

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 7th July 1998 at 7.00 pm

Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. Imeson.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 1998 were read and approved.

Police Business

Crime figures were down again - 7 incidents this month compared to 15 for the same period last year. There had been a theft from a vehicle at Gribdale which had been observed and reported. As a result a young man had been arrested and £210 worth of property recovered. Councillor Groves expressed his satisfaction with the police performance. Councillor Winn asked if there had been any progress regarding the theft of sandstone urns. Police enquiries are ongoing. A group from Cleveland is believed to be responsible.

Councillor Bell reported on a TV programme from a school in Gloucester emphasising the dangers to children of parents' cars outside schools. He asked if there had been any improvement at Roseberry School since the police visit. The Police are still keeping an eye on the situation and there seem to be fewer problems.

Matters arising

Ayton School development Minute continued

Safety Inspection, play area This has now been done but the report has not been received.

High Green, Capt. Cook Statue Minute continued

Cemetery Superintendent's mower It was felt that the gearbox should not have failed so soon.

Councillor Winn is to consult Mr Atkinson before the Clerk writes to Husqvarna expressing the Council's concern at the failure.

Memorial seat, Mrs Ward Thompson Mrs Noble is now recovered and would like to dedicate the seat. Saturday 8th August was suggested as a possible date, to be confirmed. A letter from Strutt and Parker indicated that their client, Ayton Firs Estate, would be willing to pay for the tree surgeon to inspect the ash tree and remove any dead limbs. This offer was gratefully received.

Rear wall, toilets Minute continued

Trees, corner Addison Road/Romany Road, and Roseberry Crescent/Avenue Highways have asked for a plan of where the trees are to be planted and what variety is to be grown. Councillor Fletcher is to arrange a site meeting to discuss.

Lights, Chapel Steps These are still not in place. The Clerk is to contact HDC and ask that they be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Councillor Mrs Stevens said that she had reported faulty lights several times and nothing had happened. Mr Helm said that the light opposite the cemetery was on all the time. This also had been reported.

Sponsorship, flower tubs All the sponsor money has now been received. Councillor Mrs Stevens said that two ladies had seen a female motorist run into a tub and knock it over. She had then just walked off. Two young boys had put the tub back and replanted the flowers. The Clerk is to write thanking the boys for their action. It was reported that the tub had been knocked over several times and Councillor Fletcher suggested that it be moved. Councillor Winn was adamant that it remain in situ as it was serving the purpose for which it had been

intended, i.e. to prevent parking on the grass. Concern was expressed that the tub may fall apart. It was agreed to leave it for another month to see what happened. Councillors Fletcher and Mrs Stevens agreed that the tubs were beautiful. Councillor Fletcher expressed thanks to Mr Helm for affixing the sponsor signs. Councillor Kirk had spoken to Mrs Coles about responsibility for watering the tubs. Mrs Coles and Mr Featherstone would prefer to do the watering and feeding themselves. Mr Benn is to be asked to

water the flower baskets on the toilet walls when they have been filled. Councillor Winn is to ask Patsy to fill the baskets. Baskets are also to be obtained for the Chemist's wall and Mr Petch's wall. Councillor Winn thought that Mr Paul Suggitt's generosity in providing two tubs should be acknowledged by sponsorship signs. This was agreed.

Tree guards Councillor Bell is to have a word with a contact in Rotary to see if they would sponsor a tree or trees with less expensive guards, which would be more appropriate for the type of tree proposed.

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued.

Traffic calming, Roseberry Crescent Councillor Mrs Stevens expressed surprise that Mr Hayward had not yet put forward alternative schemes. Councillor Fletcher is to contact him.

Fire warning poster The Clerk had written to National Parks to suggest that a temporary noticeboard be erected at Gribdale for the notice. No reply has yet been received.

White lines, Low Green These have not been rectified. The Clerk is to remind Highways.

Iron bridge, Little Ayton Councillor Fletcher had contacted NYCC to express the Parish Council's concerns but a weight restriction is to be imposed as the bridge is unsafe. All bridges in the county have to be examined to comply with EC regulations.

Highway matters Highways have asked the owner of the Buck to cut back the hedge. They did not think there was a problem with the white line. Councillor Mrs Stevens did not agree and the Clerk is to pursue the matter. The verge in Easby Lane does not require attention. Councillor Fletcher reported that the hedge on Guisborough Road near the allotments was rampant, and Councillor Bell said that the footpath up Station Road was so overgrown that people pushing prams had to walk in the road, which compromised safety. Both these matters are to be reported to Highways.

Great Ayton Relief in Need Charity Councillor Kirk reported that the trustees had yet to meet. When a decision had been reached the Parish Council would purchase the cooker and the Charity would make an appropriate donation.

Northallerton and District Diabetic Club had had a wonderful display for their collection but concern was expressed by Councillor Mrs Stevens that they had taken up 4 parking bays with their vehicle. This was thought to be inappropriate on a Saturday morning and several complaints had been voiced.

Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

L. Groves	17.98
The Royal Oak	146.97
Northumbrian Water	43.26
P. Greenwell Contractors	75.86
M. L. Holden	10.63
T. Featherstone	74.00
W B Helm	770.17
M L Holden	252.45
Inland Revenue	381.59
E Harrison	120.00
Bayford & Co Ltd	66.24

Correspondence

A letter from Marwood School thanked the Parish Council for help with "Summer Draw" on fete day.

