

**Minutes of a meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 2nd September 1997 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present**

Councillors P.Bell, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. Imeson, R. Kirk, B. Winn, L. Groves. P.C. Caukwell also attended.

A two minute silence was observed in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Fletcher.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th July, 1997 were approved and signed.

**Police Business**

P.C. Caukwell reported that there had been 126 incidents. Thirteen crimes had been reported, the same number as for the same period last year. There had been 3 burglaries - one person had been arrested and charged, a second had been arrested and was awaiting an identity parade, and a third was pending arrest. One vehicle had been stolen and 7 broken into. Seven arrests had been made, including one for possession of a flick knife in the play area. Concern was expressed by Mrs. Imeson about a lengthy incident which had occurred in the Whinstone View area.

Neighbourhood Watch P.C.Caukwell reported that the scheme had 650 members/households, approximately one third of the village. Councillor Bell asked what could be done to promote it. A village meeting last year in the Village Hall had been attended by only 12 to 15 invited people. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said that the Drugs night had been well attended and it was suggested that a similar open meeting should be arranged with the Police. P.C.Caukwell was asked to see if he could organise something. Councillor Mrs. Imeson proposed a donation of £25 be made to Mrs. H. Sillars for the ring round scheme, seconded by Councillor Winn.

**Matters Arising**

Play Area Councillor Winn proposed that a further load of Cushionfall Woodchip be ordered, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stevens. Councillor Bell said that the erection of the Byelaws sign was a priority. Councillor Bell reported that there was a great deal of dog dirt in the alley beside the play area. There are notices regarding dog fouling and a close watch is now being kept. There are dog waste bins sited in the area.

Safety Inspection Play Area. Minute continued.

Parish Paths Partnership Minute continued.

Cemetery Extension Planting Scheme Minute continued.

Low Green parking lines Minute continued.

Dog waste bins Councillor Winn reported that someone had been putting bags of dog waste behind the electricity junction box on Newton Road. It was suggested that a dog waste bin be positioned against the hedge. It was reported that there were now no waste bins in the Arcade - three have gone missing. HDC are to be asked to quote for replacements.

Flower Tubs Councillors Mrs. Stevens and J. Fletcher have seen Mr. Featherstone and Mrs. Coles and both are interested in the sponsorship scheme. Nine possible sites have been identified for the tubs, and a notice explaining the scheme drawn up. Councillor

Winn reported that Mr. Cooper of Cooper and Kime had given permission for flower baskets to be put on the chemist wall.

Old Parish Documents Minute continued.

Village nameplate Minute continued.

Plaque, Library seat Minute continued.

Councillor Mrs. Imeson reported that NYCC were placing a Book of Condolence for Princess Diana in every library. It would be available for entries from 3rd September. C A notice is to be displayed in the Library window to inform the public of its availability.

Grass, High Green The Cemetery Superintendent can cope with cutting the grass if his time allows. It was reported that the School tractor was very old and in questionable condition but it was felt that if it and the gang mowers could be obtained reasonably from the School they would be useful. Mr. Martin is to be asked if he could store the equipment and the Clerk is to write to the school to see if the Council would be able to acquire it and also to thank the School for all their hard work in looking after the Green free of charge over the decades.

Hedge, Guisborough Road Highways have cut most of the hedge but a section near the allotments remains uncut. The Cemetery Superintendent is to complete the job and Highways are to be asked if they could go to the end next time it needs attention.

Memorial Seat - Mrs. A. Ward Thompson. This is to be ordered from Robert Ward, Carlton

Yatton House Lease Mr. Kitching has received the stamped counterpart lease . A copy has been sent to the Clerk for reference..

## Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

F. Greenwell	21.00	
Bayford & Co. Ltd.	97.22	
HDC	29.03	
Farmway Ltd.	21.00	
R. Kirk		18.80
Patsy's Plants	10.00	
HD Sports Council	3.00	
W.B.Helm	694.75	
M.L.Holden	212.83	
Inland Revenue	324.38	

## Correspondence

The following items of information were received:-

NY Fire and Rescue - Community fire safety, bonfire night celebrations

HDC Hambleton District-wide local plan - inspector's report

NYCC - copy of letter sent to the Lord Chancellor's dept. re closure of court houses at Stokesley and Malton.

NYCC Lib Dem Group Leader - Police community liaison meeting minutes

NY Legal Services - information regarding legal services to Parish Councils and meetings

HDC - re. public open space at proposed development , Sunnyfield Nurseries

North York Moors National Park Authority - notes of Forum meeting and notices

NY Police Authority - Special Newsletter  
 Capt. Cook Museum - letter re. museum opening  
 NY Pension Fund - Advisory Forum minutes of meeting on 22.7.97  
 OFWAT - annual report  
 NY Pension Fund Advisory Forum - contact list  
 NYCC - Contribution postings - request for information.  
 Mrs. Avril Mellor - request for information re. her uncle, Maurice Pearson.

