

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th April 2005 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were County Cllr John Savage and 13 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Chris Lewis.
2. **Declarations of Personal Interest** were received under the Code of Conduct as follows:
Cllr K Scott (Youth Forum), Cllr P Thompson (Village Hall), Cllr R Girdham (freelanding),
Cllr M Rampling (footpaths), Cllr B Robinson (footpaths).
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Wednesday 16th March 2005 having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to altering the date of the next meeting from 27th April to 20th April.
4. **Progress Reports.**
 - 4.1. Freelanding planning application. The Clerk reported that the planning application had been submitted to Harrogate Borough Council and that the neighbour notifications would be sent out shortly.
 - 4.2. Meeting with Mr C Craven, Divisional Engineer, Highways Authority on 6th April. The contents of a letter from Mr Craven were noted. The Clerk to remind the Highways Authority about the potholes in Lightmire Lane.
 - 4.3. Aldwark Bridge Toll Charges – Public Enquiry commencing 20th April. It was noted that the Parish Council is not sending a representative to this enquiry.
 - 4.4. Installation of seat, Pipers Lane Pond. Cllr Rampling requested volunteers for a working party to install a concrete platform and place the seat. The collection tin in the shop will be withdrawn and the contents banked. The bill for ballast and cement from Kitchings was approved.
 - 4.5. Provision of Fencing at Great Ouseburn Village Hall. The Clerk reported that Harrogate Borough Council have confirmed that this work can be funded from commuted sums. Cllr Kay to contact the contractors.
 - 4.6. Youth Forum/Cricket – Tuesday night fixtures. The scheduling of regular U-13s League fixtures on Tuesday evenings has caused difficulties. Cllrs Thompson and Rampling to arrange a meeting with the Cricket Club and the Youth Forum to try to reach an acceptable compromise.
 - 4.7. Proposed construction of road improvements, Thorpe Underwood. County Cllr Savage reported that after a very positive site meeting with North Yorkshire's planning department and representatives from local Parish Councils, the matter would be going to a planning committee on June 7th. There were very strong objections locally to the introduction of street lighting on the road, which was the matter of most concern to Great Ouseburn.
5. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:
 - 5.1. Listed Building application for the retention of satellite dish to the rear of chimney and installation of French doors to front elevation, Prospect Farm House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Granted for satellite dish, refused for French doors.
 - 5.2. Listed Building application for the retention of loggia to side elevation, Prospect Farm House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Granted.
 - 5.3. Retention of loggia to side elevation, Prospect Farm House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Granted.
 - 5.4. Erection of single storey side extension and extension of domestic curtilage (revised scheme), Brignall, Seggans Road, Great Ouseburn. Granted subject to conditions.

- 5.5. Conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation, and erection of 1st floor side extension, 6 Springfield Rise, Great Ouseburn. Granted subject to conditions.
- 5.6. Conversion of barn to form 2 dwellings, Walnut Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Granted subject to conditions.
6. **Planning applications.**
- 6.1. Conversion and extension to part of garage to form additional living accommodation, 15 Church Field Lane, Great Ouseburn. No objections. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding the existing porches.
- 6.2. Erection of two rear dormer windows, Longfield House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. No objections. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding the roof lights in the front of the house shown on the plans and the foundations.
- 6.3. Listed Building application for the installation of 1 sash window to southwest elevation, Prospect Farm House, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. No objections.
7. **Community Paths Initiative.** Cllr Scott outlined the findings of the footpaths audit carried out under this scheme. Most paths could be improved by better waymarking, and two paths could benefit from being diverted (bridle path across field from Brown Lane and path across playing field). It was agreed to send the results and recommendations to North Yorkshire County Council. In addition, councillors agreed that the Parish Council should offer to place waymarks in the Allerton Park area. The Clerk to report to the next meeting regarding the problem of dog fouling in the village, and also to contact local Ramblers' Association to discuss the problem of parking in the village.
8. **Bus Shelter.** Tiffa Grout presented a petition from local children to the Parish Council, requesting a bus shelter at or near the village green. It was noted that this was also supported by residents in the bungalows and mentioned in the Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this idea, and to start with a site meeting would be requested with the relevant authorities.
9. **Standing Orders.** It was agreed that the proposed Standing Orders should be adopted, subject to adding a clause to allow liaison with County Councillors similar to that allowing liaison with Borough Councillors.
10. **PAYE and filing end-of year returns online.** It was agreed that the Parish Council should register as an Employer for PAYE purposes, and file end-of year returns online.
11. **Sanctuary Housing.** It was confirmed that both candidates for housing qualify under the regulations. The criteria to be circulated for future information.
12. **Village Web Site.** It was agreed to renew the registration of the website after June 2005. The cost would be £10 for the name for a further two years, plus about £60 per year storage charge with the current supplier. Cllr Scott to investigate other possible providers of storage facilities.
13. **Freelanding.** It was noted that a vacancy will arise shortly and it was agreed to contact the next person on the waiting list (Mr Girdham) to offer the site. It was also agreed to accept the basis on which Mr Ellis calculated his rent paid.
14. **Fish Licence.** It was agreed to apply to the Environment Agency for a licence to stock Pipers Lane Pond. Cllr Rampling confirmed this was in hand.
15. **Dispensation under the Code of Conduct.** It was agreed to apply to the Standards Sub Committee to renew the dispensation to deal with matters relating to the Village Hall.
16. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April – 13th April 2005.** The statement of accounts for the current year and payments therein were approved (copy appended to the minutes). The Clerk to contact HBC with regard to payments due to the Parish Council for grass cutting work.
17. **Correspondence received.**
- 17.1. Hambleton District Council - RAF Linton on Ouse circuit patterns. It was noted that Option F has been approved.
- 17.2. Harrogate Borough Council - Dent House planning application. It was noted that this was recommended for approval at committee (agenda documents on file). The Clerk to contact HBC with regard to possible asbestos in the roof and an underfloor tank.
- 17.3. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Upper Dunsforth Carrs Nature Reserve. The contents of a letter dated 30th March explaining the reasons for the work were noted, including the plans to hold guided walks and volunteer work days.

- 17.4. Other correspondence received regarding the Charities Bill 2005, Trafalgar Day and Hambleton Local Development Framework to be circulated for information.
18. **Reports from representatives.** Reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations were received as follows:
- 18.1. **Village Hall Committee.** Cllr Thompson reported that he had been elected Chairman at the recent Annual Meeting. Minutes of Village Hall committee meetings will be circulated to the Parish Council, and it was agreed that they should also be posted on the village website.
- 18.2. **Youth Forum.** This continues to be successful.
- 18.3. **Police Liaison Group.** Cllr Rich agreed to be the Parish Council's representative. The Clerk to forward details to her.
- 18.4. **Neighbourhood Watch.** Mr Naylor asked for volunteers to help with this group, or it may be in danger of closing down due to lack of interest.
- 18.5. **Boroughbridge Community Education Group.** No representative attends this group and it was agreed not to include reports in future.
19. **Matters for inclusion on next Agenda.**
- 19.1. Request for a basketball court.
- 19.2. Various flooding/drainage problems.
- 19.3. Parking in the vicinity of the school.
20. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4th May in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.