

**Minutes of the Great Ayton Parish Council meeting  
held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 19:00**

**Present:** - Cllr Ron Kirk, Cllr Angela Taylor, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr John Robinson,  
Cllr Judith Brown, Cllr Daniel Matuszak

Cllr Richard Hudson (HDC), Andrew Snowdon (Clerk)

No members of the public

No.	Business
1	<p><b><u>NY Police Report.</u></b></p> <p>There had been; 23 reports of anti-social behaviour (inc 11 Covid related, 2 offroad motorbikes, 1 smoky fire, 1 drugs, 6 personal, 2 nuisance at cricket ground), 0 reports of theft from a vehicle, 0 reports of burglary, 2 reports of criminal damage, 1 report of personal theft, 5 reports of violence against person, 2 X fraud, 7 individual drug related stop searches conducted, 2 x possession of a class B drug (Cannabis).</p>
2	<p><b><u>NYCC Councillor Report.</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC Highways to complain about the poor quality of work that had been undertaken to resurface Easby Lane. <b>Noted</b></p> <p><b><u>Hambleton Councillor Report.</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Hudson confirmed that the owners of the ‘Ponderosa’ field on the B1292 had failed in their appeal to the Sec of State and hence HDC would be able to begin the process of enforcement if the owners failed to comply. <b>Noted</b></p> <p>Cllr Robinson expressed interest in the new HDC Tourism Forum as mentioned in the HDC weekly briefing and asked Cllr Hudson if he might enquire further on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Hudson was aware of the new HDC Tourism Forum, but he was unsure as to whether parish councils would be asked to form part of the structure &amp; hence confirmed that he would enquire and give feedback via the Clerk. <b>Noted</b></p>
3	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Tessa Snowdon, Cllr Heather Moorhouse (NYCC)</p>
4	<p><b><u>Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda.</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
5	<p><b><u>Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council.</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were approved and the annual budget endorsed. <b>Agreed.</b></p>

6 **To Consider Planning & Licensing Applications Received.**

**PLANNING**

Following discussion, it was agreed that formal response to planning applications should be as follows;

**21/00687/FUL - Stanley Grange Stud Yarm Lane Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6QD**

Delegated Decision - Construction of a stable block

[No objection / No observations](#)

**21/00661/MRC - East Angrove Farm Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6PY**

Application for variation of condition 09 (opening times) to previously approved application 18/00692/FUL for change of use and conversion of former agricultural building (Building 3) to a wedding venue

[No objection / No observations](#)

**21/00587/FUL - Angrove West Farm Bridge Great Ayton North Yorkshire**

Delegated Decision - Replacement of Angrove Farm Bridge with a new bridge structure spanning across the River Leven between the private access road from Angrove Farm and the A173

[No objection / No observations](#)

**21/00635/LBC - Somerset Cottage Langbaugh Farm Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6QQ**

Application for Listed Building consent to Replace existing windows with Barn Doors

[No material objections were noted, though all works must be carried out in full compliance with listed building requirements.](#)

**21/00461/FUL - Somerset Cottage Langbaugh Farm Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6QQ**

Delegated Decision - Replace windows with Barn Doors

[No material objections were noted, though all works must be carried out in full compliance with the listed building requirements of 21/00635/LBC.](#)

**21/00601/FUL - Stanley Grange Stud Yarm Lane Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6QD**

Delegated Decision - Application for the creation of a hardstanding area for the storing of vehicles, together with the creation of a new access with passing places

[No material objections were noted though some concern was expressed that the application may create a vehicle operating centre and hence Great Ayton Parish Council would seek clarification from HDC.](#)

**21/00537/FUL - 3 Byemoor Avenue Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6JP**

Delegated Decision - Replace existing damaged brick garden wall with new brick wall at boundary of property at same height as current garden wall to create a gated entrance to driveway. Maintain visibility of pavement at end of drive by increasing size of drive from 2.8m to 4m with internally folding gates.

[No objection / No observations](#)

**21/00514/FUL - 56 Marwood Drive Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6PD**

Delegated Decision - Single storey extension

[No objection / No observations](#)

**21/00371/LBC - The Barn Langbaugh Farm Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6QQ**

Delegated Decision - Listed Building Consent for replacement roof

[No material objections were noted, though all works must be carried out in full compliance with listed building requirements.](#)

**LICENSING** - No licensing applications had been forwarded to GAPC for representation / review.

7 **Correspondence and Information:**

**A resident had made a request for a memorial bench to be placed on either Waterfall Park or the Low Green.**

The Open Spaces Working Group agreed to investigate whether any of the old benches without memorial plaques would make suitable locations for a new memorial bench. **Noted**

**Mr Saddington had written to the parish council with information regarding potential for further planning application at Cleveland Lodge.** Since no formal planning application had been received it was agreed that the matter should not be discussed. **Agreed.** As an HDC Councillor, Cllr Kirk advised parish councillors that changes in planning rules meant that applications for up to 10 houses could be sought outside of those identified as part of the Local Plan, this was previously limited to 5 houses per application. **Noted**

8 **Council Services / Working Group Reports**

*NB: Previously agreed or outstanding matters can be found in the Council Services report and Working Group reports.*

