

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council at 7.00 pm on 18th February 2026 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors F. Grout (Chairman), K. Scott (Vice-Chairman),
G. Jackson, D. Morgan, R. Jones, County Councillor A. Warneken

Clerk: J. Merriman

Public Session

There were 2 members of the public present and no questions were asked.

2025/142 An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

2025/143 a) Apologies were received from Councillors Ainsworth and Bainbridge
b) Reasons for absence were approved.

2025/144 Declaration of Interests
a) Declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests included Councillor Jackson declaring an interest as a Trustee of the Upper Ouse Conservation Trust

b) No applications for dispensation were received

2025/145 The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2026 were signed and approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2025/146 A report was received from Councillor Warneken from North Yorkshire Council. A chicken farm planning application near Great Ouseburn has been approved by the NYC Planning Committee. The Seggans development is being considered and may be called in if there is enough local support to do so. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact the planning department regarding a further planning application on Branton Green 25/04619/PIP as the planners have the wrong site with the incorrect name of the road, copying in Councillor Warneken. Stonebridge has been bought out by Henry Boot in Sheffield and Councillor Warneken is in communications with them. The Parish Council requested that the developers minimise disruption for the Open Gardens on 31st May when they remove soil from the Stonebridge mound. A diesel spillage has taken place in the village and is being dealt with. Councillor Warneken will hold his next surgery on the 27th of February. The budget has been passed. Another developer called Bracewell will be asking for a further loan from NYC.

2025/147 Clerk's report

- The Clerk has informed the school that the parish council will support Primrose the therapy dog by donating £1,000 in April 2026
- The Clerk contacted the allotment holder to inform her that the council approved her request
- The Clerk has confirmed that the fallen gravestones commuted sums has been authorised by NYC

2025/148 The following financial matters were considered:

a) Payments approved: Parish Online £45.00, £18.00 Village Hall, £64.74 Keith Scott defib pads,

(b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted:

Balance Bfwd as at 12/01/2026	£ 16,447.39
Income	£ 0.00
Expenditure	£ 1,522.56
Balance as at 11/02/2026	£ 14,924.83

2025/149 An email and a draft Biodiversity policy were received from Councillor Grout, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the biodiversity policy with two small amendments and to set up a Working Group.

2025/150 Planning Issues

a) Planning applications

Application	Proposal	Location	Comments
25/04649/FUL	Change of use of waste recycling facility to agricultural building	Moor Farm Moor Lane Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9TT	NO COMMENT
25/04497/FUL	Proposed Car Port, Store and Solar Panel Area	Vine House Main Street Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RQ	NO COMMENT

a) Planning enforcements – no planning enforcements were received

b) Planning decisions – no planning decisions were received

2025/151 An email from NYC regarding grass cutting for the 2026 season was received and it was **RESOLVED** to refuse the offer. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact Harrogate Housing to ask them not to cut the grass at Branton Lane/Carrside junction.

- 2025/152** Emails were received from residents regarding parking on verges. It was **AGREED** to ask the residents to refer the matter to Highways as the Parish Council does not have the power to enforce any action.
- 2025/153** A request was received from the Upper Ouse Conservation Trust to use the Parish Council's lawnmower for volunteers to cut the footpath in the reserve, and it was **AGREED** to approve the request. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Jackson should check the insurance, pay for the petrol and to agree a rota on the WhatsApp grass cutters group for the small mower which he will store.
- 2025/154** A map of trees within the parish was received and the council is awaiting a quote from a tree surveyor.
- 2025/155** An email was received from the Village Hall regarding grass crete, and it was **AGREED** that Clerk should check how much is available in commuted sums.
- 2025/156** The issue of land disputes was considered, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact Newtons solicitors to arrange a meeting with Councillors Jones and Scott to scope the cost of the project.
- 2025/157** The action log was received and updated.
- 2025/158** There were no updates on councillor training.
- 2025/159** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18th March 2026.

The meeting closed at 21.10