

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 16th August 2011 at 7.00 pm**

Present

Cllrs: R Kirk (Chairman), Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs J Brown, G Readman, R Hudson, and S Jackson.

Ms J S Cumbor (Parish Clerk). Others Present: H Atkinson, County Cllr Mrs H Moorhouse, PC Michelle McFarlane, PCSO Jason Lloyd and 22 Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr J Fletcher.
2. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** – Personal Interests in relation to the Library were declared by Cllr Mrs Greenwell and Cllr Jackson.

3. **Members of the Public invited to address the Council**

3.1 **Keep it Public (KIP)**

Mrs Jarvis and KIP Members made representations regarding the Groups campaign to see Great Ayton Library continued as a professional public service, funded and provided by NYCC. Representations included points about:

- the building
- focal point of the community
- young and old being disadvantaged
- the consultation process was not suited to children, and it would appear this had not been considered by NYCC's Scrutiny Board for Young People
- Great Ayton having no public services other than the Library
- cost of commute to Stokesley and children being unable to travel on their own
- Village businesses failing

The KIP Group went on to comment that there was a strong feeling of injustice in the Village and that NYCC have not listened to Great Ayton despite 30% of people who attended Public Meetings early in the year being from Great Ayton. NYCC's revised plans spread the pain unfairly and unequally. The people of Great Ayton were passionate about the future of their Public Library during NYCC's consultation; but now find that if they do not take on the service entirely the amenity will close, this is unfair, unresponsive and unnecessary.

3.2 **SaveGreatAytonLibraryGroup (SGALG)**

Ian Pearce agreed with the comments made by KIP and stated that this is where SGALG started out. However, NYCC are adamant that the Community needs to produce and submit a Business Plan by the end of September otherwise the Library will close. SGALG have identified that there is no ongoing, year on year, grant funding to cover the yearly running costs of the building. Subscriptions were considered but deemed to be unsustainable; Nunthorpe failed using this method. SGALG are looking to the Parish Council to consider an increase on the Parish Precept over the next three years to be reviewed thereafter. Initial plans have been drawn up for refurbishment of the building to be used as a Community Centre with the library facility inside it; grants are available to fund this.

- 3.3 Peter Morgan asked if NYCC should spread the pain of raising Parish Precepts County wide on all Precepts. Cllr Mrs Moorhouse stated that Parish Precepts were the decision of the Parish Councils not NYCC or HDC; she also advised that at least one other Village was looking to fund the Library via the Precept.

Cllr Mrs Greenwell stated that NYCC can close the Library regardless and asked why the campaign was split, one campaign was needed. Alison Jarvis replied that KIP was not set up as an alternative campaign, but they wanted to catch the mood of injustice, she accepted that NYCC had the ability to close the library but felt blackmailed and was not sure acquiescence was the best way to deal with this.

Cllr Kirk advised that the Parish Precept was set by the Parish Council on a yearly basis between December and February; if increased the Parish Council would ensure delivery of funds against budgeted costs.

Jennifer Roberts asked if the Parish Council continued to support SGALG as promised in the spring of the Year. Cllr Kirk said that they needed to wait and see and assess the results of the survey going round the Village and how representative of the Community this was. The Parish Council would also need to see a Business Plan and consider this at a future meeting, probably the September Meeting given the time constraints with NYCC; this may not be the a full Precept discussion. There isn't a clear Yes or No at this stage as more information is required.

Alison Jarvis asked about the Library being discussed at the Scrutiny Committee of Young Children, Cllr Kirk stated that this would have to go through the Hambleton Area for NYCC Committee first. Cllr Mrs Moorhouse said she would discuss this separately with KIP.

Cllr Readman called for publicity to urge people in the Village to complete the survey.

Cllr Kirk thanked Cllr Mrs Moorhouse for all her work on campaigning for the Library, it was well known that she had gone out on a limb and was working very hard on this at County Hall.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting for Tuesday 19th July 2011 were approved and signed.

