

Minutes of a meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 14th April 1998 at 7.00 pm

Present

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

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th March, 1998 were read and approved.

Police Business

There was no police attendance at the meeting and therefore no report.

Matters Arising

Ayton School development The submission of revised plans is awaited. It is likely that access will be via a mini roundabout at Little Ayton Lane end. A complaint from Mr D Petch about the proposed siting of the urinal against his wall had been received. Other suggested sites were Waterfall Park, just inside the Bowing Green hedge, and the TIC car park. Vandalism was seen to be a real threat. It was decided to take photographs of the three preferred sites and superimpose a photo of the urinal on these to establish which would be best.

Safety inspection - play area Minute continued.

Waste bins, Arcade It was reported that Heagneys had made a contribution to the cost of the bins. Mr. Khan is to be approached again.

Grass, High Green Mr Harrison is making a good job of the green. It was reported that the Cemetery Superintendent's mower had broken down and Mr Harrison had been asked to cut the Low Green as well until the mower was repaired. Concern was expressed about the apparent frequency of repairs needed for the mower. The choice of mower was researched thoroughly before a purchase was made and it was felt to be the best model for the purpose. It was agreed that it was not desirable to contract out the cemetery grass cutting. A running total of expenditure on the mower is to be kept. It was agreed that the mower would last longer if it was properly maintained.

Memorial seat, Mrs Ward Thompson The Clerk has written to Mr C Petch and to Strutt and Parker, the agents for Ayton Firs, to establish ownership of the tree overhanging the seat and to ask that it be inspected for soundness.

Rear wall, toilets The application has been rolled on by HDC. The Clerk is to ascertain if the builders estimates have remained the same.

Security fence, play area Councillor Groves had spoken to Mr Heaviside who had asked if the hedge could be allowed to grow to cover the fence. This was thought to be counterproductive as passers-by would not be able to see into the play area and report any wrongdoing.

Tree, corner Addison Road/Romany Road Minute continued.

Lights, Chapel Steps Minute continued.

Allotment rents The collection took place on 8th April. There are 3 vacant allotments and no waiting list.

Damage to Byelaws sign A letter from the second boy's mother denied that he was responsible for damaging the sign although he had been present and had kicked the sign. She

suggested that he forfeit pocket money for a period and this was accepted by the Parish Council. A letter is to be sent to the family to this effect, and thanking them for their co-operation.

Sponsorship, flower tubs The Clerk reported that there had been several responses to the requests for sponsors. She is to arrange for signs to be made.

Refusal of planning application - Fir Tree Barn Lonsdale It was reported that the applicant was not happy with the decision and had contacted the Ombudsman. It was agreed that whatever happened the planning department had to be consistent.

Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

Inland Revenue	343.61
G A Marwood	250.00
Thompsons Hardware	13.33
HDC	250.00
Cornhill Insurance	88.40
Northumbrian Water	9.16
HDC	81.37
W B Helm	695.51
M L Holden	252.45
Neighbourhood Watch	6.50
E Harrison	150.00
Bayford & Co (direct debit)	67.49

Correspondence

A letter from Great Ayton Neighbourhood Watch thanked the Parish Council for help with the co-ordinators meeting. A request for help with the cost of NW signs for the entrances to the village was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost of signs at Easby Lane, Newton Road, Yarm Lane, Stokesley Road and at the Tree Brig junction. Note was made of a marking van's attendance on 20th June, National Neighbourhood Watch day.

A letter from NYCC notified of proposed traffic calming measures in Roseberry Crescent. The Parish Councillors were unanimous in their disapproval of the suggested measures and felt that a raised ramp for the full length of the zone outside the school would be more appropriate. It was also felt that the illuminated warning signs would be too obtrusive. A letter is to be written to this effect.

Dr Paul Shelton wrote relating to the height of the hedge in Little Ayton near the Waltons. This has been an ongoing problem for two years and is now the responsibility of Wimpeys, the owners of Ayton School. He also reported quantities of litter in the verge between the village and Tree Brig junction. The Clerk is to contact HDC regarding the rubbish. Dr Shelton thanked the Councillors for arranging the public meeting for the Ayton School development. The Clerk is to reply to his various comments.

A letter was received from NYCC concerning Library Service Budget savings. A suggestion to close libraries for fixed periods in the summer and over Christmas for a total of 3 weeks would result in a saving of £48,000. Councillor Groves thought that this was a scandalous and short sighted proposal causing a deterioration in a public service. A slight adjustment throughout the county to even up opening hours would save money. This was agreed by the whole Council and the Clerk is to write to NYCC expressing the Council's disquiet. Further

suggestions from NYCC were to carry forward and save the IT budget and to reduce the book purchase budget.

The following items of information were received:-

CPRE - Voice magazine

NYCC - Local Govt. Pension Scheme Regs. 1997

HDC - notice of District/Parish Councils liaison committee meeting 15th April

CPRE - Hambleton Branch AGM, Borrowby Village Hall 24th April, agenda and N.Yorks branch review.

Countryside Commission - brochure re. millennium greens.

Eskpress - newsletter

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - invitation to renew subscription. Play equipment brochure. Request for donation from Winged Fellowship - the Clerk is to reply that the Council supports the local respite care provider.

Planning

The following applications were received:-

Construction of single detached dwellinghouse and separate double garage, Eastbrook. The Parish Council felt that the materials proposed for the garage which was on a main thoroughfare into the village were most unsuitable. They would prefer to see sandstone or brick.

Extension to existing shop, 66 Newton Road. The Council was concerned that a single storey can take light away and wanted to be sure that the neighbours had been consulted.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Alterations and extension to existing cricket pavilion, Ayton School.

Retention of dormer extension to dwellinghouse, 10 Pearsonville.

Extension to existing dwelling, Tree Bridge Farm.

Extension, 5 Byemoor Avenue.

Amendment - agricultural workers dwelling, Rainbow Nurseries, plans already granted.

Plans approved

Layout of land and construction of 15 dwellings, Tilesheds Farm, subject to conditions.

Plans refused

Extension to dwelling house, 15 Newton Road.

Application to fell trees subject to TPO, Ayton School.

Any other business

The fish and chip shop is still displaying a sign on the verge at the top of Newton Road.

Highways are to be informed.

The sandstone walls of Rosehill Theatre are being cleaned and the appearance improved.

Councillor Winn reported that the triangular island opposite the Post Office is being damaged by cars. It is proposed to site flower tubs on it which it is hoped will solve the problem.

Councillor Bell expressed concern about leylandii trees causing distress to people having to live near them. He believed nothing could be done about them.

Save the Children are to hold a collection on 1st May 1998.

It was agreed, following a special meeting of the Parish Council on 18th March 1998, that the Clerk's salary be increased in three stages in April and October 1998, and April 1999 to bring it into line with the National Association of Local Councils/Society of Local Council Clerks recommendations.

Councillor Bell said that he would not be able to attend the next meeting which would have been his last as Chairman. He thanked the other members of the Council for their support during his term of office, and thanked Mrs Freeman for reporting the Council's business.