

**Minutes of a meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 30th September, 1997 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

Councillors P. Bell, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. Imeson, L. Groves, R. Kirk, B. Winn, J. Fletcher. Sgt. McArdle and Mrs. H. Sillars also attended.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Following a Neighbourhood Watch meeting in the Village Hall on 24th September, Councillor Bell invited Mrs. Sillars to explain the scheme to the Parish Council. Mrs. Sillars detailed how the rural ring round system worked and said that a newsletter was regularly distributed to all coordinators. It was hoped that all participating households, at present 470, would eventually receive the newsletter, hence the request for financial aid. Mrs. Sillars, and Special Constables when they had time, were promoting the scheme. Mrs. Sillars left the meeting.

**Police Business**

Sgt. McArdle reported that there had been 98 incidents, 17 relating to crime. There had been one house burglary. The figure continues downward - last year there had been 23 crimes, 5 of which were house burglaries. A CAP group meeting at Newby had been well attended. There had been some positive comments from the floor and police efforts had been applauded. There had been no burglaries in Newby since January 1966 which in part had been due to the public protecting their own property. Minor problems such as litter dropping have been lessened by residents forming groups to pick up litter. Councillor Winn complemented the Police on a good meeting. Councillor Kirk reported having heard a radio broadcast warning of an increase in crime at this time of year with the onset of darker evenings. Sgt. McArdle reported that an initiative was to start at the end of October to target night time/early evening crime. Councillor Fletcher reported that an outside security light was available on special offer to members of Neighbourhood Watch. Councillor Kirk reported that parked cars in Romany Road and Arthur Street could create major problems in the event of an emergency. Councillor Mrs. Imeson sympathised but pointed out that few of the houses in these roads had been built with drives or garages so it was very difficult for the occupants. The hope was expressed that the residents could be encouraged to park sensibly. Sgt. McArdle said that he had no solution and if a fire engine needed access it would go straight through and parked cars could be damaged. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said that she had received a letter from residents on the Roseberry estate complaining about the patch of grass outside their house being used for football games and suggesting that a barrier be planted. They had previously contacted County Hall whose land it is to no avail. Councillor Fletcher is to contact highways. Councillor Imeson asked about the suggested public meeting for Neighbourhood Watch which was minuted at the last Parish Council meeting. It was reported that the police had been contacted to arrange one but had said that their regular quarterly Neighbourhood Watch meeting was to be held on 24th September and thought it would be sensible to wait until this had taken place and to see what transpired. Councillor Bell thanked the police for their continued good work.

**Matters Arising**

Play Area A further load of cushionfall woodchip is to be delivered on 3rd October. The byelaw signs have been erected and, it was reported, already damaged.

Safety Inspection Play Area Minute continued.

Parish Paths Partnership Minute continued.

Cemetery Extension Planting Scheme The Clerk has obtained a price list for the plants from Hills and is to write to 3 contractors for estimates for planting.

Low Green Parking Lines These have been done incorrectly. Councillor Fletcher is to contact Highways.

Dog waste bins A new bin has been sited on Newton Road. HDC are investigating the provision of new bins for the Arcade.

Flower Tubs Minute continued.

Old Parish Documents Minute continued.

Village nameplate Minute continued.

Plaque, Library seat Minute continued.

Grass, High Green A letter has been received from Ayton School stating that all the school equipment is to be auctioned on 8th/9th October.

Hedge, Guisborough Road This has now been cut.

Memorial Seat - Mrs. A Ward Thompson. This has been ordered and will be delivered in about 1 month at a cost of £275 plus VAT

Health Centre Development Fund The Health Authority have now agreed to release the promised funds, half this year and half next.

Rear wall - toilets, High Street Fodens have been asked for an estimate to brick up the wall. Councillor Imeson thought it might be possible to get a grant.

Street lighting A letter from Mr. Thress stated that the lighting in Frankfield Place is to be improved and should be energised by 14th November. Councillor Winn reported that the inspection cover on the lamp opposite the Musuem had been replaced and the Museum sign had been re-hung.

## Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

W B Helm telephone bill	26.90
Northumbrian Water (cemetery)	8.79
Northumbrian Water (allotments)	36.71
Bayford & Co Ltd	104.78
Len Wilson (Containers) Ltd	105.75
Arborcare	90.00
Armstrong Richardson	27.00
Brian Pinder	100.00
M L Holden	213.06
W B Helm	694.98
Inland Revenue	323.92
Neighbourhood Watch	25.00
Cornhill Insurance	7.08

The account for Bayford & Co. Ltd. for petrol is to be paid by direct debit in future as their computerised account date does not correspond with Parish Council meetings.