5. **Police Business**

- 5.1 The Statistics for July were received, along with information concerning recent incidents. It was noted that the incidents appeared very high but this is due more to the way these are reported, i.e. one incident may be recorded more than once on the report, than the actual incidents being up, crime figures were slightly down on last year.
- 5.2 The Byelaw in place on the High Green was discussed and the Clerk asked to report back to a future Meeting.
- 5.3 Cllr Kirk acknowledged the impending departure of PC McFarlane from the Police Service and thanked her for her commitment to Great Ayton it had been second to none; the Community will miss her and the Parish Council wished her well in her next role. The Clerk was asked to write to a formal letter to NYPA and PC McFarlane.
- 5.4 Information concerning the abolition of the NYPA and replacement by the Police Crime Commission (PCC) in May 2012 was noted. The Councillors were unable to attend the Focus Event on 8th September.

6. **Council Services Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

7. **Matters arising from the minutes** (for information only)

7.1 Village Hall – The stained glass window was now in place. *Minute continued.*

7.2 S106 Projects – Projects identified were:

- Disabled access at the Village Hall
 - Youth Facilities
 - New Safety Surface for the Play Area (priority)
 - Public Toilets on the Low Green
 - Fencing at the Station, although this may be funding through the Stokesley Regeneration Group
 - Refurbishment of the Library Building to convert for Community Centre use, it was noted that that any S106 money towards this would open doors to other grant funds for this Project
- Submission would be finalised at a future Meeting.

8. **Planning Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept decisions made in the Report.

9. **Correspondence and Information Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

10. **Clerk's Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

11. **Accounts Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

12. **Councillors' Report**

- 12.1 Cllr Mrs Greenwell reported a car parking on the corner of Romany Road opposite Rosehill which was causing lack of visibility around the corner – the Clerk was instructed to contact the Police.
- 12.2 Cllr Readman highlighted issues with cars parking over the footpath along the High Street outside the shops, especially at the narrow part and asked if more bollards could be put up – the Clerk was asked to contact Highways. Discussion followed about polite notices being put on car windscreens; the Clerk offered to produce these and distribute amongst the Council Members.
- 12.3 Cllr Mrs Brown reported that she had received information about anti social behaviour – the Clerk was asked to contact the Police and Broadacres for an update.
- 12.4 Cllr Mrs Brown asked if a one way system could be considered for some roads in the Village, i.e. Romany Road. Cllr Kirk said that the issue had been looked at before with no resolution; if Councillors have ideas he suggested these be brought forward for future discussion.
- 12.4 Cllr Jackson reported that the LTP did mention Great Ayton but there was nothing specific.
- 12.6 Cllr Kirk reported that the hedge at the front of Eastbrook on Stokesley Road was over grown and required cutting back – the Clerk was asked to contact the owner.
- 12.7 Cllr Kirk asked if the grass verge along Station Road had received its yearly cut by Highways. Some work had been carried out, but not correctly – the Clerk was asked to chase this matter.

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 13th September 2011 in the Children's Room at the Friends Meeting House.

