

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council at 7.00 pm on 21st January 2026 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors F. Grout (Chairman), K. Scott (Vice-Chairman), E. Bainbridge, R. Jones, J. Ainsworth, D. Morgan, County Councillor A. Warneken

Clerk: J. Merriman

Public Session

A 15-minute public session was held prior to the Council commencing the meeting. Members of the public were invited to raise any matters they wished to discuss, however they were not guaranteed an answer at this meeting. 9 members of the public were present. Q.1 I have concerns over the sewage pipe which is not adequate for 7 houses how will it cope with an additional 5 houses? I would like assurance that the drainage will be adequate, the plans must be modified and checked for reality. Q2 The pavement from the bus stop to Piper's Lane is in a terrible state and requires resurfacing and attention, it is dangerous and uneven, Q.3 Are the council aware that half of Pipers Pond is owned by a member of the public. I would like to request that I be kept informed of any action and that no shrubs be cut without my prior consent. A. The council will keep you informed of all proposed action before it happens. Q4. I am bemused as to the position of the proposed houses as they are beyond the edge of the village A. It is not a proper planning application, and it is beyond the village line.

2025/124 An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

2025/125 a) Apologies were received from Councillor Jackson
b) Reasons for absence were approved

2025/126 Declaration of Interests
a) Councillor Morgan declared an interest in planning application 25-04629-PIP
b) No applications for dispensation were received

2025/127 The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2025 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2025/128 A report was received from County Councillor Warneken on North Yorkshire Council. The budget has been set, and the public will be

informed. Councillor Warneken explained that the locality budget of £1,400 was spent in Great Ouseburn on Primrose the therapy dog for the school and wildlife cameras on Townend field. It was **AGREED** to donate £1,000.00 to Primrose the therapy dog in April 2026. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Grout would send Alex Bell's email address to Councillor Warneken

2025/129 Clerk's report

- The precept request has been submitted to NYC and acknowledgement of receipt received
- The Clerk has asked for a breakdown of band D properties for two years
- The Clerk has contacted NYC Housing to request that they not mow the stretch of land between Branton Lane and Carrside Road
- The Clerk has emailed Councillor Bainbridge to confirm arrangements re: playground inspections Clerk to draw up a log
- The Clerk has contacted Karl Battersby to request a response from Highways as well as a site visit.
- The Clerk has requested details regarding a shared drive from Vision ICT – it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would investigate costs of moving to Microsoft 365

2025/130 To consider the following financial matters:

- a) Payments approved included: Nigel Roskilly £62.50, G N Liddle £603.05 (mower service), £27.40 YLCA, £18.00 Village Hall

(b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted

Balance Bfwd as at 10/12/2025	£ 18,319.01
Income	£ 0.00
Expenditure	£ 1,871.62
Balance as at 12/01/2026	£ 16,447.39

2025/131 An email was received from Councillor Grout regarding NYC Land Ownership and it was **RESOLVED** that a Working Party should be set up to move the overall parish land issue forward.

2025/132 Planning Issues

- a) Planning applications

Application	Proposal	Location	Comments
25/04619/PIP	Permission in principle for the erection of 5 no. new	Land Comprising Field At 444027 462120 Branton Lane Great Ouseburn	Wish to see REFUSED since the Branton Green site is already

	<p>dwellings (use class C3).</p>	<p>North Yorkshire</p>	<p>overdeveloped. Since 2018 Branton Green houses have increased by over 150% and the site is outside the village development line.</p>
<p>25/04569/FULMAJ</p>	<p>Erection of 11 dwellings with associated access, landscaping and drainage infrastructure</p>	<p>Land At Branton Lane Great Ouseburn Harrogate</p>	<p>Wish to see REFUSED since the Branton Green site is already overdeveloped. Since 2018 Branton Green houses have increased by over 150% and the site is outside the village development line. There are still unsold houses from previous developments. The designs are detrimental to the character of the village. It would also take away the open vista from the village, it is blocked slightly but there is still an open view. The reasons why the previous applications were rejected still stand. The statement that the Seggans is unimportant to</p>

			the village is totally incorrect. Drainage is already an existing issue in the locality. Great Ouseburn Parish Council would like additional information.
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- b) Planning enforcements – no planning enforcements were received
- c) Planning decisions – no planning decisions were received

- 2025/133** A request was received from Councillor Grout regarding the siting of a owl box for a sum of £300 and approved.
- 2025/134** A request was received from Councillor Grout regarding maintenance of the bleed box and approved.
- 2025/135** A proposal was received from Councillor Grout regarding turning Pipers Lane Pond area into a nature reserve and it was **RESOLVED** to set up a Working Group and to bring proposals to a future meeting as part of the biodiversity plan.
- 2025/136** An email was received regarding parking on Pipers Lane grass and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should respond to say that the council is looking into the matter.
- 2025/137** The Councillors Statement of Assurance was received and signed by those willing to do so.
- 2025/138** An email was received from an allotment holder, and it was **AGREED** to approve the request.
- 2025/139** The action log was received and updated.
- 2025/140** An update was received on councillor training.
- 2025/141** The date of the next meeting was agreed as 18th February 2026

The meeting finished at 21.30

Put verges trees, biodiversity on the next agenda.