

Minutes of a meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 27th January 1998 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors L. Groves, Mrs M. Stevens, Mrs. J. Imeson, R. Kirk, B. Winn, J. Fletcher.

Apologies for absence

Councillor P. Bell, Sgt. G. McCardle

Minutes

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

Ayton School Development

Several members of the public attended to ask about the proposed development. The access to the site was a particular cause of concern. They were informed that a public meeting had been arranged for February 18th in the Village Hall and that representatives from HDC Planning Department and NYCC Highways Department would be attending to answer questions. Plans for the site are on display in the Library. Councillor Mrs Imeson said that there were aspects of the plans about which neither the Parish Council nor HDC were happy. When questioned she stated that the green fields would definitely not be built on. The public are not able to attend the site meeting.

Police Business

A letter from Sgt. McCardle was received giving various items of interest. A youth had been apprehended in the process of stealing a radio from a car outside the Methodist Church and will appear before Magistrates. There were three house burglaries in Great Ayton during the month and Neighbourhood Watch reported a suspicious grey or silver Ford Orion. BT telephone boxes have been targeted throughout the region, the thieves drilling through the connecting bolt and removing the cash box. It was also reported that a house on High Green had been broken into on Sunday/Monday.

A report was given on the Neighbourhood Watch meeting which had taken place on 20th January. It had been hoped that new members would be recruited but attendance had been disappointing. It was felt that the fact that it was a coordinators meeting rather than a public meeting may have put people off. The Parish Council had provided tea and coffee.

Matters Arising

Safety inspection Play Area The clerk has contacted the National Playing Fields Association to arrange a safety inspection. The Council were informed that a child had been injured in the play area on some metal left after the construction of the fence between Yatton House and the play area. The Council's insurance company has been notified and a report received from the Cemetery Superintendent. It was reported that the slide was damaged and had been taken out of service. The Clerk is to contact Mr. Ward to repair it.

Parish Paths Partnership Councillor Groves asked if Councillor Fletcher wished to continue this item. Councillor Fletcher said it was a big job to get people organised. No-one else was willing to take it on.

Waste bins, Arcade The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the request for contributions to the cost other than from Mr. Khan at the Pizzeria. He is to be asked for his contribution. Councillor Winn expressed his thanks to Mrs. Clough Smith of HDC for tidying all the bins which now looked much better.

Grass, High Green Minute continued.

Memorial Seat, Mrs Ward Thompson Minute continued.

Rear wall, toilets The Clerk reported that she was to have a meeting with HDC to discuss the grant application but had been informed that a grant was unlikely. Councillor Fletcher suggested that plants, eg virginia creeper, could be the answer.

Trees, Langbaugh corner Councillor Fletcher reported that Highways were doing a search re. utilities but time was getting on and he would remind them.

Footpath, Marwood Drive Minute continued.

Security Fence, play area Letters have been received asking about the height and colour of the proposed fence, if the existing hedge is to be removed, and whether the gate could be moved. The Clerk is to reply that the fence will be the same as that between Yatton House and the play area. The hedge is not to be removed and therefore the gate will not be moved.

Strimming allotments Councillor Groves is to see the Cemetery Superintendent to discuss.

Traffic problems Councillor Mrs Imeson had referred a telephone caller to Councillor Fletcher to deal with a complaint about the grassy area at the end of Addison Road. She felt that lower kerbs should be put in, the area tarmacked and the residents park allowed to park, as they had done for 30 years. It was felt that it would be a waste to grass it and it would encourage dog fouling. The grass was not properly cut and weeds were allowed to grow, the seeds of which blew into gardens. Councillor Fletcher said that he had informed Highways that parking would be lost and had been told that the road would be widened to allow for parking. However Romany Road was still not wide enough. The 4 inch kerb had not stopped cars being parked and the area was very muddy. Councillor Fletcher is to go back to Highways and see if they can fence the area off until it has been seeded.

Lights, Chapel Steps HDC have sent draft wayleave document to the Chapel and hope to have lights in place by the end of March.

National Trust Councillor Groves reported on a meeting held at Cliff Rigg quarry with Mr. Bob Dicker, Councillor Mrs Stevens, Mrs. L. Holden. Also present were an industrial archaeologist and a geologist who gave an interesting outline of the special features of the area. It was suggested that another meeting be held in the summer which could be followed by a walk and would be open to any interested members of the public. A provisional date of 15th July was given.

Allotment rents The Clerk is to book the Village Hall on 7th or 8th April for rent collection, and provide notice for allotment notice board.

Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

The Royal Oak	339.00
HDC	329.56
Great Ayton Health Centre D.F.	257.32
James C. Pearson	34.96
P.H. Greenwell	255.81
W.B. Helm	694.98
M.L.Holden	213.06
Inland Revenue	323.93
B. Winn	14.60

Correspondence

Letters were received from Mrs. M. Button, Mr. and Mrs. P Morgan and Ms. S. Crossan, acting for Dr. and Mrs. M.Pettit, expressing concern about the Ayton School development.

Great Ayton Cricket and Football Club requested that if any Millennium Grant were awarded to the village their project be considered.