## Correspondence

A letter was received from Rev. Malcolm Jones accepting the invitation to Carol singing on High Green.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau - request for donation, and annual report

NYCC - Local Government Pension Scheme - payslip leaflet about contracting out of

## SERPS

Glasdon Products - brochure

NY Moors National Park - agenda for meeting on 22.9.97

Farmwatch - invitation to security exhibition at Hardwich Hall, 8.10.97

HDC- Tree Preservation Order - copy of plan, Grange Lodge

District Audit - report on 1996/97 accounts

NYCC - NY Pension Fund advisory forum - agenda for meeting 12.9.97

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HDC - Tree planting scheme application form. Councillor Fletcher proposed that the Parish Council support tree planting and thought that it would be appropriate to plant oak trees on Langbaugh Corner where 3 had been cut down. Councillor Bell supported him and the proposal was carried 4 to 3. The Clerk is to contact Highways to establish whether there would be any objection to the plan before applying for funds from HDC.

## Planning

The following applications for planning permission were received:-

Listed building consent - alterations and extension to existing museum roof to allow for provision of lift shaft for disabled - Capt. Cooks Musuem

Amendments - listed building consent alterations and extension 10/12 Yarm Lane

Renewal of Security Fence - Yatton House. The Parish Council had no objections but felt that the slide in the play area would be too close to the new fence and would have to be resited. The Clerk was instructed to write to Yatton House pointing out that the slide would have to be moved for their convenience and that the Council felt it would be appropriate for Yatton House to pay half the cost.

### Plans approved

Change of use - Ayton Hall

Extension - 27 Wheatlands

Alterations and extension - Grange Lodge

Listed building consent - construction of chimney stack, Ayton Hall Farm

Construction of railings - 4 Park Rise

Conversion of theatre to 2 dwellings - Rosehill Theatre

Alterations and extension - 8 High Green

### Plans refused

Dormer windows - 54 Marwood Drive

Revised details double garage - 25 Linden Avenue

## Any Other Business

National Park Councillor Fletcher reported that the National Park sign in Station Road was overgrown. The Clerk is to write to the Committee to ask them to cut round it.

Councillor Winn reported on a meeting at Kildale re. open access. The Parish Council are to be kept informed.

It was reported that the seat in Dikes Lane needed tidying up. The Cemetery Superintendent is to be asked to deal with it.

Councillor Mrs. Stevens reported that the cut between The Hawthorns and James Court needed attention. Highways are to be informed. She suggested that on the question of the cost of photocopying for Neighbourhood Watch the police be approached and asked if they could do it for them. This was agreed.

Councillor Groves suggested that a donation of £150 be made to the Scouts for fireworks. This was approved. He reported that the electricity substation between 4 Linden Grove and James Court was not fenced off and local youths were congregating there and causing

a nuisance. It was suggested that a letter be written to Northern Electric asking if they could fence it off. Councillor Fletcher reported that a fence had just been dismantled behind the Victorian Urinal - perhaps this could be used. Councillor Groves reported that shrubs were growing through the garden fence of James Court. Broadacres are to be asked to cut them back.

Councillor Kirk proposed that the Clerk be allowed to purchase an office chair. This was approved.

A black bin bag had been hanging from the Village Hall for some time. Councillor Winn is to remove it.

Councillor Kirk reported that the road near the proposed new development in Marwood Drive is in a neglected condition. Highways are to be informed.

Councillor Winn reported that the footpath along the beckside between Great Ayton and Stokesley was in need of attention - a disabled person had experienced difficulty and had had to turn back. The Footpaths Officer at County Hall is to be contacted. He also reported that on seeing smoke coming from Cliffe Rigg he had phoned 999. The National Trust had already reported controlled burning but Police and Fire Brigade attended. Twenty minutes later it was reported again and again the emergency services attended. This was felt to be a waste of resources but there is little that can be done. Councillor Winn asked if he could claim any help for the repair of his cutter which had been damaged cutting the grass round the Great Ayton signs. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said it was Highways responsibility to cut the verges and they were insured against damage.

Councillor Bell reported that at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting a request had been made for a cycle rack in the Arcade. There is a cycle rack in the Library car park but it is not possible to chain bicycles to it. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Library to ask if they could modify the rack.

Councillor Bell suggested that people be advised to keep an eye on houses as tea-time burglaries were likely to increase with the onset of dark evenings. It was hoped that people would join Neighbourhood Watch as soon as possible.

Councillor Bell is to visit Ouzouer sur Loire and asked for suggestions for a gift to take with him. Councillor Mrs. Imeson proposed table mats and a tray depicting Captain Cook to the value of £25. This was agreed.

There will be carol singing in the Arcade on 20th December in aid of the Childrens' Society.

The Scouts are running a "Shoe Shine" on Saturday 4th October from 9.00 am in aid of the Health Centre Development Fund.