Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council at 7.00 pm on 17th December 2025 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors F. Grout (Chairman), K. Scott (Vice-Chairman), G. Jackson, R. Jones, D. Morgan, G. Jackson, County Councillor A. Warneken

Clerk: J. Merriman

Public Session
A 15-minute public session was held prior to the Council commencing the meeting. Members of the public were invited to raise any matters they wished to discuss. 2 members of the public were present. Q1. Please could you explain land grab on the last minutes? A. Councillor Scott provided an explanation and an example of land grab. GOPC wish to register the land they are custodians for. The member of the public agreed to send the Clerk contact details of his solicitor.

2025/104 An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

2025/105 a) Apologies were received from Councillor Bainbridge
b) Reasons for absence were approved.

2025/106 Declaration of Interests
a) No declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests we.re received
b) There were no applications for dispensation

2025/107 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2025 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2025/108 A report from was received from Councillor Warneken on North Yorkshire Council. He confirmed that setting the budget was very challenging NYC where the budget is very difficult. The Brierley entrance has been addressed, and the soil around the tree should be dealt with. Friday 19th is Councillor Warneken's last surgery at Great Ouseburn, 146 presents have been collected so far for IDAS and he is hoping to achieve over 200. Councillor Warneken has a researcher investigating Brierley Homes. Councillor Jones questioned why NYC are investing in Brierley Homes when they are losing millions every year and there is a budget crisis. Overall control has been lost.

2025/109 Clerk's report

- The playground inspection has taken place
- The Clerk has contacted the member of the public regarding signage on the playing field
- The Clerk has contacted Pinnacle Conservation to request a quote for a condition survey for the Ousegill monument and Wildblood Macdonald for a quote for architectural plans.
- Payment has been received for the pontoon to Aldwark Bridge Glamping
- The Clerk has contacted Dave Meakin to confirm that the mowers may be serviced
- The Clerk has contacted Commuted sums who confirmed that no funding is available to move the monument
- The Clerk has contacted Lee Jones to suggest that the Village Hall has been incorrectly assessed for commuted sums. David Burton is now in contact with Lee Jones to investigate the assessment
- A letter of thanks for the donation from Boroughbridge Community Library has been received
- The Clerk has contacted Newton Solicitors regarding land grabs in the village and information is being collated by councillors
- The Clerk has contacted J C Trees, Elliott Consultancy, John Sleight and the Tree Fella regarding tree surveys

2025/110 The following financial matters were considered:

(a) Payments approved included the Village Hall £18.00, Netpaydue £6.00, Keith Scott £21.83, Sam Harris £647.50 (50% up front agreed), YLCA £27.40

(b) The Bank Reconciliation was noted

Balance Bfwd as at 12/11/2025	£ 35,886.06
Income	£ 250.00
Expenditure	£ 17,817.05
Balance as at 10/12/2025	£ 18,319.01

c) The proposed budget and precept request for 2026/7 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to approve a precept request of £17,250 (seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty pounds) and the proposed budget. It was **AGREED** to request a breakdown of the band D calculations this year and last year from NYC.

2025/111 An email was received from Councillor Jackson regarding fallen gravestones and it was **RESOLVED** to accept H A Green & Sons estimate for £1,710 and the Clerk should apply for commuted sums.

2025/112 Planning Issues

a) Planning applications – no applications were received

b) Planning enforcements – no planning enforcements were received

c) Planning decisions – no planning decisions were received

d) Planning appeals

Application No	Proposal	Location
25/00065/NRECLO HGTZC25/00559/CL OPUD	Use of land within the existing holiday caravan park (including the ancillary building and areas of trees within the planning unit) as a caravan site for the siting of up to 75 static caravans and provision of ancillary amenity space (including the existing areas of trees detailed on the submitted plan which are to be retained)	Burrows Park Back Lane Great Ouseburn York North Yorkshire YO26 9AB

2025/113 An email was received from Councillor Grout regarding the siting of a bleed kit, and it was **AGREED** to place it on the building.

2025/114 An email was received from David Burton regarding trustees of the Village Hall and it was **RESOLVED** to put all of the councillors on the Charity Commission as trustees and put David Burton down as the management committee contact. Put the Charity Commission approval on the January agenda.

2025/115 The lack of response from Highways to Great Ouseburn Parish Council was considered and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact Karl Battersby to ask why there is no response at all from Highways since we need a site visit due to issues with the Brierley Homes developments and bus stops cc Councillor Warneken.

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2025/116 The risk assessment was received and **APPROVED**. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should investigate a shared drive to upload documents.

2025/117 The annual play inspection was received and no actions were required. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact Councillor Bainbridge to determine if she is still making weekly checks.

2025/118 The Councillors Statement of Assurance was received, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should print out copies for the January meeting for councillors to sign.

2025/119 The action log was received and updated.

2025/120 An update was received on councillor training; Councillor Grout has received training on CIL & S106, the Clerk has received training on CCTV and Councillor Jackson has booked planning training.

2025/121 Great Ouseburn open gardens development was considered, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should contact NYC Housing and ask them in line with North Yorkshire biodiversity policy not to cut grass at the patch of land at the junction between Branton Lane and Carrside

Road. Councillor Scott will send the Clerk a plan showing where the junction is to forward to NYC.

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2025/122 The date of the next meeting was agreed as 21st January 2026.

2025/123 The meeting was closed to the public for confidential items