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COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION/COMMENTS	STATUS
Cemetery	Concrete ramp completed.		Closed.
	Leylandii Trees between Cemetery and back of Central Way properties and Play Area.	Work to be completed in September.	Open.
	Request for A4 sized plaque to be placed on the Memory Wall.	After lengthy discussion, and with regret, it was decided that the plaque could not be allowed; the Regulations needed to be upheld. It was decided that the Parish Council could offer to put this on a bench in the Village, the Cemetery Superintendent was asked to communicate with the Family.	Open.
Allotments	Changes to car park behind Skottowe Drive.	Work on hold, area to be monitored, to be reviewed Nov11.	C/F
	Filling of pot holes on the access roads. Cllr Hudson stated that the roads were deteriorating.	It was agreed to purchase the planings at a cost of £128.	Closed.
	Land available for additional allotments, Yarm Lane and Stokesley Road.	It was agreed to review after the October Allotment Renewal Date when the size of the waiting list would be clear.	C/F
Play Area	RoSPA annual inspection to be carried out in September.	Noted.	Closed.
	Matting on the play area had been ripped a second time; a board has been screwed over the area temporarily.	Prices to be obtained to replace this and if necessary an insurance claim would need to be made.	Open.
River	Wasps nest near the small waterfall at the Low Green.	Cemetery Superintendent dealt with this.	Closed.
Low Green	Concrete handrail broken between footbridge and stone bridge.	Reported to Highways for urgent attention.	Open.
	Himalayan Balsam Weed requiring eradication.	Cemetery Superintendent dealing with this.	Open.
	Wild flowers planting - Stokesley Road side of the River.	It was agreed to review this in spring.	C/F
High Green	Trimming of Cherry Trees on the High Green.	It was agreed to go ahead with the work; a planning application may be necessary before the work could take place.	Open.
	Cleaning of plaque at the Captain Cook Statue had taken place; the result wasn't as good as hoped.	A request to clean with a power washer was made; this was declined due to the potential damage to the plaque.	Closed.
The Riverside	Keith Wilcox and Team of Volunteers will lay new path along the top of the "bund" and finish of laying stone to the paths previously not completed.	Waiting for information for wood requirement for revetment boards.	Open.
Public Conveniences	Not all Towns/Villages signed up for transfer.	Clerk has written to HDC requesting that the special Contract Services managed by HDC are extended to those Parish Councils who have taken over the public conveniences until all public conveniences are transferred.	Open.

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PLANNING REPORT

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLANNING REF/ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	COUNCIL RESPONSE
11/01572/FUL – 18 Addison Road	Proposed alterations to existing dwelling.	No Observations.
11/01436/TPO – 5 Old Mill Wynd	Application to works to trees subject to TPO 1998/1.	No Observations.
11/01463/FUL – 125 Newton Road	Construction of a dwelling. Letter received from a local resident regarding this.	Would like to see this refused. Considered back land/over development with access issues.
11/01548/FUL – 14 Yarm Lane	Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling.	No Observations.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

PLANNING REF/ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK
11/01042/FUL – 43 Easby Lane	Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling.
11/01379/CAT – Low Green	Works to trees within a designated Conservation Area.
11/01272/CAT – Parochial Hall	Proposed reduction in 3 Acer trees and 1 Horse Chestnut.
11/01154/FUL – Langbaugh Grange	Proposed orangery extension to existing dwelling.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

PLANNING REF/ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF WORK
11/00259/FUL – Chapel House, 9 Newton Road	Alterations to existing dwelling to form 2 flats.

OTHER PLANNING INFORMATION

PLANNING REF/ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
10/00167/CAT3 – 8 High St	Gable end signs removed. Planning Application outstanding for signs on the front of the premises.	Open.

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CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE

Sender	Information	Action
Mr Williamson	Email concerning NYCC's decision regarding the future of the Library.	Clerk responded with thanks.
Mrs Cutler	Letter concerning lack of sufficient signs of house numbering in Hollygarth.	Clerk passed the details to Broadacres.
Mr Petch	Information about sewer manhole cover in Yarm Lane blowing off during heavy rainfall and sewerage contaminating farm land.	Clerk reported to NWB, they will deal directly with Mr Petch.
YLCA	Election Ballot Paper for Parish Representative for the NYCC Coast and Moors Area Committee, closing date before August Meeting.	Through email majority selected Cllr Gillian Kendall. Clerk submitted paper.
Physical & Sensory Impairment Ref. Group	Information concerning the Group and its aims. A request was made to share the leaflet with the Community.	Clerk asked the Library to display.
Richmond & Hambleton Furniture Store	Information regarding the Charity aimed at helping people on low income and benefits to buy household items donated by the public. Leaflets for notice board.	Clerk gave one to the Library.
Mr Simpson	Request to donate a bench to the Village on the Low Green in memory of Mrs Ivy Hinds.	Worn bench needing replacement on the Low Green; alternatively a bench in Captain Cook Garden could be possible due to Mrs Hind's connection with the Cook House. The Clerk was asked to discuss options with Mr Simpson.
Mr Cronin	Information regarding Sight Line Issue on Easby Lane.	Problem seems to be resolved.
Mr Scrope	Information forwarded regarding the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons on 04/06/12 and how to get involved. Need to also consider 2012 Fete; this will be a similar time frame.	The Clerk was asked to discuss further with Mr Scrope and ask for assistance in obtaining permission to use Captain Cook's Monument.
NYCC	Consultation to refresh the Sustainable Community Strategy for North Yorkshire. Top priorities are protecting and supporting vulnerable people, supporting economic growth and employment and improving accessibility for all our communities. Opportunity to provide input through questionnaire - to be completed and returned by 23/09/11.	Cllr Jackson to complete.
	Consultation for the North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework. Small questionnaire to complete regarding future involvement and communications.	Cllr Moorhouse sits on the Committee, she will keep the Parish Council informed.
	New Pension Regulation information. Organizations will have to provide pensions for employees over 22 and earning more than the personal taxable allowance, this can be done through NEST a Government Body. This does not become a legal requirement for Organizations with less than 50 employees until 2014.	Received.
	Opportunity to join the Winter Maintenance Parish and Town Council Scheme. The scheme would enable local areas to clear snow and apply grit to agreed roads and footpaths, the Parish Council would purchase the grit and volunteers would need to apply. Applications to join the scheme need to be submitted by 31/08/11.	The Parish Council declined to take part.

