

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council 7.00 pm on 15th April 2026 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors K. Scott (acting Chairman), E Bainbridge, J. Ainsworth, G. Jackson, D. Morgan, County Councillor A. Warneken

Clerk: J. Merriman

Public Session

No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.

- 2025/179** An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of the meeting
- 2025/180** a) Apologies were received from Councillor Grout
b) Reasons for absence were approved
- 2025/181** Declaration of Interests
a) There were no declarations of interest received not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
b) No applications for dispensation were received
- 2025/182** The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2026 were signed and confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
- 2025/183** Councillor Warneken provided an update on North Yorkshire Council. The government's definition on green belt has changed and there is no longer any protection. 178 houses have been approved in New Milton in the New Forest; therefore, planning will change regarding former green belt areas. Councillor Warneken has sent a report from Yorkshire Water to the Clerk who will circulate it to rest of the council. Councillor Scott requested a meeting with Yorkshire Water and Stonebridge, Councillor Warneken will confirm dates to the Clerk who will book a room. The next surgery is on 24th April at Great Ouseburn, and the police will be present. There has been an increase in planning enforcements. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should write to Councillor Warneken regarding obtaining CIL claims. Councillor Scott will send what 3 words to Councillor Warneken to identify the location of the path that the member of the public complained about.

2025/184 Clerk's report

- The Clerk has asked Councillor Warneken to identify the process for claiming funds from Yorkshire Water to move the Ouse monument
- The Clerk has sent the allotment rent requests to the allotment holders
- The Clerk has responded to the resident regarding the grass on Pipers Lane
- The Clerk has reported the poor condition of Carrside Road to Highways and has responded to the resident who sent in photos and an email
- The Clerk has contacted James Mackman who has agreed to be the auditor
- It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would order 1 x Lowther bench (from Commuted Sums reference the Forge Main street £384 13/0199/FUL) and to ask for the owl box cost to be reimbursed. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should remind the village hall to spend the allocated Commuted sums money.

2025/185 The following financial matters were considered:

a) Payments include £18.00 the Village Hall, £10.00 YLCA, £71.52 Thorpe Trees, £347.00 YLCA, Dave Meakin £81.89, Nigel Roskilly £125.00,

b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted

Balance Bfwd as at 11/03/2026	£ 13,997.42
Income	£ 66.50
Expenditure	£ 1,041.55
Balance as at 04/04/2026	£ 13,022.37

c) Instructions were received from PKF Littlejohn regarding the 2026/7 AGAR and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should carry out the instructions..

2025/186 Planning Issues

- a) Planning applications

Application	Proposal	Location	Comments
DCPCAMEN 26/00507/FUL	Conversion of agricultural barns to form 3 no. dwelling houses (2 no. self build, 1 no. market dwellings) with associated garden and amenity space.	Holly Bank Farm Pipers Lane Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RT	SAME RESPONSE AS ON THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION

b) Planning enforcements

Application	Location	Alleged breach
26/00242/PR05	Hillside Main Street Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RF	Alleged loft conversion without permission including installation of velux windows in a conservation area
26/00277/PR05	Rosecroft Main Street Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RG	Alleged unauthorised works in relation to replacement of slate roof of Listed Building

c) Planning decisions – no planning decisions were received

- 2025/187** An email was received from members of the public regarding the bin on the triangle of land next to Pipers Green and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk will contact NY Highways and get sample bins and costs and request a site visit with Waste management.
- 2025/188** An estimate was received from Waites regarding a tree survey, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should obtain 2 more quotes
- 2025/189** The planting of cherry trees on the verge by Townend Field was considered and it was **AGREED** that the project would be managed by the Townend Field trust on their land.
- 2025/190** The action log was received and updated, and it was agreed that £1000 be allocated for the initial consultation process regarding the disputed land.
- 2025/191** An update was received from the Clerk on AI training
- 2025/192** The date of the next meeting was agreed as 20th May 2026. The Annual Parish Assembly will begin at 6.45pm and the Annual Meeting of the Council will follow.

The meeting finished at 20.33