

**Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council**  
**held on Tuesday 12th May 1998 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

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

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bell.

**Election of Officers**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Imeson and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stevens that Councillor Groves be appointed Chairman. It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Kirk be appointed Vice Chairman.

Councillor Mrs Imeson gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Bell for chairing the previous year.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th April, 1998 were read and approved.

**Police Business**

Only three crimes were reported over the last four weeks - one minor vandalism and two car crimes. This compared favourably with 12 crimes in the same period last year. There had been a total of 55 incidents in the month which varied from a road traffic accident to alarms going off. This pleasing trend could be accounted for by many factors, including police officers spending less time dealing with crime and more time preventing it. The stop/search of suspicious vehicles had been particularly effective.

Extra patrols had resulted in children leaving the play area at dusk and there had been no further complaints.

Parking at Roseberry School was still a cause for concern and was being monitored.

Councillor Fletcher said that school governors had been disappointed by the response to the problem. The Parish Council supported the governors in their desire to see the problem dealt with firmly. More police visits are to be arranged. Sgt. Merritt asked if the Parish Council had considered yellow lines which could create a zone of safety.

Operation Blackbird, devised to enhance motorcycle safety, would run through the summer months. Bikes would be checked and advice given. Councillor Kirk asked if Great Ayton was on the "track". Sgt. Merritt said that the road from Stokesley to Helmsley was most popular. The A173 was a feeder road but not a problem at present. Drugs are to be the objective next month. 105 stop/searches had already been carried out and 30 arrests made for possession, supply, and allowing premises to be used. Misuse of cannabis was most prevalent locally and hard drugs appeared not to have reached the area. Councillor Mrs Imeson asked about children playing football on a grassed area on the Roseberry estate and was told that the resident who had complained was justified. The younger local children did not cause a problem but youths who arrived from elsewhere, sometimes as many as 15, were offensive and defiant. It was suggested that the planting of 2 or 3 trees would prevent games being played. A licence from Highways is to be requested.

**Matters arising**

Ayton School development There were no objections to the revised plans which included a mini roundabout and minor diversion of the river. Councillor Mrs Imeson expressed the view that this was as good as it could get and said that the planners thought it was very

nearly right. Thanks had been received from two residents for the efforts made on their behalf by the Councillors, particularly Councillor Mrs Imeson. A copy of a letter from a resident expressing grave concerns about the development is to be sent to Highways. Councillor Fletcher expressed concern about the ford and asked how the land on the other side of the river was to be maintained. Councillor Mrs Imeson said a solution was under discussion.

The resiting of the urinal was discussed and a suggestion made that it be placed in Waterfall Park. Councillor Fletcher felt that it suited the street scene better in the TIC car park and would be less susceptible to damage. It was thought that it would be used by hikers in the car park and would need drainage. The majority view was that Waterfall Park was preferable.

Safety inspection, play area Minute continued

Waste bins, arcade Minute continued

Grass, High Green Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that the stone plinth of the Capt. Cook statue was grass stained and it was suggested that paving be placed around it. In the meantime Mr Harrison is to be asked to cover it with a cloth when mowing or strimming.

Cemetery Superintendent's Mower Councillor Winn felt that it was doing the job it was built for but thought that the gear box should not have worn out so soon. He is to talk to Colin Atkinson.

Memorial seat, Mrs Ward Thompson The tree at Halfpenny Hill is the property of Ayton Firs. It was agreed that it should be chopped down if unsound.

Rear wall, toilets Revised estimates have not yet been received. Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that the request for grant had been approved.

Tree, corner Addison Road/Romany Road Licence to be applied for.

Lights, Chapel steps Minute continued.

Sponsorship, flower tubs Offers of sponsorship have been received for all existing tubs. It was agreed that more tubs should be obtained. It was thought that baskets would look good on the end of Mr. D Petch's wall. The Clerk is to seek his approval. Councillor Kirk said that Mrs Coles and Mr Featherstone should be asked if they were willing to continue maintaining the tubs. The Clerk is to ask HDC if they intend planting the baskets outside the toilets.

Dog dirt Councillor Fletcher is preparing posters to warn people of the consequences of allowing their dogs to foul in public areas.