**Cemetery**

The Clerk confirmed that a price of £3350+VAT had been received for specialist high pressure water jetting to cut root ingress from the cemetery drains which were backing up and causing flooding in wet weather. Since the specialist contractor could not offer a guarantee to completely clear the blockage with this method, the Clerk was asked to seek the cost of robotic mechanical cutting should this be required in addition to the HP water jetting equipment. **Noted**

**Cemetery building**

It was agreed that the quote from Northern PowerGrid of £642.19+VAT should be accepted for the supply of electricity to the cemetery buildings. **Agreed**

It was understood that the meter would be fitted by SSE as the parish council's supplier and that an electrical contractor would be required for installation of DB, RCD, sockets & lights. **Noted**

**Cook Family Memorial Garden**

Cllr Robinson confirmed that the lease between the Captain James Cook Memorial and Great Ayton Parish Council had now been dissolved via the 'Deed of Surrender' signed by all parties. **Noted**

The Clerk confirmed that he would write to the parish council's solicitor to ask that the Land Registry title was corrected to denote that the change. **Noted**

The Clerk was asked to write to the three Captain James Cook Memorial trustees to invite them to stand down in order that the parish council could become 'Sole Trustee' of charity 523352. **Agreed**

**Whitbread Memorial Bridge**

Cllr Fletcher confirmed that the EA permit was now back in place and the non-material amendment had been approved by HDC to remove the restrictive 'eel migration' caveat that the EA had confirmed was not required. Once Beaver Bridges are able to provide an updated project plan this information will be forwarded to Impetus who are providing grant funding. **Noted**

**Public WC's**

No further update had been received from the architect prior to the meeting. **Noted**

**Allotments**

As there had been another instance of fly-tipping on the allotments the Clerk was asked to visit the Stokesley allotments to see how their security measure were implemented. **Agreed**

**Village Hall**

*See Clerk's report*

**Play Park**

It was agreed that the Great Ayton Play Park Charity 1058876 would be retained in a dormant state should it be required for volunteer or fund raising in the future. **Agreed**

Cllr Kirk & Cllr Brown confirmed that they would become trustees for this potential purpose only thus minimising any potential conflict of interest. **Noted**

Some glass had been smashed in the toddler area and some damage had occurred to the matting which resulted in temporary closure of the toddler area. **Noted**

The Play Park working group expressed concern that the damage was being caused by youths congregating on an evening, though Cllrs did not agree on further security measures. **Noted**

**Riverside Flood Field & Paths**

Cllr Taylor confirmed that a Zoom meeting was to take place with Martin Allen (local botanist) regarding effective planting and cultivation. **Noted**

9	<p><b><u>Councillors Actions &amp; Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>Bugs Trail</b> Cllr Taylor confirmed that the Bugs trail &amp; their rubbing posts had gone live during March. <b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Newton Road Pavement</b> Cllr Mutaszak expressed concern that NYCC had rejected to resurface the pavement on Newton Road north of number 120. Since the parish council has no additional authority to insist that NYCC takes remedial action it was suggested that Cllr Mutaszak discuss the matter directly with Cllr Heather Moorhouse (NYCC) and that residents lodge their complaints via the NYCC website. <b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Community Speedwatch Program</b> Due to a perception of speeding and the volume of traffic along the A173, Cllr Mutaszak requested that the parish council considers becoming involved with the NY Community Speedwatch program. It was agreed that an enquiry should be made on behalf of the parish council, though it was noted that additional community volunteers would likely be required for successful participation. <b>Agreed</b></p> <p><b>Living Leven</b> Having attended a Zoom meeting with Judy Power (Tees River Trust), Cllr Fletcher confirmed that the Living Leven project was in its preliminary stage of development and that Great Ayton is seen by the trust as a focal point for projects in the village which includes the installation of a fish-pass in waterfall park. <b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Cook Family Memorial Garden Website</b> Cllr Robinson confirmed that as part of the LEADER funding for the memorial garden it was incumbent on the parish council to maintain the website. Within the funding application the website had been envisaged to promote the 10 'Cook' related sites in and around the village. <b>Noted</b> Cllr Robinson had prepared &amp; submitted the original funding application and project managed much of the garden refurbishment project hence it was agreed that he should look into the website issues and make recommendations for improvement in accordance with the original intended concept. <b>Agreed</b></p>
10	<p><b><u>Clerk's Report</u></b></p> <p><b>Village Hall</b> The Clerk had provided advice to parish councillors in regard to the management of the Village Hall based on the wording of the 1919 'Deed of Gift' which described the building as being in trust and had advised that the proposed lease arrangement was potentially ultra vires as described by the NALC Legal Topic Note 28 which describes charity law as applied to a local council's buildings in trust. <b>Noted</b> Cllr Kirk expressed his disagreement with the Clerk's interpretation of the deed wording / guidance document when applied to the management of the Village Hall &amp; the Great Ayton Village Hall charity (no 1156092) of which he is a trustee. <b>Noted</b></p>
11	<p><b><u>Accounts Report</u></b></p> <p>Requests for payment received in the period were reviewed and approved accordingly. The total payments made were £33,885.33 The total income received was £56,045.00</p>
12	<p><b><u>Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.</u></b></p>
13	<p><b><u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u></b> <b>In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.</b></p>