

Great Ouseburn Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 21st May 2014
Chairman's Report

This year we have dealt with around 8 planning applications compared to 21 last year.

The Roads in the area are rapidly deteriorating with a profusion of cones marking potholes and even traffic lights and we are chasing NYCC monthly for repairs. Cross Lane is now in such a poor state that it is unfit for motor vehicles, but NYCC refuse to repair.

The proposed housing development between Branton Lane and Carrside continues to be discussed however Harrogate's Development Plan has been turned down by the inspector due to insufficient proposed house numbers for the district.

The Internal Drainage Board have cleaned out Ousegill beck and cut down the self seeded willows on the Fishpond area. The Parish Council initiated talks with Little Ouseburn to maintain this location as an Amenity Area and volunteers from both parishes carried out clearance work.

The Dog Fouling problem is still not improving and it seems that only prosecutions will have an effect.

What else has happened:-

The changing rooms at the village hall have been fitted with shower cubicles and the village hall committee have had LED lighting installed throughout the hall with the aid of a grant.

The older persons Christmas party was held at the Crown Inn and was again very successful, it was financially supported with donations by the Beer Festival and the Crown Inn.

Thanks:

This year Brian, Graham, Ian and Mike have worked extremely hard on the Allotments, Verges, Free Landing, Fishpond area, Playing Field etc. Judith and Marie have helped keep the Parish Council running whilst Leoni was on maternity leave. Many thanks to our Clerk and Councillors for their hard work, and also to all the other volunteers who make this such a vibrant village.

Keith Scott, Chairman, Great Ouseburn Parish Council