

Great Ouseburn Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council at 7.30 pm
on February 15th 2023 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors R. Jones (Chairman), D. Jorgensen, E. Bainbridge, R. Kay, S. Wilkinson

Clerk: J. Merriman

Public Session

There were no members of the public present therefore no matters were raised.

2023/012 The Chairman introduced the councillors and gave a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of the meeting.

2023/013 The Chairman introduced Jane Merriman as the Locum Clerk.

2023/014 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors G. Jackson and K. Scott and approval was given for reasons of absence.

2023/015 Declaration of Interests

- a) There were no declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- b) There were no applications for dispensation

2023/016 Minutes of the full council meeting on 18th January 2023

The minutes of the full council meeting held on 18th January 2023 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings. (These were circulated under separate cover).

2023/017 Report from North Yorkshire County Council

No report was received from North Yorkshire County Council.

2023/018 Report from Harrogate Borough Council.

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2023/019 Clerk's Report.

Councillor Jones provided the report:

- A letter was received from a member of the public regarding rabbits on the playing field. Councillor Jones had responded to confirm that he would bring it to the parish council's attention. It was **AGREED**

that Councillor Jones would respond further to confirm that the situation had been recently addressed but would be monitored in the future.

- A Letter was received from Dave Meakin re service of grass cutter (£250). It was **AGREED** to authorise the service.
- A letter was received from a member of the public re governance of the PC. Councillor Jones confirmed that he had responded to the letter.

2023/020 Financial matters

(a) A report was received from Councillor Jones on the meeting with the auditor and approval of AGAR. The AGAR was approved. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Jones and the Clerk would reconfirm all requirements for the AGAR and submit it to PKF Littlejohn.

(b) Report on managing the bank account. It was confirmed that the bank account is active and accessible.

(c) Report on setting Precept. It was confirmed that the precept request had been sent to Harrogate Borough Council by Councillor Jones and it was **AGREED** that he would confirm the sum requested to the Clerk.

(d) Report on budget. Councillor Kay **AGREED** to create a spreadsheet to enable improved monitoring of the budget.

(e) Report on Asset register with risk management implications

It was **AGREED** that the Asset register would be updated to reflect the current position.

£1,120 has been awarded from the Lions towards wildflower seeding. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Jackson would be nominated to receive the donation at the presentation.

(f) Commuted sums expenditure. Cllr Bainbridge provided an update on commuted sums expenditure and confirmed that she has requested an update from HBC on the current status. It was **AGREED** to obtain 3 quotes to undertake work on verges.

(g) The following payments were approved

- (1) Parishonline
- (2) Playground inspection
- (3) Bench seat installation £17.56

2023/021 Planning Issues

- (a) 22/04555 Café at Aldwark Bridge
 - (1) lease from GOPC see letter from Rachel Kay
 - (2) Highways advise refusal
- (b) 22/04542 Ardwell House Roof changes
- (c) 22/04483 Pond at Cross Lane Allowed
- (d) 22/03792 Solar Panels at Sandlands Allowed
- (e) 22/04735 Lighting at Stonebridge site – It was **AGREED** that Councillor Jones would undertake a site visit to investigate this item.
- (f) 22/04597 Drainage at Stonebridge site
- (g) 22/04577 New barn off Cross Lane - Refused
- (h) NY/2022/0210 School extension
- (i) 15/01020 variation of entrance to Stonebridge – It was **AGREED** that Councillor Jones would undertake a site visit to investigate this item.
- (j) 17/03264 energy statement Stonebridge.
- (k) It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would ask for an extension to comment on application DCPARISH 6.80.207.C.FUL 23/00462/FUL until the 16th March.

2023/022 Update on action list

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Bainbridge would send the electronic version to the Clerk who would update the action list monthly.

2023/023 Matters for inclusion in next meeting

- a) Charging cricket club for next year

b) Grass cutting letter from NYCC. It was **AGREED** that the Councillor Bainbridge would send the letter to the Clerk.

2023/024 Next Meeting Wednesday March 15th, 7.30 pm in Jeff Gill room. Councillor Wilkinson gave his apologies in advance.

The meeting closed at 21.31