

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th February 2006 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mrs R Girdham, Mrs R Kay, Mr M Rampling and Mr B Robinson.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were 12 members of the public.

2006.19 **Apologies for absence** no apologies for absence were received.

2006.20 **Declarations of Interest.**

2006.20.1 All Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in items relating to the Village Hall.

2006.21 Cllr R Kay declared a prejudicial interest in item 26.4.

2006.22 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 18th January 2006 having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2006.23 **Land at Carrside Road.** Because of the interest in this item, this was brought forward. The decision of Harrogate Borough Council to dispose of this land subject to planning permission was noted. The meeting was adjourned briefly to take contributions from members of the public. The issue of the possible location of new parking facilities associated with any development on this land was raised. The meeting was reconvened and it was agreed that no action was required on the matter until such time as planning applications were submitted.

2006.24 **Progress Reports.**

2006.24.1 Adoption of Moor Lane (minute 2006.4.1 refers). The Clerk advised members that North Yorkshire County Council had now referred this matter to their legal department. A response was promised within four weeks.

2006.24.2 Damage to wall at junction of Boat Lane and Main Street (minute 2006.4.2 refers). Again, this matter had been referred to North Yorkshire County Council's legal department.

2006.24.3 Quiet Lanes Initiative (minute 2006.13 refers). Mr Ken Major, the Improvement Manager at the Highways Authority, Starbeck, had confirmed that this would be included in the scheme priority list for next year. The Clerk confirmed that she would continue to liaise with the Highways Authority on this.

2006.24.4 Oak Tree Cottage, formerly Wayside Cottage (minute 5.5/12/05 refers). All discussions regarding this item dealt with under item 26.3 below.

2006.24.5 Basketball Court (minute 5.3/12/05 refers). The Clerk reported that a grant of £5,000 had been confirmed from Biffaward, and that the grant application to the Rural Target Fund for the balance had been submitted. That decision would be known in March, and this project could then get underway.

2006.24.6 Recycling facility at the Crown Inn. A copy of a letter from Harrogate Borough Council to the Crown Inn clarifying the situation regarding the recycling facility had been received, and publicity given in the newsletter.

2006.24.7 Condition of verges along Seggans Lane (minute 9/12/05 refers). The Clerk confirmed that following discussions she had had with the farmer, the worst areas had been dealt with.

2006.25 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions were notified by the Borough Council:

2006.25.1 Beckside, Carrside, Great Ouseburn. Erection of single storey rear extension and cantilevered roof extension to front porch. Granted subject to conditions.

2006.25.2 Post Office, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of attached outbuilding to form additional living accommodation. Granted subject to conditions.

2006.25.3 Walnut Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Felling of 1 walnut tree and crown clean 1 walnut tree under TPOs. Granted subject to conditions.

2006.25.4 Provinder House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of replacement single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation. Granted subject to conditions.

2006.25.5 Walnut Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Change of use of land to form extension to domestic curtilage and deletion of condition 11 of permission 6.80.115.B.FUL. Granted subject to conditions.

2006.26 **Planning applications.**

- 2006.26.1 St Mary's Vicarage, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 detached dwelling and double garage with new vehicular access. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that the proposed building is out of character with other buildings in the Conservation Area, with particular reference to the height and pitch of the roof. There were also concerns about the retention of the wall at the front and the restricted view of the road on exit.
- 2006.26.2 Avenue House, Branton Lane, Great Ouseburn. Retention of two storey side and rear extensions with 2 dormer windows, front porch and chimney stack to side. There were no objections to this application.
- 2006.26.3 Wayside, Carrside, Great Ouseburn. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey front conservatory, single storey rear extension and formation of new access. The Clerk advised members that the guidance from HBC on whether any declaration of interest was required on this matter was that none was required. However it should be minuted that the Parish Council has a financial interest in that it benefits if the result of the application is an increase in the value of the land that formed the old allotment garden. The Clerk advised members on the possible costs involved in obtaining a valuation under the terms of the Transfer Deed on the old allotment garden, which were noted. No further action to be taken on this until such time as planning permission has been granted on the property. After considering the planning application the Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds that the proposal more than doubled the footprint of the building. The front elevation in particular was too massive and out of character with the other properties on Carrside.

At this point Cllr Kay left the meeting.

2006.26.4 Ousebank Farm, Boroughbridge Road, Great Ouseburn. Erection of two-storey side extension. There were no objections.

Cllr Kay rejoined the meeting.

2006.27 **Village Hall Car Park.** The bill for resurfacing the car park had gone up from the original quotation of £8,000 plus VAT to £10,700 plus VAT. This was partly due to some unexpected work required on the drains and partly due to an increase in the area resurfaced, agreed by the Village Hall Committee. They requested that the Parish Council accept a donation of 50% of the cost from Village Hall funds (i.e. an increase of £1,350 in the cost to the Parish Council). It was noted that a grant of £300 had been received from North Yorkshire County Council for this work, and after some discussion the matter was put to a vote, and it was resolved to accept the proposal.

2006.28 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2005 – 14th February 2006.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payment were approved (copy appended to the minutes):

P32/08	Andrew Robinson – Village Hall car park	£12,572.50
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2006.29 **Correspondence received.**

- 2006.29.1 Dunsforth Parish Meeting – email regarding Upper Dunsforth Carrs. The Clerk had responded with copies of correspondence with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and had clarified the location of the parish boundary within the site.
- 2006.29.2 SLCC Regional One-Day Conference – Harrogate 29th March. The Clerk confirmed she would be attending.

2006.30 **Reports from representatives.**

- 2006.30.1 **Village Hall Committee.** The Valentine's Dance had been successful and had raised approximately £1,200. The next event will be the Spring Festival.
- 2006.30.2 **Youth Forum.** No report.
- 2006.30.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

2006.31 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Footpaths, the 30mph sign on Carrside and the condition of the roads.

2006.32 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.