

**Minutes of a meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 8th July, 1997 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present**

Councillors P. Bell, Chairman, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. Imeson, J. Fletcher, R. Kirk, B. Winn. Sgt. McCardle and S.O. Cadwallader also attended.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L. Groves.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June were approved and signed.

**Police Business**

Sgt. McCardle reported that there had been 20 crimes in June, the same number as in June last year. Two cars had been taken, and there had been 5 opportunist house burglaries in which thieves had entered through the kitchen and stolen valuables. Similar incidents had occurred in Stokesley and three young men had been arrested, since when there had been no further incidents. There had also been 1 shed burglary and 12 thefts.

Reduction in crime and the introduction of the Crime Desk, meant that the police have had more time to put into foot patrols in Great Ayton and Stokesley. The rear of the library and Frankfield Place have been targeted for litter and underage drinking. Five people had been warned about loud music and 23 local youths stopped and searched for drugs. There is little evidence of large scale drug abuse. Five children had been taken home to parents and had Children in Trouble forms completed. The Youth Liaison Officer will help get persistently troublesome children back on track. The police appreciate comments from the public and have so far had 7 favourable reports.

Councillor Fletcher reported a problem with parents parking in Roseberry Crescent. Staff had been abused when they had asked parents to move their cars. The school taxi only is allowed to drive into the school although some parents have been following suit. The Head has issued a strong letter to parents. The police are to speak to offending drivers.

There has been no further trouble at the play area.

Councillor Bell commended the police for their efforts and thanked them for attending.

**Matters Arising**

Car Park Byelaw. Decision of Leisure and Amenities Committee still awaited.

Play area. An inspection of the bark has been carried out and it is to be accepted as satisfactory. The remainder of the bark is to be delivered on 9th July.

Safety inspection play area. Minute continued.

Parish Paths Partnership. Minute continued.

Cemetery extension planting scheme. It was reported that a fence panel was broken where the new leylandii are to be planted. This should be repaired before planting. Existing trees are not to be removed until the extension is needed. The clerk is to ascertain the cost of leylandii, including a golden variety, and also obtain another estimate for the shrubs to be used in the 'screen'.

Yatton House fence. The lease has not yet been seen. Enquiries are to be made to expedite the matter.

Gravel container, Chapel Steps. Councillor Bell is to check whether the stone has yet been fixed. A letter is to be sent if it has not.

Low Green parking lines. It was reported that lines in several areas need to be renewed, including the Post Office bank, Station Road and Dikes Lane. Highways are to be

contacted to see if these can be done at the same time.

Dog waste bins. Minute continued.

Urinal. Minute continued.

Twinning. The gifts from the French visitors are to be displayed in the library. About 40 Great Ayton residents are to visit Ouzouer sur Loire in October.

Flower displays. The flower baskets on the wall of the public toilets are to be replaced with larger ones, and those taken off are to be sited on the Village Hall along with two new ones.

The three flower tubs outside the fruit shop have been provided and planted by Mr. Paul Suggett.

Councillor Fletcher is to investigate possible sponsorship schemes for the three tubs provided by the Parish Council. Councillor Bell is to cost new tubs.

Garden of Remembrance. The Cemetery Regulations notice has been removed and will be replaced. Another letter expressing dismay at the regulations has been received and responded to.

Chairman's Pendant. Estimates are to be obtained for re-gilding the Chairman's Pendant. Four silver gilt bars have been ordered for the pendant ribbon.

Schoolroom Museum. A letter has been received from the secretary of the schoolroom museum following a visitor's complaint. There are people on hand to open the museum out of normal opening hours. It was suggested that a notice to this effect be displayed in the Tourist Information Centre.

Old Parish Documents. These are to be sent to the County Archives for safe keeping . They will remain the property of the Parish Council. The Parish Council minutes are to be microfilmed and the more recent ones returned to Great Ayton library.

