

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th July 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr B Robinson (Chairman), Mrs R Kay, Mr M Rampling and Mr R White.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2008.112. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Keith Scott, Cllr Judith Burton and Cllr Lawrence Paterson. Cllr Martin Leather (HBC) also sent his apologies.

2008.113. **Declarations of Interest.**

2008.113.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2008.114. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 18th June 2008 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

2008.115. **Public Participation.** No items raised.

2008.116. **Progress Reports.**

2008.116.1. Village Design Statement (minute 2008.100.2 refers). Deferred until the next meeting.

2008.116.2. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2008.100.3 refers). Cllr Rampling reported that at the site meeting on 7th July, it was agreed that work on clearing some of the vegetation should start straight away. Workers from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) had already done some work strimming and clearing weeds. BTCV had produced a timetable for the work through to March next year. Dates for events to be finalised nearer the time so that they can be advertised locally.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Environment Agency and Aldwark Manor regarding this project – Cllr Rampling to contact various fishing clubs etc.

It was further agreed that the Clerk should make initial enquiries of Awards for All regarding further funding for the river bank project.

Offers of help and donations continue to be made by local businesses and residents, which will greatly help in stretching the budget for the project.

2008.116.3. Conservation Area review (minute 2008.100.4 refers). The Report has not been received yet.

2008.116.4. Proposed 20 mph speed limit outside the school (minute 2008.105 refers). The Clerk advised that the Highways department have confirmed that they will measure current speeds in September when the school term has started.

2008.116.5. Registration of land owned by the Parish Council (minute 2008.55.2 refers). The Clerk advised that following a meeting with Messrs Fitzgerald-Harts, it would appear that so far none of the parcels of land owned by the Parish Council have been registered with the Land Registry. The member of staff dealing with the matter has now left. The Parish Council has been promised that this work will now be done as a matter of urgency.

2008.116.6. Development at Carrside Road – drainage (minute 2008.106 refers). The Clerk advised that the conditions over drainage at the site had still not been signed off by Harrogate Borough Council's planning department as at the end of June. She will request copies of the reports as soon as they are available.

2008.117. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:

2008.117.1. Mole Cottage, Carrside Road. Erection of single storey side and front extensions, rear conservatory, side canopy and alterations to roof. Application withdrawn.

2008.117.2. Horseshoe Cottage, Main Street. No breach of planning control. This was queried by members of the council – the Clerk to seek further clarification on the issue from Harrogate.

2008.118. **Planning applications.**

2008.118.1. Prospect Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Conversion of detached outbuilding to form annexe. No objections.

2008.118.2. Prospect Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Listed building application for the conversion of detached outbuilding to form annexe. No objections

2008.119. **Questions from Councillors.** The raised drain at Burn Beck has not been mended yet – the Clerk to raise the matter with Highways.

2008.120. **New Bench.** A request for a new bench seat to be installed in the village was considered, and it was agreed that a suitable place would be on the grassed area in front of the bungalows off Branton Lane. It was agreed that Cllrs Rampling and White would consult with local residents on the matter, and report to the next meeting with an idea of costs for the project. The Clerk to find out what funds were available as s.106 (commuted sums) funds from Harrogate Borough Council.

2008.121. **Allotments.** The present waiting list of 6 for allotment gardens was noted and to it was considered whether any more allotment gardens can be provided. It was agreed that those on the waiting list should be offered the allotment land at Burn Beck.

2008.122. **Harrogate District LDF.** The next round of Public Consultations 11th July to 22nd August was noted and it was considered that no response on the Harrogate & Knaresborough Urban Extension Study would be made (none of the issues affect this locality).

2008.123. **Harrogate Borough Council Consultation Meeting 1st October 2008.** It was agreed that the following items should be put forward for the agenda for this meeting (deadline 12th September)

2008.123.1. Continuity of services at HBC on the retirement/replacement of individual officers (with special reference to the commuted sums officer).

2008.123.2. Planning issues – the enforcement regime seems to lack teeth – why is Harrogate Borough Council not enforcing planning regulations more rigidly?

2008.123.3. What is the current situation with the planned footpath across from Branton Lane to the Village Hall?

2008.124. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2008 – 15th July 2008.**

The Village Hall “Raise the Roof” project was considered. The quotes for the steelwork and the windows were approved at the last meeting. The contracts will shortly be issued to start the process, with just the building regulations approval to be finalised early next week (although all the steel parts of the regs are completed). To prevent delays (raw steel price goes up at end of month) it was agreed to issue the contract and start work. Single quotes have been obtained for the other parts of the project to make sure we are within forecast with a view to getting the other two competitive quotes for each part nearer the time they are to be done

The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P12/08	HBC - grasscutting (2 cuts)	£138.79
P13/08	adey.com (website hosting)	£35.00

2008.125. **Correspondence received:**

2008.125.1. HBC – letter from the Chief Executive, Mr P M Walsh, introducing his replacement Mr Wallace Sampson, currently Strategic Director of Customer Services with Bradford MDC.

2008.125.2. HBC – letter confirming that the new officer dealing with commuted sums has now been appointed.

2008.126. **Reports from representatives.**

2008.126.1. Village Hall Committee. No report.

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2008.126.2. Youth Forum. The Summer Term finished on 15th July. The planned BBQ was altered to a 'hot dog and popcorn event' because of the bad weather but was a successful evening just the same. The first awayday activity was on 12th July with a fun packed day at Carlton Lodge near Thirsk. Members of the Youth Forum applied for grant funding for this themselves and were successful in their application for money from North Yorkshire Youth "Young Money". Numbers continue to rise and once again adult volunteers are sought to help with this group.

2008.126.3. Police Liaison Group. No report.

2008.126.4. Yore Vision. No report.

2008.127. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** None.

2008.128. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 17th September 2008, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.