## Planning

The following applications for planning permission were received:-

Revised plans for construction of garage at 25 Linden Road. The council objected to this on the grounds that it was obtrusive to the resident of 7 Linden Crescent. It was felt the tenant should be made to lower the height of the roof to that shown on the original plan.

Layout and construction of 15 dwellings, Sunnyfield Nurseries. The Council objected to the height of the bungalows fronting Easby Lane and shared the concern of residents re. access to Marwood Drive. It was felt that no. 5 should be turned round to face no. 15 thus reducing the number of accesses on to Marwood Drive. A site visit was suggested.

Revised plans for conversion of theatre to 2 dwellings. This was thought to be an improvement and the Council supported the moving back of the wall. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said, in response to criticism reported in the D & S, that she had taken the Parish Council views to the planning meeting and made known the concern of villagers regarding traffic and the width of the footpath.

Use of existing disused building, Eastbrook Villa for sale of furniture. The Council considered that the building was unsuitable for the use intended and that parking could be a problem near a dangerous bend.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Construction of railings - 4 Park Rise  
 Conservation Area consent for demolition of part of boundary wall - Low Green  
 Change of use - hotel to dwelling - Ayton Hall  
 Alterations and extension - 8 High Green  
 Alterations and extension - 9 Linden Crescent  
 Listed Building Consent - Alterations and extension - 10/12 Yarm Lane  
 Alterations and extension - Grange Lodge  
 Construction of fence - 56 Wainstones Close

Notice of planning application for the construction of fence, Yatton House

### Plans approved

Extension, 62 Roseberry Crescent  
 Extension, 10 Pearsonville  
 Extension, 4 Sunnyfield  
 Extension, Angrove Cottage  
 Alterations and extension, 6 Easby Lane  
 Listed Building consent - reroofing 15/16 High Green  
 Pitched roof on garage, 41 Easby Lane  
 Construction of bungalow, Rainbow Nurseries  
 Construction of agricultural building, Ayton Hall Farm  
 Revised plan for construction of dwelling, 25 Linden Road

Appeal dismissed - J. Bennet, Tunstall Lane Pony Stud**Any Other Business**

Councillor Groves reported that the North Yorkshire Health Authority had failed to release £100,000 which was promised for the Health Centre Development Fund. He said that the appeal would not have been launched without the promise of this money and that the people of Great Ayton who had contributed to the appeal would feel very let down by the Health Authority. A letter is to be sent to the Appeal Fund Committee secretary expressing the Council's concern and asking that their views be conveyed to the Health Authority.

There is to be a sale of raffle tickets for the Appeal on 16th September, 1997.

Councillor Winn had received a complaint about gravel on the pavement outside Rosehill Theatre which was working down from the new houses. Councillor Imeson said that materials for the driveway were not stipulated in the plans. Health and Safety have inspected and feel that the stones can be swept away. When the theatre is developed the drive may be improved. Councillor Winn also reported that a lamp had been removed from Frankfield Place. The Clerk is to contact Mr. Thress at HDC.

Councillor Kirk suggested that it was time to start considering ideas for the Millennium. Councillor Mrs. Imeson thought that a good time to discuss it would be when the various organisations attended the Village Fete meeting.

Councillor Groves reported that there were several overgrown allotments. The Cemetery Superintendent is to trim them.

Councillor Mrs. Stevens brought to the meeting a list from Councillor Fletcher raising the following points:-

The Wildlife Meadow is being excellently managed by the Group.

The owner of car reg. E441 HHN was seen digging holes in Low Green, using a metal detector. Stopped by irate villager.

Trees will be available for transplanting in the autumn - where should they be replanted?

The seat dedicated to Margaret Archer at Little Ayton is much used. A person known to Margaret Archer was delighted to see the seat in use and took photos from Clifford Petch's field.

The village is looking very tidy with the grass cut and trimmed.

Councillor Mrs. Imeson reported that a U-turn had been made on the decision not to advertise the village in "Herriot Country". The Clerk is to contact Bow House Publishing. Mrs. Imeson felt that the toilets near Myrtle House were very unsightly and proposed that the rear wall be bricked up. This was seconded by Councillor Winn. Fodens are to be asked for an estimate and then planning permission sought.

Councillor Bell proposed that the Clerk, Mrs. M.L. Holden be formally appointed as Responsible Financial Officer. This was seconded by Councillor Groves.