A letter from Dr Shelton outlined his concerns for the speed limit signs in Station Road and Little Ayton Lane. The Clerk is to reply that the Parish Council has noted his comments and supports his views.

HDC - Millennium Celebrations - National Lottery. Information regarding lottery bids and help with grant assistance.

A letter from Mrs R. Waterton suggested various ideas for sports facilities to mark the Millennium.

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum, notes for meeting on 28.4.98. Request for agenda items for next meeting, 23.7.98. Councillor Winn is to pursue the abuse of grassed areas at Gribdale Gate by motorists. Well placed boulders would discourage them. The track to the left of Gribdale Gate which is used for nefarious purposes would benefit from being blocked off.

Moorsbus timetable. It was suggested that an enlarged copy of the route map be displayed on the village

noticeboard. It was said that this was an excellent service which linked up with Esk Valley Railway. Cleveland Mental Health Support Group requested permission to hold a duck race on the river. This was approved.

Carole Freeman Dunn thanked the Parish Council for its hospitality on fete day.

NYCC - Co. Councillor Mrs C M Seymour asked if the Parish Council would be willing to host the next Police Community meeting. This was agreed. The Clerk is to book the Village Hall.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau - invitation to nominate a representative to serve on their committee. There were no takers.

Northallerton District Community Health Council - Annual Report 1997/8

Eskpress - newsletter

Craftworks! - notification of seminars - applications for funding, and managing funding.

NYMNPA - Agenda for meeting on 29th June

HDC - hedgerow removal notice, Winley Hill Farm. The Parish Council had no objections.

Planning

The following applications were received:-

Amended layout of land and construction of 11 dwelling houses with domestic garages - 98 Newton Road. The Parish Council objected to this on three counts. They did not like the side aspect of the house on plot 11 onto Newton Road. The gable ends of a house and two garages were too close to existing properties in Wheatlands. They thought the turning circle should be moved to the top of the development. Installation of 4 solar panels - 15 High Street. There were no objections but the Council requested that consideration be given to the suitability for a conservation area.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Construction of domestic double garage - 100 Newton Road

Extension - 2 Roseberry Road

Amendments - layout of land, conversion of existing school buildings, constr. of bridge and relocation of existing footbridge - Ayton School.

Plans approved

Listed building consent for demolition of existing buildings - Ayton School

Extension - 3 Orchard Close

Listed building consent - alterations - Ivy Cottage, High Green

Extension to vehicle repair shop - 44 Newton Road.

Plans refused

Siting of urinal - TIC car park.

Any other business

The Parish Council Accounts for the year 1997/8 were approved and signed. Thanks were expressed to the Clerk, her husband, and Councillor Kirk for their hard work in preparing them.

Councillor Winn said that the trod was in a disgusting condition. Councillor Groves thought it should be blocked off but Councillor Mrs Stevens said that it was one of the few remaining original tracks and should be preserved. Highways are to be asked to tidy it up.

A resident of Frankfield Place had complained about an unsightly caravan parked on the road.

Councillor Winn is to find out to whom it belongs.

The grass in Newton Road, outside Woodbine Close is very long. Ryedale Housing Assoc. are to be asked to cut it.

Councillor Winn reminded the Parish Council that it was the last year of the Esk Valley Rail Partnership. He is to suggest that they write to Great Ayton Parish Council, and the other Parish Councils down the line, if they wish to ask for assistance.

Councillor Fletcher asked who had authorised the bollards which had been erected outside AMR Motors. The Clerk is to write to Highways expressing disappointment that the work had been done without

consultation with the Parish Council.

Councillor Fletcher suggested that a laser printer might be more appropriate for the new stationery. It was agreed that various possibilities be investigated.

HDC are to be asked to ensure that their Sunday street cleaner disposes of his rubbish in the proper place and not in the layby.

Councillor Mrs Stevens informed the meeting on behalf of Councillor Mrs Imeson that the request for a grant for CCTV had been refused by the Home Office. Mrs Imeson had also asked who had ordered a sign for Frankfield Place in the name of the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that someone in a motorised wheelchair had been unable to gain access to the cemetery through the small gates. Mr Helm said that the large double gates were open all day from Monday to Friday.

Councillor Groves reported that a tap on the allotments was faulty. The Clerk is to contact Mr. Greenwell.

It was reported that the cemetery drains required urgent attention. The Clerk is to contact Mr Snowball.

It was reported that lots of children had been seen climbing the Captain Cook statue. It was hoped residents would challenge anyone they saw doing so.

The Village Fete had been a success in spite of the poor weather. It was agreed that the standard of floats had been extremely high and a suggestion was made that separate categories for children and adults might be appropriate for future years.

Millennium

Councillor Kirk suggested that a programme be put together for the next fete which would be in the millennium year.

A message from Councillor Imeson suggested that a meeting be organised soon for all interested parties to discuss ideas. Joni Essex had put forward the idea of a doomsday book as a permanent memento, which was thought to be a good notion.

Councillor Kirk proposed a flagpole. Councillors Fletcher and Groves agreed that this was an excellent idea, and High Green was suggested as a possible site. The Clerk is to obtain prices from Harrison Bros., Darlington.

Councillor Fletcher suggested that the Parish Council could act in a co-ordinating role, helping implement ideas from interested bodies in the village. It was asked whether a grant might be available for fireworks at midnight.