A letter from NYCC notified that Mr. Phalp of School Farm had found it necessary to fence off

the footpath from Newton Road to the railway across the Hall Fields because of trespassing walkers and dog fouling. The Parish Council sympathised with Mr. Phalp's problem and was saddened that such action had become necessary. It was reported that one of the kissing gates had been removed. This also caused concern and the Clerk was instructed to write to Lady Fry's agent suggesting that he walked the footpath and checked the condition of all the kissing gates some of which were in a state of disrepair. It was hoped that they would be rehabilitated. The Clerk was also to write to Mr. Phalp assuring him of the Council's support and expressing their sadness that he had had to resort to erecting a fence.

A copy of a letter sent to HDC by the Ramblers about footpaths across Ayton School fields was received.

An introduction to the Society of Local Council Clerks was received. It was agreed that the Clerk should join the Society.

A copy of a letter sent to HDC by Mr. H. Stonehouse re. the Sunnyfield development is to be acknowledged.

The following items of information were received:-

Yorkshire Rural Community Council -

- ROSPA - annual inspection of children's playgrounds
- York and N.Yorks Playing Fields Assoc. - membership subs.
- Children's Play - field training seminars for winter 1998
- Country Air - newsletter
- Village Halls Conference 1998 - notice - 18.4.98, Masham
- N.Yorks and York village venture awards 1998 - notice
- National Playing Fields Assoc. annual counties conference 9.12.98
- Best kept village competition - notice and entry form. Great Ayton does not qualify, being too big.

HDC - notice of the making of a tree preservation order - trees Ayton School.

NYCC - Tender for Medical Certification Service - forms PENMED 1 and 2

NYCC - amended PENMED 1 and 2

CPRE - AGM 25.4.98

HDC - tree preservation order, Great Ayton

NYCC - notification of death of Mr. Chris Lodge, Technical Officer

NYMNPA - Northern area parish forum - agenda for meeting 14.1.98. Councillor Winn had attended and reported that, amongst other things, wind turbines at Kildale had been discussed. There did not appear to be any objections. Great Ayton is to host the next meeting in the Village Hall on 28th April, 1998. The Parish Council are to provide tea and coffee.

NYCC - Parish Council News

- Year 200 bulletin - news re. millennium bug
- N.Yorks minerals local plan
- Cold weather campaign - brochure
- Guide to services

Esk Valley Rail Partnership - Eskpress - newsletter

HDC - Romeo and Juliet posters.

Planning

Ayton School

Layout of land, conversion of existing school buildings to dwelling houses and flats, construction

of dwelling houses and flats with domestic garages and construction of a bridge and relocation of existing footbridge.

Listed building consent for alts. to 2 existing dwellings and to existing school buildings to form dwelling houses and flats and for the constr. of associated walls and fencing and relocation of existing footbridge.

Listed building consent for the boarding up of existing windows and additional details.

Listed building consent for the removal of 2 areas of existing masonry paint.

Listed building consent for the demolition of existing buildings

Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing buildings

Consent to fell trees subject to TPO 1998/1

The Parish Council felt that the two storey buildings behind Millfield House were too close and should be set further back and reduced in size. They were not happy about the access and would like to see the listed buildings remain.

Extension to dwelling house to include domestic garage, 15 Newton Road. The Parish Council felt that this was too big for the site.

Layout of land and constr. of 15 dwellings, garages, Tilesheds. The Parish Council is still not happy with the access.

NYMNP - Application for erection of attached garage, alts. of window openings and insertion of 2 new window openings, 1 rooflight. FirTree Barn. The Parish Council asked that NYMNP be consistent and look carefully at what had been refused in previous applications.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Extension to existing dwelling house, 67 Wheatlands

Extension, 132 Roseberry Crescent.

Appeal - Cecil M. Youll - failure to determine application, Tilesheds Farm

Application approved - Extension to bungalow, 28 Linden Avenue

Application refused - removal of cond. requiring reconstr. of existing wall, Rosehill Theatre.

Any Other Business

Councillor Mrs Imeson suggested that all the halls in the village be booked for New Year's Eve 1999 so that the villagers could see in the Millennium together. There could be a teenagers' dance at one, a junior disco at another, for example.

Councillor Mrs Stevens asked if the photo album should be collected from the Library. It has been well thumbed. Councillor Mrs. Imeson thought the photographer at HDC might provide plastic sheets to protect the pages.

Councillor Mrs. Imeson had received a letter from a young mother expressing disgust at the amount of dog dirt on the pavements in Great Ayton. There is excellent provision of dog waste bins in the village so there is no excuse. Mrs Imeson had walked round the village and said that it was atrocious. Dogs are seldom seen without their owners so the owners must be responsible. Hambleton District Council are to investigate and have the power to prosecute. Anyone seeing dogs fouling the pavement should report the owner to HDC or to the Parish Council.

Photographic evidence would be useful. An irresponsible dog owner in Great Ayton had been successfully prosecuted and it was suggested that the report of his prosecution be photocopied and posted in all the shops to act as a warning to others.

Councillor Winn commented on the poor state of the footpath on Newton Road from Romany Road to AMR Motors.

Councillor Groves told the meeting that Mr. Monaghan of the Royal Oak had donated the cost of drinks provided for the band after the carol singing. The Parish Council expressed their

appreciation of his generosity.

The Children's Society will hold a cake stall on 15th May and carol singing on 19th December.

Mrs Wilkinson, a resident of Crossways will celebrate her 100th birthday on 11th February. A card and plant are to be sent from the Parish Council.