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Sender	Information	Action
Middlesbrough Council	Information concerning the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation. Representations should be made by 12/09/11. 6 sites around Nunthorpe shown in the document these are all contrary to the LDF, not suitable or currently available, but could be subject to change over time if LDF changed, noted as been possible within 6 -15 years.	The Clerk was asked to reiterate the points made in April 2011 to the Grey Towers Farm proposed development.
NYMNPA	Housing Development Plan Document – Discussion Paper to review and increase the affordable housing target quota. Representations to be submitted by 12/09/11.	Received.
Australia Over 60's Cricket Team	The Civic Welcome with the Parish Council will take place on 17/08/11 at 11am at the Cook Statue on the High Green. The Cricket Match will start at 12.30pm.	Noted.

INFORMATION

Sender	Information
HDC	Standard Committee Annual Report 20/10/11.
	July Parish and Town Councils Newsletter – includes articles about potential cycle routes around Stokesley including Great Ayton), Powers for Parish Councils through the Government's Localism and Big Society Agenda and Winter Weather ideas.
	Hambleton Local Development Agencies Community Newsletter – includes articles and information about Outreach Services, Grants, Community Car Schemes and Volunteer Management Course in Northallerton starting on 12/09/11.
NYCC	Love Food Hate Waste Community Training Training in Northallerton on 17/09/11 with poster.
	New style Newsletter to be sent electronically, plus poster for the notice board.
NYMNPA	Summer Parish & Community Newsletter – articles include information concerning reduction in funding from the Government, reduction in personnel, New Chair and Deputy, Authority named in the Top 100 Apprentice Employers.
SLCC August Newsletter	Report of Networking Event between SLCC and NALC. This article includes information on the Localism Bill, Power of Competence replacing Power of Well Being, Planning.
RAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to renew Membership - £35. • Country Air Magazine – includes notification of RAY Village Hall Conference at Hovingham 06/10/11
Matta Products	Information concerning products to rejuvenate play surfaces rather than replace.
Glasdon Direct	Product catalogue, items range from bins to notice boards.
Herriot Newsletter	Information concerning events and workshops.
Royal Horticultural Soc.	Information concerning RHS Britain in Bloom.
Rural Services Network	Weekly Digests x 4
Action for Market Towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festivals Workshop – Knaresborough 28/09/11. • Local Loyalty Card Scheme information – download free. • Living Localism and Delivering Enterprise National Convention - Ludlow 13/10/11 • Localism in Practice – Guidance showing how to make the most of Community led planning.
Sustainable Gov.	Newsletter.
Northern Voice	August 2011 Northern Voice Newsletter.

