

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council at 7.00 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors F. Grout (Chairman), K. Scott, G. Jackson, R. Jones, J. Ainsworth, 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, 1 member of the public was present and thanked the council for cutting the grass. A question was raised about potential passing spaces approaching the school, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact Highways

**2025/86** An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

**2025/87** a) Apologies were received from Councillors D. Morgan and E. Bainbridge  
b) Reasons for absence were approved.

**2025/88** Declaration of Interests  
a) There were no declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests  
b) No applications for dispensation were received

**2025/89** The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings

**2025/90** A report was received from Councillor Warneken on North Yorkshire Council. The councillors have been asked to save money for the budget, Councillor Warneken stated that he would prefer not to cut Home to School Transport, SEND and Adult Social Care. Councillor Warneken voted against a pay rise for councillors. There is a £72 million deficit in the budget so cuts will be made next year. The Maltkiln development has been approved. Councillor Warneken has requested that Parish Councils be given more influence. Councillor Warneken will be running a surgery on 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Great Ouseburn shop. Councillor Warneken is running an IDAS charity Santa Claus service for children suffering from abuse, donations should be sent to the village shop, age and gender should be on the present. Councillor Warneken will send a poster with details.

**2025/91 Clerk's report**

- The Clerk has ordered further signs regarding dog waste
- The Clerk requested that the playground inspection be delayed until the repairs have been completed but it will now go ahead
- The Clerk has filled in the Community Governance Survey
- The Clerk has sent an invoice for the pontoon to Aldwark Bridge Glamping
- The Clerk has contacted the architect regarding the monument and received a response to be considered at the November council meeting
- The Clerk has contacted the member of the public regarding the bench and will investigate possible contractors to repair it
- The £500 donation has been paid to Boroughbridge Community Library

**2025/92** The following financial matters were considered:

(a) Payments approved included the Village Hall £36.00, Netpaydue £6.00, L & D Construction £14,814.96, Nigel Roskilly £475 & £550, Acomb signs £72.00, £40.12 Dave Meakin petrol

(b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted:

Balance Bfwd as at 03/10/2025	£ 21,804.59
Income	£ 14,814.96
Expenditure	£ 733.49
Balance as at 12/11/2025	£ 35,886.06

**2025/93** The spend to date 2025/26 against the existing budget was reviewed and the process for setting the 2026/27 budget and precept was **AGREED**. The Clerk will send recommendations and scenarios to councillors and the budget and precept will be approved at the December council meeting.

**2025/94** Planning Issues

a) Planning applications considered

<b>Application No</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
25/03795/OUT	Outline planning application for the erection of 4 self-build dwellings with means of access to each dwelling plot	Lightmire Lane Great Ouseburn	<b>OBJECTS</b> to the development since Lightmire Lane is a private road and the verges are owned by the parish council and the council are not minded to give

			<p>permission to allow access. It is outside of the village development area. There are also concerns about grey water being put into the combined sewer which is already overloaded and causes flooding on the allotments. There are no limestone houses in the village. It is a narrow lane used by pedestrians and horses. There is no need for more large detached houses in the village, the need is for smaller more affordable properties as per your ref: DCCONMEA 6.80.116.J.FUL to Brierley Homes.</p>
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b) Planning enforcements – no planning enforcements were received

c) Planning decisions

<b>Application No</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
25/03034/PBR	Prior notification for the conversion of agricultural barns to 3no.dwellinghouses (use class C3) including extensions added to units 1 & 2	Holly Bank Farm Pipers Lane Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RT	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
25/01765/FUL	Loft conversion and new dormers to the rear and garage extension. Replacement rooflights to the existing rear extension.	Crown House Main Street Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RF	<b>GRANTED</b> subject to conditions

25/03621/DISCON	Stonebridge site		<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
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- 2025/95** An email quote was received from Councillor Scott regarding the dome in the playground and it was **AGREED** to approve the cost of £185.00+VAT and £35.00 shipping.
- 2025/96** An email was received from the cricket club regarding invoicing for maintenance for the 2025 season and it was **RESOLVED** to pay £575.
- 2025/97** An email was received from Dave Meakin regarding servicing of the mower and it was **AGREED** to service both mowers.
- 2025/98** Emails and a quote from Heritage Potential regarding the Ousegill monument were received and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should ask Commuted Sums if any funding is available.
- 2025/99** An email regarding Brierley Homes and commuted sums was received and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact Lee Jones to confirm that the Village Hall requires funding and to request sight of the original scoring assessment as there are concerns about its accuracy. The Village Hall requires a new boiler, parking and a hearing loop.
- 2025/100** An email was received from a resident regarding signs on the field and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should confirm that since it is a children's playing field, in line with all other children's playing fields, it is recommended practice to keep dogs on leads for the safety of the children. Since Great Ouseburn Parish Council own the playing field we have a duty of care to users.
- 2025/101** The Keld lane register was considered, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact Newtons Solicitors to obtain quotes to undertake legal action against land grabs in the village and to register the verges. It was **AGREED** that Councillors Scott and Jones would collate the paperwork.
- 2025/102** The action log was received and updated.
- 2025/103** The date of the next meeting was agreed as 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Items to include in the next agenda were identified as a tree survey of council-owned trees, and the continued lack of response from Highways