

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th January 2011
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr L Paterson, Mr M Rampling
and Mr B Robinson.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and three members of the public.

2011.1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr G Potter. Cllr John Savage (North Yorkshire County Council) also sent his apologies.

2011.2. Declarations of Interest.

2011.2.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 15th December 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.4. **Public Participation.** Cllr Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) informed members that Harrogate are planning on having a balanced budget for 2011/12, but that Harrogate International Conference Centre, which has previously made a contribution to Council funds, is currently running at a loss. Mr Tim Richards from the Planning Department is retiring in February. Harrogate have approved the new recycling policy which will include kerbside collections of cardboard and plastics and the introduction of fortnightly wheelie bin collections of domestic waste. Our local police officer, Paul Haydon, is retiring in February. In future there may be fewer officers covering larger areas – we will know more in March/April.

2011.5. **Co-option of new Councillor.** It was noted that following the resignation of Cllr Richard White, the Returning Officer at Harrogate had advised that, as he had not received requests from ten electors for an election to take place, it was in order to co-opt a replacement Member.

2011.5.1. It was resolved to co-opt a suitable person qualified to serve as a local councillor. Mrs Caroline Smaile and Mrs Marie Grant both expressed an interest in serving, and were asked to make brief statements to the Council, following which a vote was held which was in favour of Mrs Grant.

2011.5.2. The declaration of acceptance of office was received from Mrs Grant.

2011.6. Progress Reports.

2011.6.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2010.182.1 refers). It was noted that the telemetry equipment from the Environment Agency would be installed in the near future. The Clerk to chase up on the progress of the creation of the new footpath, as the Fishing Club had apparently not signed the Agreement yet.

2011.6.2. Dog Fouling (minute 2010.182.2 refers). Unfortunately the very cold weather over the past few weeks had meant that the 'bag and flag' event had not yet taken place, but it was hoped that it would take place very soon. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to source some signs for the areas around the children's play area and the Village Hall reminding people to clear up after their dogs.

2011.6.3. Land Adjacent to the Playing Field (minute 2010.182.4 refers). No further progress.

2011.6.4. Highways Issues (minute 2010.182.5 refers). The Clerk reported that she had been sent an email from the Highways Department regarding the long-term maintenance plan for trees in the village. They did confirm that the lime trees on Branton Lane are the responsibility of North Yorkshire County Council as the highway authority. The trees are being inspected by the Harrogate Borough Council Arboricultural Team, as specialists, under agreement with the County Council, and that inspection has not yet taken place. They also said that epicormic growth will only be removed if there is the funding available for the works. The Clerk to respond with a reminder that this work has always been done in previous years.

2011.6.5. Church Field Lane sign (minute 2010.182.5 refers). It was noted that the road sign, which probably went missing on Mischief Night, is being replaced by Harrogate Borough Council. Informal consultation with residents on the road had confirmed that there was insufficient support for the proposal to change the street name and so no further action will be taken on the matter.

2011.7. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2011.7.1. Tree Preservation Order. Starra Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn.

2011.7.2. Outbuildings to rear of Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Possible breach of planning control.

2011.7.3. Conservation Area application for demolition of garage and granary store. Rosehill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Granted subject to conditions.

2011.8. **Planning applications.**

2011.8.1. Church Hill Cottage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Removal of internal wall (Listed Building application). No objections.

2011.8.2. Church Hill, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 2 single storey extensions to form garden room, study and boot room, garage and workshop (revised scheme) (Listed and standard). No objections.

2011.8.3. Jasmine Cottage, Carrside Road, Great Ouseburn. Conservation area consent for the demolition of boundary wall. It was agreed that in view of the hazard created by cars parked on the corner, the response should be to support this application, in order to create off-road parking.

2011.9. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2010.185 refers). Cllr Paterson reported from the recent meeting at Marton cum Grafton. The next stage in the process will be the consideration of the planning application. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not make any provision in the precept for funds for costs involved in fighting this application, as it was felt that it would be better to raise funds separately for such issues.

2011.10. **Visit to Police Force Control Room** (minute 2010.22.5 refers). It was noted that the 2011 visits are now being arranged and that anyone wishing to visit the Police Control Room should complete the new vetting form and return it to the Clerk as soon as possible.

2011.11. **Use of Football Pitch.** A request from a local resident to use the facilities at the playing field was noted and suitable terms were agreed.

2011.12. **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to contact Highways again about the various unresolved issues – potholes, the HRSS project. The gate at the play area needs mending.

2011.13. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 19th January 2011.**

The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payment approved (copy appended to the minutes).

The Clerk reported that she had received several thankyou letters from people who had attended the Christmas party – thanks also to the organisers of the Beer Festival and to the Parochial Church Council.

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2011.14. **Correspondence received.** To consider correspondence received, as follows:

2011.14.1. NYCC – consultation on the future of the library service. The mobile library and the library in Boroughbridge are threatened with closure. Consultation ends Feb 28th.

2011.15. **Reports from representatives.**

2011.15.1. **Village Hall Committee.** Future events include possibly holding a party to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding, plus a Race Night and a Ceilidh. There is a new badminton club.

2011.15.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.

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2011.15.3. **Yore Vision.** Facilities within Boroughbridge are being looked at, with possible areas of improvements to be made.

2011.15.4. **First Responder Scheme.** There are still one or two issues with the CRB checks and passcards. Time savings of up to 45 minutes (before paramedics/ambulances have arrived) have been achieved during the recent very bad weather. A proposal to ask Harrogate Borough Council to require all licensed tax drivers to take a First Aid course was agreed.

2011.16. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Recycling and the possibility of a local collection point.

2011.17. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 16th February 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m