## **Accounts.**

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

The Royal Oak	94.30
C.P. Atkinson	70.99
G. Ward & Son	39.95
T. Featherstone	40.30
Northumbrian Water	51.31
Thompson's Hardware	8.99
Farmway Ltd.	20.99
F. Greenwell	26.89
M.L. Holden	18.62
M.L. Holden	213.06
W.B. Helm	680.77
Inland Revenue	187.67
F. Greenwell	44.79
Bayford & Co.	93.89

## **Correspondence**

A letter was received from NYCC Environmental Services suggesting that a cycle rack might be provided at Great Ayton Station. A letter is to be sent stating that one would be appreciated, preferably a secure one, if possible, as the station is out of the village. A sign for the station car park would also be useful . At present the only sign is one indicating customer parking for D.F.Motors.

Councillor Winn expressed appreciation for the inclusion of Great Ayton in the Esk Valley ticket schemes despite the fact that Great Ayton is outside their area.

A letter from NYCC reported that the village nameplate sign adjacent to the allotment

corner was missing. They are to send a price for replacement.

A reminder of subscription due for membership of CPRE was received, along with a 'Contract for the Countryside' with a request for donation. The subscription is to be renewed.

The following items of information were received:-

NYCC North Yorkshire Pension Fund 1995/96 Reports and Accounts

NYCC Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 1997 Ill health retirement

NYCC North Yorkshire Pension Fund - Internal Disputes Procedure

NYCC North Yorkshire Pension Fund Advisory Forum - next meeting 12.9.97

NYCC North Yorkshire Pension Fund - early retirement questionnaire

NYCC North Yorkshire Pension Fund - information on Additional Voluntary Contributions

LCA annual subscription reminder

Country Air - Newsletter of Yorkshire Rural Community Council

Eskpress - Esk Valley Railways newsletter

Hambleton District Council - Drugs factsheet.

Bow House Publishing - a reminder to renew advertisement.

## **Planning.**

No representations were considered necessary for the following applications:-

Amendment to variation of condition to permit all year round caravan storage, Winley Hill.

Construction of agricultural cottage, garage and workshop, Rainbow Nurseries.

Extension, 10 Pearsonville.

Erection of conservatory, 62 Roseberry Crescent.

Addition of attached garage, 4 Sunnyfield Nurseries.

Alterations to existing flat roof, and chimney stack, 41 Easby Lane.

### Planning applications approved

Alterations and extension, 45 Marwood Drive.

### Planning appeal

Appeal lodged by Mr. D E Petch has been dismissed.

### Planning applications rejected

Conversion of existing theatre to 3 dwellings with domestic garage, Rosehill Theatre.

### Site Visit

Revised details of the construction of dwelling to rear of 25 Linden Avenue

## **Any Other Business**

Councillor Winn reported that branches were growing out of the becks side wall. The Cemetery Superintendent will inspect. Greenery is obscuring the exit from Easby Lane near the Stone Bridge. The grass has not been cut outside Woodbine Close and weeds are growing along the plantation wall. The clerk will ascertain who is responsible for cutting the grass.

Councillor Fletcher reported that the seat at Halfpenny Hill had disappeared under grass and weeds. The Cemetery Superintendent is to deal with it.

The theme for the Christmas float was discussed. Councillor Fletcher is to investigate ways of decorating and lighting the trailer.

Councillor Imeson commented on how tidy the cemetery was looking, apart from weeds

on the paths. The Cemetery Superintendent is to approach Brian Pinder about applying weedkiller. A resident had also commented on how nice the cemetery looked. The Council expressed its thanks and appreciation to the Cemetery Superintendent.

Advertising posters which had been appearing around the village have disappeared. Concern was expressed about the advertising signs which are positioned at Langbaugh Corner and one at the crossroads near Tree Bridge advertising a furniture shop. Highways are to be approached.

The Cemetery Superintendent has been carrying out regular checks on the play area. Councillor Imeson is to obtain some log sheets.

The Cemetery Superintendent has ordered new turf for the eroded area near the Whitbread Bridge.

Councillor Imeson reported that the plaque on the left hand seat outside the library had been defaced. It is to be inspected for cleaning or renewal.

Dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings are as follows:- 2nd September, 30th September, 28th October, 2nd December, 30th December, 27th January, 1998, 17th February, 17th March, 14th April, 12th May, 9th June and 7th July.