

Great Ouseburn Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 16th May 2018
Chairman's Report

This year we have dealt with around 19 planning applications (17 last year) including the proposal for an explosives store on Lightmire Lane on which we spoke at the planning committee meeting and which was subsequently refused planning. There was also talk of a Sugar Beet processing plant which was subsequently withdrawn. There are currently proposed plans for 7 (pending) plus 39 houses on the West of Branton Lane and then 10 opposite (pending), 7 plus public house at Branton, 8 at the Workhouse (pending), 1 at Rosecroft, 1 off Back Lane and another at Abeokuta (total 74).

We supported the fight against a proposed new village joining Green and Kirk Hammerton with Whixley Gate and Cattal station. Allerton Waste Recovery Park is now up and working.

The Parish council continues with the grass cutting in the village and purchased a strimmer to go with the grass cutter for the job. Brian Robinson, Dave Meakin and Mike Rampling are giving their time to do this work and I would again like to extend our thanks to them for giving their time and doing a fantastic job. This year we have created a grass path alongside Boat lane to give a safer circular walk.

Four years on, the Fishpond area is still looking tidy but unfortunately we did not get awarded the grant by the Two Ridings Community Foundation to do large scale works and we are now looking at smaller works including a meadow and grass path. The Parish Council did receive a grant from the Allerton Park Landscape and Heritage fund to produce a scheme which included the planting of a meadow.

The Dog Fouling problem is still not improving and hopefully with the aid of our new District Councillor we hope to work with other parishes to get a bye-law for the playing field.

The older persons Christmas party was held at the Anchor in Whixley and was very successful with 30 attendees, our thanks go to the Beer Festival committee who again gave a donation to finance the event.

A subcommittee is being formed to look at expanding and updating the children's play area and looking for grant funding and we hope to be able to move forward with this.

After an approach by Lower Dunsforth disaster planning committee we have had an electricity generator inlet and switch installed at the village hall in case of a major loss of power in the area

Trish Meakin has kindly offered to take over looking after the Village name trough outside Sandlands on Main Street. Rachel Kay kindly dealt with the Pensions Regulator on our behalf.

Gabby Bush stood down from the council and we thank her for her work during her term as councillor.

Thanks:

Thanks to all the councillors and clerk who carry out a tremendous amount of unpaid voluntary work to maintain our parish, including maintaining the Verges, Play Area, Playing Fields, Free Landing, Pipers Lane Pond and Fishpond and dealing with regulators and Council bodies. I thank them all for this hard work, without which the parish would not be such a beautiful and vibrant place to live.

Keith Scott, Chairman, Great Ouseburn Parish Council.