

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

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

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr L Paterson, Mr G Potter, Mr M Rampling
and Mr R White

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

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

2009.147. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Brian Robinson.

2009.148. **Declarations of Interest.**

2009.148.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2009.149. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 16th September 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.150. **Public Participation.**

2009.150.1. The new tenants of the Crown public house, Paul and Liz Jackson, introduced themselves and were warmly welcomed. They spoke about their plans for the pub, and said that they hoped to be open for business in early December.

2009.150.2. Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) gave an update on Harrogate Borough Council's budget for next year, and informed the meeting that he is on the North Yorkshire Area Committee. He advised that an officer from Harrogate was available to give a talk on creating a Community Emergency Scheme for the village.

2009.151. **Progress Reports.**

2009.151.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2009.133.1 refers). The Clerk advised that she had further quotes for the hardstanding under the bench for the disabled and for the entrance barrier, and other quotes were still required for soil removal. It was agreed that a licence should be obtained for this before any other work was done.

2009.151.2. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2009.133.2 refers). The Clerk advised that the person dealing with this at the solicitors has now left and that she had spoken to the new solicitor, who promised that she would attend to the outstanding registrations as soon as possible.

2009.151.3. Highways issues (minute 2009.133.3 refers). A report was received from the meeting with the Area 6 Highways team on 21st September, and it was generally agreed that this meeting had been a useful way of liaising with Highways about local issues. It had been proposed that further meetings should be held every six months.

2009.151.4. The Crown public house (minute 2009.133.4 refers). See 2009.150.1 above.

2009.151.5. Piper's Lane Pond. It was noted that a working party cleared the pond in September, and the landowner at the back of the pond had suggested that a post and rail fence would improve the view. No further action was required this year to maintain the pond, but Cllr Potter offered to re-seed some patchy areas of grass.

2009.151.6. Daffodil Bulbs. It was noted that Harrogate Borough Council have once again donated a bag of daffodil bulbs to the Parish Council and that suitable planting sites included: Piper's Lane and near the beech hedging at the Village Hall.

2009.151.7. Harrogate Borough Council – Consultation Meetings with Parish Councils 2009/10 (minute 2009.140 refers). A report was received from the consultation meeting on 6th October 2009 and it was noted that the Parish Council's concerns over the way that the commuted sums were administered had been addressed. It was also noted that the scope of questions to NYCC at future meetings would be much wider.

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- 2009.152. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions had been notified by the Borough Council:
- 2009.152.1. Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Erection of 1 detached dwelling and double garage with new vehicular access (revised scheme). Granted subject to conditions.
- 2009.152.2. Longfield House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Deletion of condition 5 of permission 6.80.48.L.FUL to allow additional use of building for domestic storage. Withdrawn.
- 2009.152.3. Longfield House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Notification of a breach of planning control. The site was visited on 24th September and the planning officer has decided that an area of agricultural land to the rear of the property is in domestic use, which is a change of use requiring planning permission. The householder proposes to submit a planning application.
- 2009.153. **Planning applications.** No planning applications were received after publication of the agenda and prior to the meeting.
- 2009.154. **Questions from Councillors.** The problem of dog fouling in the village was again raised, and also a problem with horse riders using footpaths. Both issues to be highlighted in the next Newsletter.
- 2009.155. **Grasscutting Contracts.** Further quotes received were noted, with other quotes still outstanding. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with users of the playing field, in order to discuss how the increased costs of maintaining the playing field are to be met.
- 2009.156. **Conservation Area Review.** It was noted that the Conservation Area Review was finalised and accepted by Harrogate Borough Council on 16th September. It was agreed to apply to Harrogate Borough Council for an Article 4 Direction in respect of uPVC windows within the Conservation Area, and Cllr Paterson offered to do the work involved in assessing the numbers of properties involved.
- 2009.157. **Playbuilder Year 2 Grant Application.** Correspondence regarding an application for funding under the Playbuilder Year 2 scheme with NYCC was noted, and it was agreed to proceed with this application in order to develop a bike trail on Lightmire Lane, following on from requests originally made in the Parish Plan survey in 2003. The application to include the cost of a professional consultant to design the scheme, which would use natural features such as logs and boulders to create a challenging trail.
- 2009.158. **Donation to Youth Forum Over 60's Dinner.** It was agreed to make a donation of £250 towards the cost of this annual event.
- 2009.159. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2009 – 20th October 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes). The results of the annual playground inspection were noted and various remedial works to be agreed at the next meeting.
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| P26/09 | Shire Aggregates (topsoil) | 46.00 |
| P27/09 | HBC - Playground inspection | 69.00 |
| P28/09 | HBC - grasscutting | 282.53 |
| P29/09 | Mole Control (village green and playing field) | 136.00 |
| P30/09 | Clerk's salary and expenses - 2nd quarter | 745.37 |
| P31/09 | Rural Action Yorkshire | 35.00 |
| P32/09 | Ouseburns Youth Forum | 250.00 |
- 2009.160. **Correspondence received.**
- 2009.160.1. NYCC – Winter Service – Salt bins and heaps. Noted.
- 2009.161. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2009.161.1. Village Hall Committee. Finances are in good shape, with many of the outstanding debtors from last year having paid. Paul Thompson is acting as Treasurer for the time being. The new Liquor Licence has been approved, and the next event is a Theatre production on 22nd October.
- 2009.161.2. Youth Forum. The AGM was held on 13th October, attended by PC Paul Haydon. Member numbers are low this half-term and a request was made to put an item in the next Newsletter.
- 2009.161.3. Police Liaison Group. No meeting.

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2009.161.4. Yore Vision. The Tree Event is taking place on Saturday in Boroughbridge, and there is a conference in Boroughbridge on the subject of renewable energy on November 21st.

2009.162. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** Setting up a Community Safety Scheme, repairs/maintenance of playground equipment, installation of fencing at children's play area, creation of a 20mph zone outside the primary school.

2009.163. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 18th November 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.