Whitbread Bridge The Clerk is to obtain an estimate from the blacksmith for replacing the mesh. A price for shotblasting and repainting the underside of the bridge is also to be obtained.

Traffic calming, Roseberry Crescent The developers, who are paying for the measures, will not pay for a raised ramp. Councillor Mrs Imeson had been asked by residents to vote against calming measures. It was suggested that an urgent site meeting be arranged with Highways to discuss possible action.

## Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

C P Atkinson Garden Machinery	493.50
Mrs E Coles	46.50
NYCC Pension Fund	2148.51
P Bell	57.00
W B Helm	696.42
M L Holden	252.45
Inland Revenue	342.70

E Harrison	120.00
Bayford & Co Ltd (direct debit)	63.50

## Correspondence

Yorkshire Rural Community Council - request for annual subs., Country Air newsletter, North Yorks. and York village ventures, leaflet - Village Appraisals. It was proposed by Councillor Kirk and seconded by Councillor Winn that the subscription not be renewed. The motion was carried, with two abstentions.

Worsall Folk Dance Group - request to display on High Green on 4th July. This was approved.

HDC - receipt for World of James Herriot donation. It was agreed that the certificate be displayed in the library and then framed and hung in the Council Chamber.

The following items of information were received:-

- NYCC - LGPS Regs 1997 authorisation of SU5 leaver documents
- LGPS Regs 1997 authorisation of PEN11A and PEN12A starter docs.
- consultation exercise re local govt. pension regs. 1997 and Audit Commission report "Retiring Nature".
- Pension Fund contributions 1998/9 - forms Ac/SF1
- Pension Fund - report and accounts.

HDC - Public Entertainment Licence

NYCC - Library and arts revenue budget resolutions

NYP new policing plan and annual report for 1996/7

Parish Council News - newsletter. Submission by NYCC - modernising local govt.

Cornhill Insurance - certificate of motor insurance

Esk Valley Line - station competition application form. Sunday service timetable.

British Diabetic Assoc. - street collection 20th June.

YLCA - District/Parish councils liaison meeting 15th April - minutes

Play Group news/Arena - play equipment brochure

NYMNPA - newsletter

NY Police - 'C' Division - service plan

## Planning

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Layout of land, conversion of existing buildings to dwellinghouses, construction of dwellinghouses and flats with domestic garages, construction of bridge and relocation of existing footbridge - Ayton School.

Provision of dormer windows - 15 Greenacre Close

Extension to existing dwellinghouse - 106 Newton Road

Amendments - listed building consent, alterations and extension 10/12 Yarm Lane

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

Listed building consent for the demolition of existing buildings as amended, Ayton School

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling and garage - 2 Byemoor Ave

Alterations and extension to existing domestic outbuildings to provide additional living accommodation with double garage - 7 Low Green

Listed Building consent as above

Extension to existing vehicle repair workshop - 44 Newton Road

Extension to existing dwelling - 3 Orchard Close

#### Plans approved

Provision of dormer windows - 60 Marwood Drive

Provision of dormer windows - 3 Linden Road

Alterations and extension - cricket pavilion, Ayton School

#### Appeal

Appeal allowed - Mr C J Scarffe

#### **Any other business**

Councillor Winn reported that the sign was going up in Frankfield Place.

The Esk Valley Rail Partnership is ceasing and is to be followed by Friends of the Esk Valley Line. Councillor Winn asked if the Parish Council could assure them of continuing support. He thanked the Parish Council for hosting the NYMNPA Northern Area Parish Forum meeting.

Councillor Mrs Imeson brought up the subject of the fete and various aspects were discussed. It was suggested that local clubs and pubs be approached to see if a tug of war could be arranged.

Councillor Groves asked the Clerk to write to the hall letting secretaries to ask them to remind anyone booking a hall to put their dates in the "claiming dates" book at the library to avoid events clashing, as had happened recently. It was also suggested that a sign be put in the library window.

He reported that he had received a request from Mrs Sue Cass of the Community Care Association for additional volunteer respite carers.

The Tennis Club are to have a cake stall on 23rd May.