

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 9th June 1998 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors L. Groves, Chairman, B. Winn, R. Kirk, J. Fletcher, Mrs. J. Imeson, Mrs M. Stevens.
 PC Aspey also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bell.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th May, 1998 were read and approved.

Police Business

Parking outside Roseberry School was still a cause for concern and a letter had been sent to parents via the Headmistress which had led to some improvement. A traffic warden is to spot check the yellow lines in the village at weekends.

There had been 10 crimes since the last meeting, compared with 25 in the same period last year, of which 7 were auto related. There had been 9 arrests relating to drug abuse.

HARPAC are holding a cycle post code marking morning on Saturday 20th June on the High Green at a cost of 20p per cycle.

Councillor Mrs Stevens brought to the attention of the meeting that Guides and Brownies do not do 'bob a job' and are not allowed to knock on doors under any circumstances.

There had been 2 occasions this year when guides/brownies had been knocking on doors asking for jobs.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that two youths aged about 14 had been marauding around the village at 2.00 am. PC Aspey said that the police patrolled throughout the night. Councillor Kirk reported that a number of milk bottles had been stolen 2 weeks ago.

Councillor Winn said that there had been an incident at the entrance to Tiledsheds Farm on Saturday night when 4 youths had been using threatening behaviour.

Matters Arising

Ayton School development Councillors Mrs Imeson and Fletcher had had a meeting with members of the sports clubs to discuss plans for the playing fields. The Parish Council resolved they should try to make progress. Plans for the resiting of the urinal were received.

Safety Inspection, play area Minute continued.

Waste bins, Arcade No progress had been made in the effort to obtain further donations towards the cost of the bins. It was decided to abandon the attempt.

Grass, High Green The plinth of the Captain Cook statue has been cleaned and looks much improved. The paving is not yet in place. Mr. Harrison has been asked to cover the plinth when mowing.

Cemetery Superintendent's Mower Minute continued.

Memorial Seat, Mrs Ward Thompson The Clerk is to write to Mrs Noble to ascertain if she wishes to dedicate the seat. A letter from Strutt and Parker opined that the tree at Halfpenny Hill near the seat was sound. They suggested that the Parish Council could employ a tree surgeon for a professional opinion at its own expense. It was agreed to leave the tree for the time being, though Councillor Winn still had reservations.

Rear wall, toilets The offer of a grant from Hambleton District Council had been received.

The estimate from Mr B Johnson is to be accepted.

Trees, corner Addison Road/ Romany Road, and Roseberry Crescent/Avenue The Clerk reported that Highways had expressed reservations about planting trees close to housing as problems could be caused by roots, and visibility at the road junctions could be impaired. It was agreed that small ornamental trees would be appropriate. The Clerk is to contact Highways again with this suggestion and ask that Highways provide guards for them.

Lights, Chapel steps Minute continued.

Sponsorship, flower tubs Sponsor signs have been obtained. It was noted that if more tubs were obtained, watering them could pose a problem. Guisborough and Great Ayton Rotary Club had offered to sponsor a tub or provide tree guard/s. It was thought that a donation for tree guards would be useful. Mr Petch has agreed that a basket could be put on his wall. Hambleton will fill the baskets on the toilet walls if required. It was agreed that it would be preferable for the Parish Council to deal with them.

Dog dirt Councillor Fletcher has prepared posters which are to be displayed in the village.

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued.

Traffic calming, Roseberry Crescent Councillors Fletcher, Mrs Imeson and Mrs Stevens met with Mr E Hayward, Highways Officer, and the Headmistress of Roseberry School to discuss the problem. Residents of Roseberry Estate do not want speed humps and Mr Hayward is to put forward some alternative schemes. It was agreed that a solution which would be acceptable to the residents was important as they have to live with it 24 hours a day, whereas the school has the problem only twice a day. The major problem is still inconsiderate parking by parents.

Certificate, World of James Herriot This has been framed and is on display in the Library.

Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

Thompsons Hardware	16.49
Len Wilson (Containers) Ltd	89.89
Cornhill Insurance	643.29
Mrs E Coles	64.50
M L Holden	252.45
W B Helm	703.78
Inland Revenue	335.34
Cash (prize money, fete)	110.00
W B Helm	26.90
M L Holden	67.49
E Harrison	150.00
Bayford & Co Ltd (direct debit)	101.83

Correspondence

A letter from Mrs Sillars of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme asked if a group who live at the top of the Chapel Steps could put a sign there. There were no objections. Minutes of the AGM were enclosed.

HARPAC - letter re. Neighbourhood Watch street signs.

Great Ayton Parish Church - letter suggesting ideas for the Millennium.

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service - poster to warn of the danger of fire in the countryside. It was suggested that National Parks be asked if they would provide a notice board at Gribdale for the poster.

NYCC - Corporate Plan for the County Council - request for views. The Clerk is to reply

endorsing the plan.

NYMNPA - Management Plan. Publication - 'Measuring Change'. Invitation to sign 'Local Accord'

The following items of information were received:-

HDC - Street naming and numbering, Great Ayton, Ayton School development and Meadow View, Greenhow Hill Farm.

CPRE - Voice, newsletter. Annual report 1998. Order form for cards/calendars. Raffle tickets.

David Bowe MEP - 'Cleveland and Richmond Euro News'.

Hambleton District Sports Council - AGM agenda for 4th June.

NYMNPA - Agenda for meeting 1st June.

Endurance Events Ltd - notification of event 13th/14th June.

Planning

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Extension to existing dwelling - 3 Sunnyfield

Extension to existing dwelling - Topcliffe House

Extension to existing dwelling to include domestic garage - 11 Linden Road

Listed Building consent - removal of urinal, Ayton School

Siting of urinal - Ayton School. Two possible sites - TIC car park and Waterfall Park.

The Parish Council had no objections to either but preferred Waterfall Park.

Plans Approved

Alterations and extension - 2 Byemoor Ave

Alterations and extension - 10/12 Yarm Lane

Listed Building Consent - 10/12 Yarm Lane

Retention of dormer extension - 10 Pearsonville

Extension and garage - 5 Byemoor Ave

Extension to existing shop - 66 Newton Road

Plans refused - Extension - Tree Bridge Farm

Application withdrawn - Constr. of single detached dwelling and separate dom. garage - land adjacent to Eastbrooke.

Any Other Business

Ideas for the Millennium were discussed. Councillor Mrs Imeson thought it would be good to see in the New Year at the Christmas Tree on High Green, it being the centre of the village community, and that fireworks would be nice. Councillor Mrs Imeson said that the ideas put forward by the Church could be added to. It was agreed that something lasting to commemorate the year 2000 should be provided. Suggestions should be given to the Parish Council.

Councillor Winn commented that the notice boards were very full.

The drains on Dump Corner were not coping with the recent heavy rainfall.

Councillor Winn offered two tramcar seats from the original bowling green club house to

the Bowling Club. It was thought that this offer would be gratefully received.

A trailer sign advertising Campbells MOT, tyres and exhausts was parked on Stevens Yard. Councillor Winn had notified HDC who could do nothing about it as it was on private land. Councillor Mrs Stevens had also received two complaints about it.

Councillor Fletcher reported that the white lines on Low Green had been painted in the wrong place. Highways have agreed to move them.

The station sign was pointing towards Little Ayton.

An oil spill from Yuill's development at Tiledsheds Farm had got into the beck and the Environment Agency had employed a floating barrier to contain it. Contaminated soil has been stock piled for removal.

North Yorkshire County Council have advised that the iron bridge at Little Ayton is not safe for all weights and intend to impose restrictions. Cross Lane is used by all heavy haulage to the farms at Little Ayton and such restriction would mean heavy lorries having to come through Great Ayton. Councillor Fletcher is to write in his capacity as County Councillor to inform NYCC of the Parish Council's concerns.

Councillor Fletcher suggested that the village should have a web site. For a nominal sum per month the village could advertise its attractions and the cost could be recouped from local businesses making use of the facility. The Clerk has access to the internet. Councillor Mrs Imeson said HDC already had a web site in which Great Ayton was mentioned. Councillor Fletcher asked that the idea be given some thought over the next 12 months.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that the hedge opposite the buck was overgrown and the grass verge was half way over to the white line. The Clerk is to contact Highways.

Councillor Mrs Imeson asked that Highways be contacted about Easby Lane. A resident had complained that they do one side but not the other.

Following a meeting which she had attended, Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that the Drama Society had spent a lot of money in the Village Hall and were intending to spend more.

The opening of All Saints Church takes place on 21st June at 6.00 pm.

Councillor Kirk said that the Great Ayton Relief in Need charity could be wound up and it was recommended that the trustees be asked to agree to this. Mrs Featherstone, who raises money for the old peoples' lunches, has been told by Health and Safety that she must have a new cooker and it was thought this would be a splendid way to use the charity money.

Councillor Groves informed the meeting that the National Trust were holding a summer evening walk at Cliff Rigg wood on July 15th at 6.30 pm.

Northallerton and District Diabetic Club hold a collection on 20th June, and Teesside Hospice hold one on 27th June.

Yorkshire Cancer are to sell cards on High Green on 10th and 30th October.