

# Little Ouseburn, Kirby Hall and Thorpe Underwood Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 7.30pm, Little Ouseburn Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr D Smith (Chair), Cllr S Greensit, Cllr N Orr, Cllr R Harrison (Vice Chair), Cllr C Bligh

**Absent:**

**In Attendance:** Two PC's from Boroughbridge Station, Council Candidate – Ann Myatt

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – none
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none.
3. **Minutes of previous meetings.**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January were reviewed and agreed to be a true record.

4. **Public Questions and Statements.**

Boroughbridge Police advised that the recent deposit of black bin bags in the clearing opposite the Lodge at the bottom of Little Ouseburn contained contents from a cannabis grower. Other bags had been dumped in the area but the Police had taken many away as part of their investigations.

They also advised an increase in van break in's throughout the area specifically Citroen and Peugeot vehicles with side opening doors. They have been very easy to de-activate the central locking system and open hence why thieves are targeting them and removing contents. They advised to be aware.

There have also been reports of vans driving near local farms, lanes / tracks stating they are selling fish etc but acting suspiciously, again they advised to be aware.

Cllr Harrison raised the point of poaching in the area, where there have been obvious signs of animals being processed in local woods. The officers advised they will pass this information onto their rural support who will note locations and include in their area surveillances.

Cllr Bligh advised that the proposed Sugar Beet factory is not happening now.

Cllr Greensit advised she had been in touch with Area 6 at Boroughbridge regarding the large number of pot holes in the village, including the large one on Back Lane. They temporarily filled the large one in the middle of the road in the top third of the village and have plans to fill all within the village but is weather depending. The next day following the meeting all pot holes in the village have been marked up with a view to being filled hopefully in the not to distance future.

5. We are still without a clerk and looking to replace. HBC are aware we are running without a clerk.

**6. Progress Reports**

a) Grass cutting

Agreed to continue with Green & Tidy for 2018, with Harry Grant carrying out the works. Discussed need to see a copy of his PL insurance to update our records.

It was also discussed about the cutting back of the footpath from the last house in the village down to the Lodge junction in line with the other footpaths that were done last year. Enquiries will be made in regards to getting this done either by the Council or Green & Tidy.

b) Website / Newsletters / Village Emails.

Cllr Bligh created the latest newsletter that was recently distributed via the village email system.

c) Finance including payments and statement of accounts – Bank statement reviewed.

d) Little Ouseburn Play Area Refurbishment Project – Cllr Greensit updated to advise the group were in discussions with HBC Playgrounds Officer, Jennifer Love who is assisting the group with getting ready for tenders / applications for funding. As a village group the project needs to obtain assistance / support from any available source from within the village for any tenders to be successful. HBC have advised they are able to donate funds specifically for this project. The Parish Council took the decision to make a contribution to the project fund of £500 which will be very gratefully received by all members of the Play Area Refurbishment Project.

**7. Planning decisions taken between meetings**

Cllr Orr advised of retrospective planning for a three-storey building at Queen Ethelburga's that he had been made aware of. No planning documents have been received so Cllr Orr will investigate.

Planning DC Parish 6.97.14.cc.DVCMAS 18/01020/DVCMAS – variation of automatic window blinds, Genesis Centre, QE. Again Cllr Orr will make enquiries as to which building this is and the effect of the change and advise to the other Cllrs.

**8. Planning Decisions to be taken at the meeting**

None

**9. Correspondence received** – all noted and circulated as appropriate on village email list

**10. Updates or correspondence from village organisations.**

To receive reports, if available, from any of the following organisations:

- a. **Police Liaison Group/Neighbourhood Watch** – see update on point 4
- b. **Open Gardens** – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
- c. **Holy Trinity Church** – Cllr Harrison advised that the Church organ refurbishment fund is now over half way towards achieving their goal of funds required.
- d. **Little Ouseburn No Cold Calling Zone** – The general feeling from residents is that they are in support of the village becoming a No Cold Calling Zone. This is now in the final stages of being implemented and in the near future all residents will receive a letter notifying them about the zone. A period of two weeks is given to allow for any objections to be made. Once that period has passed and information pack which contains a window sticker will be distributed for each household to put up and also signs at each end of the village will be put in place.

**11. AOB / Matters arising for inclusion in the next agenda.**

None

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm