

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 4th August 1998 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs M Stevens, Mrs J Imeson, J Fletcher, B Winn, P Bell. Three members of the public also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Groves and R Kirk.

In the absence of both the Chairman and vice Chairman, it was proposed and seconded that Councillor Mrs Imeson act as Chairman for the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th July were approved and signed.

Police Business

There was no police attendance and Councillors had no police matters to discuss.

Matters arising

Ayton School Development Minute continued

Safety Inspection, play area The report has been received. Councillor Fletcher is to go through it to see what, if any, action needs to be taken.

High Green, Captain Cook Statue Minute continued.

Grass, High Green Mr Harrison is approaching the limit of cuts proposed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that he should continue to cut the High Green as necessary.

Cemetery Superintendent's mower The gearbox is to be returned to Husqvarna.

Memorial seat, Mrs Ward Thompson The dedication is to take place on 8th August, followed by coffee in the Royal Oak.

Rear wall, toilets The Clerk is to contact the builder to ask him to expedite the work.

Trees, corner Addison Road/Romany Road, and Roseberry Crescent/Avenue A plan is to be marked for autumn planting.

Lights, Chapel steps The Clerk reported that HDC had the job on their list to be dealt with in due course. She is to contact HDC again and stress that the lights are required urgently.

Sponsorship, flower tubs, wall flower baskets The wall baskets on the toilets have been filled.

Tree guards Minute continued.

Whitbread bridge Minute continued

Traffic calming Roseberry Crescent A letter from NYCC indicated that the idea of speed humps had now been abandoned and that an alternative scheme of traffic calming measures would be drawn up and submitted for consideration.

Fire warning poster Minute continued

White lines, Low Green Minute continued

Iron bridge, Little Ayton Councillor Fletcher had written to NYCC expressing concerns about the closure of the bridge to heavy traffic. A copy of a letter to him from NYCC was received by the Parish Council, stating that there was no alternative but to impose a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes. It was unlikely that the bridge would be strengthened within three years due to funding difficulties. This was felt to be most unsatisfactory and the Clerk is to write expressing the Council's concern at the route milk lorries, combine harvesters, etc. will be forced to take. NYCC are to be asked to send someone to look at Little Ayton Lane in the hope that the bridge will be strengthened urgently.

Highway matters Due to limited funds, Highways were unable to rectify the problems with the footpath to the station, the hedge in Guisborough Road, or the encroaching verge near the Buck. The Council was not satisfied with this response and it was suggested that Highways be asked to send someone out to survey the problems with a member of the Council.

Cooker, Lunch Club Minute continued.

Grassed area, Gribdale Gate Councillor Winn reported that the NYMNPA taken on board the concerns of the Parish Council and had the matter in hand.

Moorsbus timetable An enlarged copy of the network had been received and is to be displayed in the

noticeboard. It was noted that this was the first time Great Ayton had been included in the route.

Police Community meeting Minute continued.

Parish Council Accounts - Audit The District Auditor had contacted the Treasurer at HDC to say that overall Hambleton parish accounts had been excellent and that they wished to compliment Great Ayton.

Trod The complaint regarding the condition of the trod has been passed to the Public Rights of Way Officer. