

**Minutes of a meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 2nd December 1997 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

Councillors P. Bell, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. Imeson, R. Kirk, B. Winn. Several members of the public also attended.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Fletcher and L. Groves. The Police also sent apologies.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th October, 1997 were read and approved.

**Planning application Josie's Bistro**

Councillor Bell invited the members of the public to express their concerns re. the application to extend the opening hours of Josie's to 10.00 pm. They said they were already inconvenienced by parked cars and feared noise from patrons leaving the cafe would disturb young families living nearby. Residents already find it difficult to park their own cars and are also worried that the situation will be worsened when Ayton School is developed. The Parish Council noted their comments and resolved to take their message to HDC.

**Police Business**

Councillor Mrs Imeson raised a complaint about the Police attendance at the Remembrance Sunday parade. Thanks were due to David Kent, David Reeve, Trevor Cutler and Peter Smith who stopped the traffic. The Vicar urged the crowd to move forward and fill up the road. When the police did arrive they said they had thought the service was starting later this year.

The Clerk reported on behalf of the Police that 2 young people had been identified and dealt with by the Youth Liaison Officer with regard to the vandalised bye-laws sign. The question of reimbursement for the sign was raised and is to be investigated. A campaign is to be launched leading up to New Year to promote responsibility in licensed premises. Licensees are to be invited to watch a video on how to deal with trouble.

Councillor Bell reported that he had nearly been bowled over by a cyclist with no lights. He wished to reiterate the yearly warning - if you buy a bike put lights on it.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that 15 pansies had been trowelled out of the tub by the pump on High Green. They have been replaced and the Police informed.

**Matters Arising**

Play area The concrete laid for the base of the new roundabout has been vandalised. It was thought that the safety surface would cover the obscene message written in it. The contractors had done their best to protect the concrete whilst it was setting.

Safety Inspection Play Area Minute continued.

Parish Paths Partnership Minute continued.

Waste bins, Arcade Two bins are to be ordered from HDC. The landowner has no objection to bins being sited in the Arcade but declined to contribute to the cost. The Clerk is to approach the businesses in the Arcade to see if they will make a donation.

Flower tubs Councillor Bell was able to obtain only 3 tubs. It was decided to wait till Spring before purchasing another three.

Old Parish documents Minute continued.

Plaque, Library Seat Minute continued.

Cycle rack, Library carpark A letter from Head of Libraries indicated that lack of funds prevented any improvements being made to the rack.

Grass High Green Councillor Kirk has made some enquiries about contractors to cut the grass and is to continue his investigation. Councillor Mrs. Imeson asked why it was thought necessary to get a contractor to cut the Low Green when it was presently done by the Cemetery Superintendent. Councillor Winn said that the mower used for the Cemetery and the Play Area was not really suitable for a large area like Low Green and that its life would be prolonged if it were not used. A cylinder mower would also make a better job of the cut. Councillor Kirk is to evaluate how many hours the Cemetery Superintendent spends on cutting Low Green.

Memorial seat Mrs Ward-Thompson. Minute continued.

Rear wall - toilets, High Street Estimates have been obtained from Chris Pearson and Brian Johnson. An application is now to be made for grant from HDC.

Street lighting A letter from Wm. Hague suggested that the Parish Council might consult with HDC with a view to jointly funding with Northern Electric the undergrounding of overhead cables. This was not thought to be practicable.

Trees, Langbaugh Corner A resident reported that a tree on the green area requires attention . Highways are to be contacted.

Trod, Marwood Drive Minute continued.

Electricity substation Linden Grove/James Court. Minute continued.

Shrubs, James Court Minute continued.

Footpath, beckside Minute continued.

Black bin bag Village Hall This has been removed.

Public open space, Sunnyfield Nurseries The Parish Council proposed that the commuted sum from Kebbel be used to erect security fencing (the same as that to be erected between Yatton House and the play area) round the existing play area, renew worn equipment and purchase new equipment, particularly for small children. Councillor Bell reminded the meeting that a previous request had been made for a basket ball ring. The Clerk is to contact HDC with these proposals. Councillor Mrs Stevens recommended that the neighbours of the play area be consulted about the fence.

Village nameplate - this has been replaced.

Strimming - allotments - minute continued.

Sponsored County boundary signs - minute continued.

Ouzouer road sign and photo - minute continued.

Commemorative photo album - the Clerk is to obtain a 4 drawer filing cabinet for storage.

Remembrance Day Service Councillor Winn expressed his thanks to Councillor Groves for deputising for him.

## Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

A. Hill and Sons	401.16
J. Cook	100.00
C. Williamson	100.00
T. Featherstone	20.00
B. A. Noble	143.40
M. L. Holden	98.23
P. Bell	45.00
W. B. Helm	26.90

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M. L. Holden	213.06
Inland Revenue	323.92
Bow House Publishing	271.43
M. E. Stevens	20.00
Bayford & Co. Ltd. (direct debit)	33.35

## Correspondence

NYPA Special Newsletter - Report Back - conclusions and recommendations of the Price Waterhouse public interest report into sexual harassment case.

NYCC - Tender for Medical Certification Service - invitation to attend presentations of two companies shortlisted.

HDC - re. site visits.

HDC - Hambleton district-wide local plan - clarifications on Inspector's report.

HDC - Draft economic development strategy for 1998/9 - comments invited, Consultation draft and monitoring report.

LGMB - Pensions advice.

NY Pension Fund - suggested letter to employees, report from Mercers re employers discretions, contact lists.

Eskpress - newsletter.

Great Ayton TIC - AGM 4th December.

CPRE - Lorries vs. country lanes, request for donation. Parish Council propose to give £10.

Great Ayton Twinning Assoc. - letter re. Parish Council gift.

CPRE - publications catalogue, raffle tickets, Voice.

HDC - Dogs (fouling of land) Act, 1996 - posters.

NYMNP - Annual Report.

NYMNP - Northern area Parish Forum - notes of meeting held on 11.9.97. Next meeting at Margrove Heritage Centre on 14.1.98 at 7.00pm.

NYCC - winter maintenance policy and salting routes 97/98.

HDC - dog ban paving signs brochure.

NYCC - Death and Injury on the roads in NY in 1996 - leaflet.

Bow House Publishing - Come and Stay in Herriot Country 1998.

Letter from resident asking if the sports hall at Ayton School could be saved for the use of the community. The Clerk is to reply that the issues raised have already been considered and that the final word is with the developer whose priorities are the number of units they can build and financial considerations.

Letter from HDC Treasurer's Dept. requesting revenue estimates - The revenue requirement was agreed at £24,000.

## Planning

Councillor Winn declared an interest and left the meeting.

Amendments - layout of land and construction of 15 dwellings, Tilesheds Farm. The Parish Council still have misgivings about the entrance of the site from Roseberry Crescent. They would prefer to see bungalows. They are concerned as to what is intended for the existing lane. A site visit is planned.

Councillor Winn rejoined the meeting.

Removal of condition requiring reconstruction of existing wall, Rosehill Theatre. The Parish Council object most strongly. This was a condition approved unanimously by the Planning Committee and the Parish agreed with that condition.

Amendments - layout of land and construction of 15 dwellings Sunnyfield Nurseries. The Parish Council would like to see bungalows and suggest that No.5 be turned round.

Variation of condition to permit an increase in opening hours to 10.00pm. of approved cafe, Eagle House. The Parish Council object on the grounds of nuisance to residents, no parking is provided in that area, increase in cars. It must be ensured that sale of hot food is not takeaway.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Extension 28 Linden Avenue

Plans approved

Construction of fence, 56 Wainstones Close

Replacement pavilion, Great Ayton Cricket and Football Club, Easby Lane.

Alts. and extensions to existing bungalow to include domestic garage, 9 Linden Cres.

Construction of security fence as amended, Yatton House.

**Any Other Business**

Councillor Winn reported that bushes at the side of the beck near Marwood School need attention. The Cemetery Superintendent is to be asked to deal with them.

Councillor Winn commented favourably on the BG Transco road works, a neat and efficient job. Councillor Mrs. Imeson had received expressions of concern and indignation from local traders whose business is being disrupted at the busiest time of year. Councillor Bell said that the Parish Council had no jurisdiction over the works which are to be discontinued during Christmas week whether finished or not. Councillors Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Imeson, whilst sympathising with the traders, said they should be contacting the Gas Board and complaining to them direct.

The Clerk is to write to Broadacres informing them that the trees and shrubs have now been planted in the Cemetery extension and thanking them for their contribution to the cost.

The Village Fete is to be held on Saturday 13th June, 1998. William Hague MP is to be asked to present the prizes.

Councillor Bell requested that the Clerk contact HDC again about the lack of lights on the Chapel Steps.

The Clerk's salary is to be reviewed in March, 1998, with any increase to be paid from April.