storage facility for combustible materials <http://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OEW56NHJXQ00>

The Councillors discussed the application and wish to object due to the following reasons:

1. The transport road system is not capable of taking this traffic and the route for the Artic Lorry to drive down Carr Side Road is not realistic. The lane is too narrow and at points you would be unable to pass an artic lorry as it is currently too tight for regular sized vehicles. As you enter the village on this route cars park on both sides of the road. There is a blind bend which when cars are parked an Arctic lorry would not be able to pass. The dustbin lorries already struggle on this route. The turnings that the Artic lorry would make at the village green would result in the village green being churned up which are a historic feature of this Conservation village. Other road routes entering the village are not possible for an Artic lorry to use due to the turning at Brown Lane end being too tight due to the bends and Little Ouseburn end of the village have weight restrictions on the toll bridge and Fishpond Bridge.
2. In recent years planning applications have been refused even at appeal stage when trying to change open countryside may I ask you to view planning application 6.80.166.A.FUL DCREFULZ 06/00643/FUL. The proposal would encroach onto the River Ouse floodplain such as to cause undue harm to the otherwise open agricultural landscape of this locality contrary to policies A1, C2 & C13 of the Harrogate District Plan. The appeal decision APP/E2374/A/06/2017828 & APP/E2374/A/06/2017323 also states refusal due to 'The countryside between Great Ouseburn and the River Ure is unspoilt and apart, from occasional aircraft noise, tranquil. The landscape is attractive and made up from open fields bounded by trees and hedgerows. There is a general absence of buildings. The lanes in this vicinity are used for quiet recreational including walking and riding'. All other points in this appeal refusal are valid for this application due to the harmful effect it would have on this village and lane. Such vehicle movement and associated noise and activity would erode the peaceful nature of the local area.

3. Another recent planning application was declined for 39 residential houses on Branton Green due to the vehicle impact in this area. Therefore this should be again considered and taken into account with this application proposing a number of HGVS/Artic lorries on a regular basis are not acceptable in this rural conservation village. No transport analysis has been carried out for this village and a risk assessment should be carried out.
4. Lightmire Lane is not suitable for HGV/Artic vehicles as it is a narrow single track lane with no passing places. Great Ouseburn Parish Council owns this lane and will not approve any passing places. It is regularly used by horse riders/The local Hunt/Dog walkers and farmers. The HSE guidelines for this proposal say 'Class A distances should be used for bridleways, footpaths, footways and waterways used by more than 20 people in any 24-hour period. Class A distances should also be used for a road used by more than 20 and no more than 500 vehicles every 24 hours'. Wood Lane and Lightmire Lane are permissive public footpaths which, was created by John Coates of DEFRA Countryside Access grant scheme. This lane is clearly against this rule being a permissive public footpath and does have more than 20 people passing this site on foot/riding and farming vehicles within a 24 hour period. Dog walkers of the village regularly use this route down Lightmire Lane straight onto Wood Lane, do a circular walk around Galegate and return back down wood lane - Lightmire lane. The other HSE relevant statements are: Class C distances should be used for places of public resort. Places of public resort are places other than buildings where more than 100 people are present or are likely to be present on at least a weekly basis. Class C distances should also be used for a road used by more than 10 000 vehicles every 24 hours.
And: Class E distances should be used for any vulnerable buildings. The vulnerable building distances for Hazard Type 3 or 4 explosives are the same as those for other buildings. I have attached the whole document so you can view the chart accordingly.
5. This application goes against the Harrogate District Landscape Character Assessment – Aldborough Moor and Great Ouseburn low lying farmland. A copy of which is attached.
6. The access from the village green/Lightmire Lane junction is very busy due to the Village Hall being located here together with the Children's play area. The access to the village hall has a blind access and if this application is granted this will make this lane very dangerous near the Village Hall and Children's play area due to increased traffic flow. The village hall has an increased problem with parking on the lane due to not having an overflow car park as events are always taking place and the village hall is always in use, therefore another problem for an arctic lorry to pass the parked cars on this single track road. This lane is not salted in winter months and in wet weather has a large amount of water flowing down the road making it unsafe for vehicles.
7. The drainage in Great Ouseburn is already over capacity and in any heavy downpours overflows and floods the roads. The water flows like a river down the highways. Therefore the Councillors support the Ainsty Drainage Boards view that the proposed soakaway is not satisfactory and will be impossible to soakaway the surface water due to the existing clay land.
8. There is no information specified with regards to the proposed Lighting. The lighting in open countryside would be viewed from the North side of the village, Upper Dunsforth, Branton Green and Aldwark. Any PIR controlled lighting will go on and off due to the abundance of wildlife in this area such as Deer, Badgers (which live in the adjacent hedgerow), Buzzards (which are nesting in the lane), Owls and Red Kite. This will surely have an impact on the wildlife habituating in this open countryside.
9. There is no explanation or details on the plans of what takes place in the 're-packing/sampling shed'. Is this testing the explosives? What would the noise and safety levels be?
10. It has been explained that this site will be 'un-manned' and to contact the police if a problem. The police were called last week to a problem in the village and took over 2 hours to respond. A key holder has to live within 20 minutes of site and believed to be based in York. In an emergency if during the day it takes longer than 20 minutes to reach this site due to heavy traffic flows on the A59 and A19.
11. It also concerned the Parish Councillors that it will be known that explosives will be stored on this site un-manned. Will it bring crime/unwanted attention to the area as this site is easily accessed by road and river. What security is there to avoid this from happening?
12. The Parish Council would like to know how the explosive products will be moved and hours of work. Vehicle parking details are not specified and need to be provided.
13. The Parish Council would like to know what Brexco's credentials are due to the sensitive nature of the explosives proposed in a conservation village as they only became incorporated in 2015. Have they had any experience in running a site like this?

