

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st January 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr Keith Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr L Paterson, Mr M Rampling,
Mr B Robinson and Mr R White

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

There were seven members of the public present, together with Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) and the local Neighbourhood Police Officer.

2009.1 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Rachel Kay.

2009.2 **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.2.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall

2009.3 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 17th December 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.4 **Public Participation.**

2009.4.1 Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) informed members that there would be a 'commuted sums seminar' in March/April at Harrogate Borough Council.

2009.4.2 Objections were raised at the way that the verges along Church Field Lane had been cut (see 2009.9 below), and the view put forward that the coarser vegetation should be left to grow along these verges to provide a wildlife corridor.

2009.5 **Progress Reports.**

2009.5.1 Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2008.202.1 refers). No further progress.

2009.5.2 Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2008.202.2 refers). Cllrs Rampling and White reported that seven trees have now been planted on the freelanding, of various types, and the hedge planting has been completed. The birdboxing event with the school is going to take place on February 13th.

2009.5.3 Underground electric cables at the Village Green (minute 2008.103.3 refers). The Clerk advised members that the quotation received from NEDL for the work to put the cables underground was for just under £17,000 plus VAT. She was asked to find out what grant monies would be available for such work.

2009.5.4 Traffic Speed survey (minute 2008.202.5 refers). The Clerk was following this up with the Highways Department.

2009.5.5 Provision of new footway between Branton Lane and the Village Hall (minute 2008.202.6 refers). The Clerk advised that she had been told that Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services Ltd has a contract with NYCC for the exclusive right to all works of this nature and that it was not possible for a different contractor to do the work. She was asked to make enquiries with Harrogate regarding this as the funding originally comes from Harrogate Borough Council.

2009.5.6 Grants available to local businesses (minute 2008.205 refers). Rural Action Yorkshire have provided some useful information about possible sources of information and support, and the Chairman agreed to speak to Yorkshire Forward about possible grant funding.

2009.6 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2009.6.1 Flaxbourne House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conservation area application for the demolition of store. Granted subject to conditions.

2009.6.2 Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 dwelling, detached garage and formation of new vehicular access (revised scheme). Granted subject to conditions.

2009.7 **Planning applications.**

- 2009.7.1 Branton Grange, Pipers Lane, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of barn to form additional living accommodation, erection of car port and installation of 3 solar panels to south elevation. No objections.
- 2009.7.2 Branton Grange, Pipers Lane, Great Ouseburn. Listed building application for the conversion of barn to form additional living accommodation and installation of 3 solar panels to south elevation. No objections.
- 2009.7.3 The Forge, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of detached dwelling and formation of vehicle and pedestrian access.

2009.8 **Questions from Councillors.** The Clerk was asked to remind the Highways Authority that the drain at Burn Beck had still not been repaired.

2009.9 **Verges at Church Field Lane.** Concerns raised regarding the recent grasscutting work on Church Field Lane were noted, and after some discussion it was agreed that the verges should continue to be cut on a regular four-year cycle.

2009.10 **Public Service Awards.** It was agreed to establish a Parish Council working group to nominate local residents for awards and honours.

2009.11 **Playing Field.** The request from the cricket club to contribute towards the cost of maintaining the playing field during the cricket season, and to consider grant funding for new outdoor nets, was outlined. Because the request was not specific at this stage it was agreed that no further action would be taken, but the cricket club was asked to put forward plans before next year's budget was finalised.

2009.12 **"Dirt Track" for cycling.** Requests for the creation of a "dirt track" for cycling were considered, and it was agreed that the Chairman would make further enquiries of interested parties.

2009.13 **HBC – Safer Communities Partnership Funding.** It was agreed that no bid for funding would be made.

2009.14 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2008 – 20th January 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes). It was agreed that a further application for commuted sums should be made, for the work to the playing field.

P41/08	D R Johnstone Ltd	7,624.50
P42/08	John Wilkinson & Sons	4,148.95
P43/08	John Wilkinson & Sons	390.97
P44/08	Thorpe Trees - hedging for freelanding	229.85
P45/08	A P Meek & Sons	1,341.47

2009.15 **Correspondence received.** To consider correspondence received, as follows:

- 2009.15.1 Consultation paper "Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power" Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity. To be circulated.
- 2009.15.2 NCVO – invitation to apply for membership. Declined.
- 2009.15.3 NYCC- training sessions on waste reduction. Noted.
- 2009.15.4 NYCC – surface dressing of roads. Noted.
- 2009.15.5 NYCC – Minerals and Waste Development Framework update. To be circulated.

2009.16 **Reports from representatives.**

- 2009.16.1 **Village Hall Committee.** Work on the extension was proceeding well.
- 2009.16.2 **Youth Forum.** The Forum reopened on 6th January and is continuing to see reasonable numbers attending.
- 2009.16.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No meeting.

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2009.16.4 **Yore Vision.** Future projects include a 'shared space' at the back of the car park in Boroughbridge, generating green energy at Langthorpe and the creation of an avenue of trees near Newby Hall.

2009.17 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Update on the trees outside Tarndale.

2009.18 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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