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CLERK’S REPORT

ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION/COMMENTS	STATUS
Footpath Easby Lane to Suggitt’s Field	Footpath completed. New kissing gate and cutting back trees outstanding. Work will be completed shortly.	Reported underground leak at the Easby Lane end.	Open.
Footpath behind Cliffe Terrace	PROW cannot provide a date for the resurfacing. They hope to do sometime during this Fiscal Year.	No change.	Open.
	Cutting back of Hedges/trees belonging to 19b John Street. PROW will assist with contacting the Owners. Work to take place after Easby Lane to Suggitt’s Field completed.	No Change.	Open.
Hall Fields Project	Nicky Smith, NDVSA, continues to chase the Forestry Commission (Woodland Improvement Grants) for assistance and has escalated the request.	No change.	Open.
	NWB may be able to assist if their 2 nd proposal for flood defences for Roseberry Crescent is agreed. The EA may also assist with grant funding.	No change.	Open.
Speeding	Guisborough Road – Deployment of data logger outstanding.	No change.	Open.
Willow Tree, Low Green	Crown lifting outstanding – Planning approval received.	Work completed.	Closed.
Public Conveniences	Cllr Kirk advised that The Parish Council would look to lease the Public Conveniences the Capt Cook Garden Charity.	No change.	Open.
Stephen Hilton	Donation offered in memory of his Mother, Marjorie Shaw (value up to £1,000). Mr Hilton to arrange a visit and consider the options.	Mr Hilton’s visit to take place in the next two weeks.	Open.
Flood Defences - Property Protection Scheme (PPS)	16 people attended the Meeting concerning the PPS, further communication to none attendees has been sent. So far 20 have signed up; the Clerk anticipates at least 30 to proceed.	Report received.	C/F
Highways Visit	Cllr Mrs Greenwell and the Clerk provided details of their interesting and useful visit to Highways; including new Inspector information, inspection criteria and frequency and advice that strong weed killer cannot be used prior to relaying footpath (such as Roseberry Crescent) which will mean some weeds will grow through the surface.	Report received.	Closed.
Byemoor Avenue Sign	Report through Cllr Readman that road sign is missing.	Clerk has reported to HDC.	Open.
High Street Car Park near Stone Bridge	Report regarding gap between tarmac and grass verge; accident and personal injury has occurred.	The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Cemetery Superintendent to have the gap filled in.	Closed.

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ACCOUNTS REPORT

1.1 Payments

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Other data</u>	<u>Value £</u>
P Suggitt	River Warden Duties – May to July.	POS	187.50
Farmway Ltd	Round Up and Gloves.	Various	83.30
Hambleton District Council	Salaries – April to June.	Salaries	7,120.32
Great Ayton Quaker Meeting	Hire of Meeting Rooms April to July.	General Admin	75.00
Crash Bang Wallop Youth Theatre Co.	Donation towards curtain system.	Chairman's Allow.	103.50
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd	Sharpening of blades.	POS	25.20
H Atkinson	Mobile Phone Top Up	Cemetery	10.00
W Eaves & Co Ltd (D/D)	Petrol for Tractor Mower. (D/D)	POS/Cemetery	191.54
N T Stained Glass	Replacement leaded window – Village Hall.	S106 V Hall	1,500.00
R Kirk	Reimbursement of Deposit to N T Stained Glass.	S106 V Hall	500.00
TOTAL			9,796.36

1.2 Receipts

<u>Customer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Other data</u>	<u>Value £</u>
Mrs D Bailey	Garage Rent (Aug11). It was noted that Mrs Bailey had carried out essential maintenance work at the garages and would not be able to do further work for a while given the increase.	Rent	25.00
Cemetery Receipts	Internment of Ashes and Plaques.	Cemetery	201.00
Cemetery Receipts	3 x Grave Reservations.	Cemetery	189.00
TOTAL			415.00

1.3 Allotment Rent Review

Review of Income and Expenditure for the Allotment Accounts for the 12 months to August 2011 and Rent Review.

Taking into account ongoing maintenance and provision costs incurred by the Parish Council it was agreed to increase the price of a full size plot to £30, other sizes would be increased in line with this. The Parish Council also agreed that deposits should be increased to £30 for a full plot and £15 for a half sized plot. The Rent Collection night would be held on 4th or 5th October depending on the availability of the Working Men's Club.