E-mail received from Mr P Bush dated 11.11.16 with comments on the above application.

2016.113.02 Mr M Gath, Land North of Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn, York, North Yorkshire YO26 9RS
DCPCAMEN 6.80.157.D.FULMAJ 16/01308/FULMAJ Erection of Public House with letting accommodation and car parking facilities, erection of 7 dwellings and 1 holiday let, change of use of land to form extension to the domestic curtilage of nos. 2,4,6,8 and 10 Branton Close (Revised details and layout)

<http://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=O4YQIIHYIIU00>

Opportunity to speak – The planning committee on 8 November 2016 at 2pm.

2016.113.03 Mr R Houlden, Tregaron Lodge, 103 Main Street, Great Ouseburn, York YO26 9RQ
DCPARISH 6.80.128.B.FUL 16/04399/FUL Alterations to the porches fenestration: The Parish Councillors have no objections.

To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting: none to date

2016. 0114 Harrogate Borough Council–Daffodil bulbs–Councillors to decide where to plant in the parish: The decision was to plant alongside the wall from the Primary School towards Fishpond Bridge.

2016. 0115 Harrogate Borough Council – Harrogate District Local Plan CRM:0068403: Six week consultation on the Draft Local Plan between 11 November and 23 December 2016. To submit comments on the on-line consultation portal at: <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/portal>: No response to be submitted.

2016. 0116 NYCC – Minerals and waste Joint Plan Publication – Consultation period between 09.11.16 and 21.12.16: No response to be submitted.

Items received after publication of this agenda and prior to the meeting:

2016. 0117 Harrogate Borough Council – Play Area Safety Inspection Report. Councillors to discuss: The Inspection report was noted.

Buffer gate – Mike Rampling kindly offered to mend.

Entrance Roots – Cllr Kay is to place artificial grass over the top to make safe.

Basketball equipment needs cleaning to remove algae

Climbing Frame Wood is rotting – Mike Rampling offered to look at it/replace.

Need to obtain quotes for repainting for the climbing frame and swings

Surface Moss – Cllr Kay offered to sort.

Roundabout – to keep an eye on the bearings.

Swing chain links are wearing – Cllr Robinson to see if he can mend.

2016. 0118 **Questions from Councillors.** To consider questions from Councillors: nil

2016. 0119 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017.** To consider the statement of accounts for the current year and approve payments therein: all present agreed as a true and accurate statement.

P21/16	PKF Littlejohn (External Annual Audit fee)	£120.00
P22/16	Harland Garden Machinery (Hit rebar repair)	£103.00
P23/16	Harrogate Borough Council (Annual Play Inspection Fee)	£66.00
P24/16	L Evely (Clerks Salary)	£1299.87
P25/16	L Evely (Expenses)	£280.26

Current account balance @ 14.11.16:

14,017.11

Deposit account balance @ 31.10.16:	1,411.17
Reserves account balance 14.11.16:	2,095.29
Less unrepresented cheques/transfer:	1, 869.13
Add unbanked receipts/transfers:	0.00
Total:	15,654.44

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2016. 0120 **General Circulation Correspondence received – for information only.** This was noted and passed for circulation by the clerk

2016. 0121 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2016.121.01 **Village Hall Committee:** New residents welcome meetings to be re-instated by the Church and Parish Council – To go on the next agenda for discussion regarding funding a buffet.

Over £5000 raised by the Beer Festival of which £500 is being kindly donated to the Parish Council.

2016.121.02 **Police Liaison Group:** The clerk is to contact to find out a new contact for the Police.

2016.121.03 **Yore Vision:** no news

2016. 0122 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda:** New Residents Welcome Meetings

2016. 0123 **Date and Time of next meeting.** To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 21st December 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jeff Gill Room at the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

With there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm