

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

Present

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

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December, 1997 were read and approved.

Police Business

Sgt. McCardle said he had been annoyed that the special constables had not arrived in time to direct the traffic for the Remembrance Day Parade and apologised to the Council.

Operation Neighbour had started on 3rd November with police drafted in from all over North Yorkshire. Travelling criminals were targeted and 10 people had been arrested in the first 3 weeks on suspicion of going equipped to commit crime. In the first two months of the operation burglaries were down to 5 compared with 25 for the same period last year. Crime overall had dropped by 60%. Operation Neighbour is to continue until 31st March and it is hoped that the fall will continue. There had been 73 reported incidents, including 14 crimes, in December.

The Councillors expressed their appreciation for the escort provided by S.O Cadwallader for the float which resulted in a trouble free event.

Councillor Mrs. Imeson asked if the flower baskets from the toilets had been stolen.
Councillor Winn has them.

The question of reparation from the boys who vandalised the byelaws sign in the play area was again raised. The Police are to notify the Council of the boys' identities and suggested that an approach be made to the parents. Failing that, a Civil Court action could be tried

Councillor Bell thanked the Police for their efforts and wished them a happy and peaceful New Year. Sgt. McCardle reciprocated.

Matters Arising

Play Area The roundabout is now installed.

Safety inspection Play Area The Clerk is to arrange for inspection by the National Playing Fields Association. Additionally, a log book is to be purchased and the Cemetery Superintendent asked to inspect the play area weekly throughout the year and twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays from Easter to the end of October, and report to the Clerk. Any damaged or dangerous items are to be taken out of service.. A letter is to be sent to the Cemetery Superintendent to this effect.

Parish Paths Partnership Minute continued,

Waste bins, Arcade Vino's Pizzeria have agreed to contribute to the cost. No reply has been received from the other businesses. The Clerk is to write to them again.

Flower Tubs The Clerk is to remind Councillor Bell in the spring re. 3 additional tubs.

Plaque, Library seat This has been obtained and the Cemetery Superintendent is to fit it.

Grass, High Green Minute continued.

Memorial seat, Mrs Ward Thompson This is now ready. When it has been sited Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Ward Thompson's niece, will be invited to dedicate it on a Saturday morning to be followed by coffee at the Royal Oak.

Rear wall, toilets Minute continued.

Trees, Langbaurch corner Minute continued.

Trod, Marwood Drive It was reported that this belongs to Highways and HDC are in touch with them about it.

Public Open Space, Sunnyfield Nurseries The Clerk is to write to the neighbours of the play area informing them of the intention to erect a security fence and asking for comments by 26th January, 1998.

Strimming - allotments Minute continued.

Traffic problems A reply was received from NYCC to a letter from the Parish Council voicing their concerns about traffic generated by the proposed new developments at Tilesheds, Ayton School, Sunnyfield and Stevens Haulage. NYCC do not think additional traffic will have a significant impact on the operational capacity of the roads. Councillor Imeson said that all over the county villages like ours were being affected by increased traffic, they should have been bypassed years ago. She did, however, believe that all the infilling would be finished with these four developments. Councillor Bell was concerned that people would park on the grass area at the end of Addison Road. Councillor Fletcher had consulted Highways who propose to put in 4 inch kerbs to stop them.

Bushes, beck side, Marwood School Have been attended to.

Lights, Chapel steps Minute continued.

Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

Douglas Peel Engravers	89.30
NYCC	70.50
LMN Office Furnishings	91.65
Signs and Plastic Products	220.91
Geo.C. Croasdale (Haverthwaite) Ltd	4046.70
Snilesworth Trust	48.40
Northumbrian Water	45.77
W.B.Helm	694.75
M.L. Holden	212.83
Inland Revenue	324.38
CPRE	10.00
M.L.Holden	32.46
M.Stevens	35.00
Bayford & Co. Ltd. (direct debit)	32.99

Correspondence

NY Tourism Action Group - brochures - The Tourism Industry. Councillor Mrs. Imeson reported an increase in visitors thanks to the Captain Cook Statue. The Museum has also benefited.

HDC - Chairman's Office - request for details of Parish Council Chairman

Esk Valley Rail Partnership - rail timetable

HDC - Events in Hambleton - invitation for free entry in information leaflet

HDC - Public Entertainment Licence - request to inspect village hall

National Trust - Proposal for erosion control Roseberry Topping - request for comments. The Parish Council supported the proposal that the eroded path be shut and a new path be routed round the side. A letter is to be sent to this effect.

National Trust - re. meeting to discuss management Cliff Ridge Wood/Quarry

NYCC - Dates/venues Town and Parish Council Meetings (Northallerton 11.3.98)

HDC - Christmas tree chipping scheme

HDC - letter re. site meetings

Mr. E. Harrison - letter re. possibility of work. The Clerk is to reply thanking Mr. Harrison for his efforts cutting High Green and assuring him that if the Cemetery Superintendent ever needs help the Parish Council will be sure to contact him.

1st Great Ayton Scouts - thank you letter for donation for fireworks.

Planning

Sunnyfield Nurseries - amended layout. The Parish Council suggest that 2 dwellings rather than 3 at nos.13, 14 and 15 would be preferred. It was felt that no. 13 was very close to nos. 47/49 Marwood Drive and that they would be looking onto a gable end.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Listed building consent - alterations and extension, Ivy Cottage, High Green

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Listed building consent - 2 surveillance cameras, 3 security lights, alarm box, satellite dish - Ayton Hall Farm

Extension - 41 Marwood Drive

Extension - 131 High Street, Cooper and Kime

Plans approved

Change of use - ground floor shop to flat, 31 High Street

Plans refused

Variation of condition to permit an increase in opening hours, Eagle House.

Any Other Business

Councillor Fletcher said that the Santa Claus parade with the Teletubbies had been brilliant and should focus thoughts for next year. It was agreed that a pantomime/nursery rhyme theme should be planned. Mr. P. Greenwell is to prepare the float for next year and it was thought that it might be possible to start from Pearson's yard as Tiledsheds Farm may not be available. Councillor Fletcher thought that the timing was right but Councillors Mrs. Imeson and Mrs. Stevens disagreed. Councillor Mrs. Imeson thought that next year someone should go ahead with a loud hailer to let people know that the float was coming. Many missed it this year and the turnout in Angrove and Marwood was disappointing. Councillor Stevens thought it may be better to have the float the Sunday before Christmas. It was decided to discuss timing at a future meeting. Councillor Fletcher thanked Bob Hindle and Tom Maddison who had done a magnificent job preparing the float. Thanks were also due to Michael Conlon who took the place of Councillor Kirk on the float. £68.17 was collected of which £38.17 was to be donated to Children in Distress, the remainder to be used for next year's float. Councillor Winn expressed disappointment that Father Christmas had left the float before the end of the planned route.

Councillor Groves reported a successful AGM of the Allotment Association. It was agreed that November would be a more suitable month for collecting rents and that a half year's rent would be collected in April, 1998 and a full year's rent each November thereafter.

Councillor Bell raised the issue of the Millennium. Various ideas were discussed, including providing a scheme to get youths off the streets and refurbishing the Captain Cook monument. Councillor Kirk suggested that it be discussed with the village fete committee as the following fete will be in 2000. Councillor Imeson proposed that when letters were sent out for this year's fete ideas for the millennium be requested. Residents with suggestions should send them to the Clerk.

A Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on 20th January, 1998 at

7.30 pm. The Parish Council are to provide tea and coffee.