

Minutes of a meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 28th October 1997 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors P. Bell, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. Imeson, L. Groves, R.Kirk, B. Winn, J. Fletcher.
 PC Caukwell and three members of the public also attended.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30th September, 1997 were read and approved.

Play Area

Three members of the public attended to express their dismay at the continued trouble in the play area. Councillor Bell allowed them 10 minutes to state their concerns. It was reported that condoms and a syringe had been found, and that bad language was constantly heard. This was felt to be particularly distressing to people visiting the cemetery. There are to be no gaps left in the new fence between the play area and the cemetery extension. The anomaly of the equipment being for children aged 13 years and under and the kickabout area having no age limit was discussed. Councillor Groves said that it would be impossible enforce a low age limit on the area as parents of young children would then be excluded. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said that if an alternative kickabout area could be found an age limit could be imposed. Councillor Bell said that the rogues must be made to understand that the police, the Parish Council and the neighbours of the play area were united against them. Trouble should be reported to the police immediately, as often as necessary. It was stated that parents were afraid to let young children play there. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said that small children should be escorted and supervised. Councillor Mrs. Stevens said that the area needed to be policed by parents, not just the police. Help is needed from parents, who should know where their children are and what they are up to

The Police were asked if drinking in public places could be banned. P.C.Caukwell said that being able to drink outside at The Oak and The Buck was part of the attraction to many visitors to the village in the summer.

The Clerk is to order a new vandal proof Byelaws sign as soon as possible.

Police Business

PC Caukwell reported that there had been 75 incidents, including 14 crimes, a slight reduction on the same period last year. Overall, crimes were down one third this year. There had been 2 house burglaries and 2 cars stolen. A youngster had admitted to damaging the play area byelaws sign. Last year parents had been invited to view a video which had been taken of their children out late and causing trouble but none had wished to see it. There is a problem with a number of youngsters and their parents.

Councillor Bell commented on the low crime rate in Bedale and Close Circuit TV in Northallerton and Thirsk. He asked if it was possible to have CCTV in Great Ayton. PC Caukwell said that the D&S had been given the wrong figures, which exaggerated crime levels. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said that Thirsk did not yet have CCTV and that it was not likely to be installed in Great Ayton or Stokesley in the foreseeable future.

PC Caukwell expressed the view that the problems in the play area occur because it is hidden from view. The hedge is to be trimmed to enable passers-by to see into the area.

Councillor Fletcher asked for police presence for the Scout bonfire on 5th November.

Councillor Bell thanked the police for their attendance.

Matters Arising

Play Area The delivery of the roundabout is expected soon.

Safety Inspection Play Area Minute continued.

Parish Paths Partnership Minute continued.

Cemetery Extension Planting Scheme Minute continued.

Low Green Parking Lines These are to be redone in Spring/Summer 1998.

Dog waste bins The bin in Newton Road is now in the correct position. Provision of bins for the arcade is still under discussion.

Flower tubs Mrs. Coles has pansies ready for planting. Councillor Bell is to purchase 6 more tubs.

Old Parish Documents Minute continued.

Village nameplate Minute continued.

Plaque, Library seat Minute continued.

Grass, High Green The Ayton School grass cutting equipment has been sold. Councillor Kirk is to investigate the possibility of hiring contractors to cut the High and Low Greens to save wear and tear on the mower.

Memorial Seat - Mrs A. Ward Thompson. Minute continued.

Rear wall - toilets, High Street Further estimates are to be obtained from Chris Pearson and Brian Johnson. The Clerk is to contact Tim Gilling at HDC to enquire if a grant might be available.

Street lighting Minute continued.

Trees, Langbaugh Corner Councillor Fletcher is to draw up a plan to submit to Highways. It was suggested that existing trees be dealt with before planting any new ones. Several are overhanging the road on the approach to the village and trees near the cemetery are obscuring the street light. The Clerk is to contact Highways.

National Park The sign in Station Road has been tidied up.

Seat, Dikes Lane Has been refurbished.

Neighbourhood Watch The Police are unable to help with photocopying.

Electricity Substation, 4 Linden Grove/James Court. Minute continued.

Shrubs, James Court Minute continued.

Black bin bag, Village Hall Minute continued.

Trod, Marwood Drive Minute continued.

Footpath, becksides Minute continued.

Cycle rack, Library carpark Minute continued.

Gift, Town Twinning It was reported that instead of the agreed gift of tray and table mats, Councillor Bell, in agreement with the town twinning committee, presented Ouzouer sur Loire with an oak tree. A heated exchange ensued.

Public open space, Sunnyfield Nurseries Councillor Mrs. Imeson proposed that the Parish Council accept a commuted sum from the developer instead of having an area of open space on the development. This was carried by 4 votes to 3.

Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

Worthy Pearson	28.71
Audit Commission	322.89
C P Atkinson	75.24
HDC	5.29
Geo.C Croasdale (Haverthwaite) Ltd	205.63
W B Helm	694.99

M L Holden	212.83
Inland Revenue	324.14
1st Great Ayton Scouts	150.00
Mrs. E Coles	44.77
G A Marwood	250.00
Business Furniture Centre	64.63
Royal British Legion	12.75
Town Twinning Assoc.	25.00
Thompsons Hardware	28.50
Thrust Petroleum (direct debit)	171.86

Correspondence

Bow House Publishing - final proof for advertisement
 NYMNPA - National Park management plan comments and responses
 NYCC Pension Fund - Contact list, Minutes of the Officers' Group meeting on 4.9.97, note of the meeting of the Advisory Forum on 12.9.97
 Mrs. E. Drabble - letter explaining the work of Neighbourhood Watch, and receipt.
 NYCC - liaison meetings with town and parish councils.
 NYCC - Parish Council News, newsletter of NYCC for parish councils.
 HDC - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 - HDC have received complaints from residents of Skottowe Drive regarding problems with mice which appear to be linked to livestock on the allotments. The Clerk is to prepare a notice advising allotment holders of steps to take to avoid such problems.
 David Bowe MEP - newsletter "Cleveland and Richmond Euro News"
 Lord Chancellor's Department - re. proposed closure of Magistrates' Courts.
 Rt Rev Mgr J R Charlton - acceptance of invitation to Carol singing
 HDC - copy of Byelaws, TIC car park
 Yorkshire Rural Community Council - Newsletter - Country Air
 - Parish Government Conference 6/8 March 1998
 - Zurich Municipal - brochure Health and Safety regs.

Planning

Councillor Winn declared an interest and left the meeting.

Layout of land and construction of 15 dwellings - Tiledsheds Farm. Councillor Mrs. Imeson read extracts of letters from residents concerned about the development. There was disappointment that houses rather than bungalows were planned. The gable end of plot 15 is directly in line of vision of existing bungalow. The Parish Council and residents were very concerned about access onto an already busy road. The Council's concerns are to be made known to HDC. The Clerk was instructed to write and ask Highways to look at the village traffic as a whole in the light of all the proposed new development. The Council are very concerned that extra traffic from 10 dwellings on Stevens Haulage site, 60 at Ayton School, 15 at Sunnyfield and 15 at Tiledsheds will impose a great burden on already congested roads. Roads and lanes are narrow and many of the houses do not have garages or parking facilities.

Councillor Winn rejoined the meeting.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Change of use existing ground floor shop into flat - 31 High Street

Alterations and extensions to include domestic garage - 9 Linden Crescent.

Amendments - extension to existing Museum roof to allow for prov. of lift shaft for disabled

Application for listed building consent for internal alterations - Museum.

Replacement pavilion - Great Ayton Football and Cricket Club.

Plans approved

Extension to existing museum roof to allow for provision of lift shaft

Listed building consent to alts. and extension to museum roof

Conservation Area consent for the demolition and repositioning of wall, Low Green.

Revised details of construction of detached dwelling - 25 Linden Avenue.

Listed building consent - alts. and extension to form 1 dwelling - 10/12 Yarm Lane.

Plans refused

Use of existing disused building for the sale of furniture, Eastbrook Villa.

Any Other Business

Councillor Groves reported that Bob Dicker of the National Trust would be dealing with the erosion on Roseberry Topping next Spring. He will write to the Parish Council with plans for approval.

A further inspection had been made of the unsatisfactory allotments and 7 holders are to be evicted. There are now 10 allotments vacant and in poor condition. The Cemetery Superintendent is to trim the weeds.

Councillor Fletcher reported that the National Trust had constructed steps in the path from the top of the Hall fields to Cliff Rigg wood.

Representations from residents of Newton Road re. Stevens Haulage yard and the resiting of the bus stop had proved fruitless. There is no possibility of moving it.

A proposal by NYCC to seek sponsorship for County boundary signs was strongly rejected by the Parish Council. The Clerk is to write to Highways.

Councillor Mrs. Stevens reported a very enjoyable dinner hosted by HDC to thank all who freely helped with the Captain Cook statue. The Parish Council were presented with a commemorative photograph album which it was proposed be displayed in the Library for a month. Councillor Mrs. Imeson suggested that it be on display for a month each year around Captain Cook's birthday. A two drawer filing cabinet is to be purchased for storing the album.

The letter requesting information about Maurice Pearson has been forwarded to his daughter-in-law in Yarm.

The Police are to be asked to stop traffic for the Remembrance Day Service. Councillor Bell will be away for the service, Councillor Groves is to deputise. Councillors Winn and Kirk will also be absent.

Councillor Bell expressed the thanks of the Town Twinning Association to the Parish Council for the gift. An invitation was extended to a wine and cheese evening on 21st November at a cost of £2.50. He reported an excellent weekend in Ouzouer sur Loire. The Parish Council were asked to consider twinning village signs. Councillor Fletcher said this had previously been discussed and the consensus was that it should be left for the time being. Councillor Kirk suggested that it be considered again in a year's time.

Councillor Fletcher reported that the Ouzouer road sign is stored in the back of the Library and proposed that it be displayed in the front with the photo. He is to seek permission from the Library and make the necessary arrangements for its display.

The Victorian Urinal is looking isolated and vulnerable now that the garage next to it has been demolished.