

# Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.45 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 B Robinson.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present was Cllr Martin Leather (Harrogate Borough Council) and one member of the public.

- 2011.69. **Election of Chairman to serve for the year 2011/2012.** Cllr Scott was re-elected.
- 2011.70. **Election of Vice-Chairman to serve for the year 2011/2012.** Cllr Robinson was re-elected.
- 2011.71. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Marie Grant and Cllr John Savage (NYCC).
- 2011.72. **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.** Representatives were appointed to serve on the following bodies for the year 2011/2012:
- 2011.72.1. Village Hall Committee – Cllr J Burton.
  - 2011.72.2. Police Liaison Group – Cllr G Potter.
  - 2011.72.3. Yore Vision – Cllr K Scott.
  - 2011.72.4. First Responder Scheme – Cllr L Paterson.
- 2011.73. **To appoint Committees.** Consideration was given to creating committees of the Parish Council and it was agreed that no committees were required
- 2011.74. **Annual Subscriptions.** Membership of the following organisations was approved for the year 2011/2012:
- 2011.74.1. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - £194 (already approved, minute ref 2011.64)
  - 2011.74.2. York and North Yorkshire PFA - £12.50 last year)
  - 2011.74.3. Rural Action Yorkshire (was Yorkshire Rural Community Council) - £35 last year
  - 2011.74.4. Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) - £29 last year
- 2011.75. **Internal Auditor.** The appointment of Mr James Mackman as internal auditor was confirmed for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
- 2011.76. **Statement of accounts.** The accounts and statement of balances for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 were confirmed and adopted, including the letter to the internal auditor regarding the review of effectiveness of the audit. The accounting statements and annual governance statements on the Annual Return to be sent to the external auditors were approved.
- 2011.77. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was noted that the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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2011.79. **Declarations of Interest.**

2011.79.1. All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2011.80. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.81. **Public Participation.** No comments made.

2011.82. **Progress Reports.** To receive progress reports as follows:

2011.82.1. Freelanding/Breathing Places project (minute 2011.54.1 refers). The condition of the grassed areas at the Freelanding had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting earlier in the evening, and it was agreed that a decision on whether or not to keep the area regularly mown would be taken at the June meeting.

It was noted that no further correspondence had been received from the Fishing Club.

A new pontoon has been purchased privately by the tenant of one of the moorings and it was agreed that a second one should be purchased by the Parish Council at a cost of approx. £300. In addition the Parish Council should offer to purchase the first one from the tenant if they wished.

2011.82.2. Allerton Waste Recovery Park (minute 2011.54.4 refers). The contents of a podcast distributed by Antony Long, Chairman of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council, were noted.

2011.82.3. High Speed Rural Broadband (minute 2011.54.5 refers). The Chairman confirmed that the Parochial Church Council has agreed that the equipment can be installed on the church tower, and it is hoped that this project can go ahead this summer. The new Article 4 Directive proposed for the Conservation Area would mean that permission would be needed to install new aerials on houses within the Conservation Area – the Clerk has notified Harrogate Borough Council of this matter.

2011.82.4. Church Field Lane sign (minute 2011.54.6 refers). It was agreed that Harrogate Borough Council should be asked to install 'No Through Road' signs at both ends of the lane – it was marked as a 'No Through Road' before, on the basis that is not a main route, and the Parish Council has previously requested that this lane is designated a 'Quiet Lane'. The issue of kerbing on Church Field Lane to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

2011.82.5. Armed Forces Day Flag (minute 2011.58 refers). It was agreed that the flag should be flown from a temporary position at the Village Hall.

2011.82.6. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None.

2011.83. **Planning applications.**

2011.83.1. Well Farm, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Listed building application for widening of internal doorway and installation of bi-folding doors. There were no objections.

2011.83.2. 3 Carr Side Road Great Ouseburn. Application for a Certificate of lawfulness for erection of replacement garage. There were no objections.

2011.84. **Questions from Councillors.** Cllr Potter raised concerns about the Himalayan Balsam that is growing at the pond in Branton. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting, regarding clearance using a suitable spray which can be safely used near ponds.

Cllr Rampling noted that some of the newly planted trees at Broadgate did not appear to have survived the winter and the Chairman advised that the issue of further tree planting would be dealt with in the Autumn.

The various outstanding Highways issues were discussed and it was noted that the next Ward meeting with the Highways Authority would be on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

2011.85. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011.** The statement of accounts for the current year was considered and the following payment approved (copy appended to the minutes).

P5/11	Mole Control	96.00
P6/11	HBC (grasscutting)	195.48

2011.86. **Correspondence received.**

2011.86.1. Harrogate Borough Council – Review of Polling Districts. The Clerk to respond.

2011.86.2. Letter from Mr Sharp regarding solar panels. It was noted that Harrogate are looking at the whole issue of solar panels within Conservation Areas. The Clerk to respond.

2011.86.3. RAF – Chinese Lanterns. The RAF have written to express concerns about the use of Chinese Lanterns or Sky Lanterns and the hazard that they represent. It was agreed that this should be mentioned in the Newsletter.

2011.87. **Reports from representatives.**

2011.87.1. **Village Hall Committee.** The Royal Wedding celebrations were very successful, and the Village Hall Committee are looking at doing something similar for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

The repairs to doors and windows are nearly completed, and then the next expenditure will be on refurbishment of the lavatories.

2011.87.2. **Police Liaison Group.** The monthly newsletter has been stopped – Cllr Martin Leather said that he had made a request that it was reinstated as it provides useful information.

2011.87.3. **Yore Vision.** There is a cycle ride planned for the weekend.

2011.87.4. **First Responder Scheme.** There have not been many calls recently. It was noted that volunteers are still waiting for the CRB checks to come through.

2011.88. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** These included grasscutting, kerbing on Church Field Lane, clearing weeds at the pond in Branton and a report from the meeting with Highways.

2011.89. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.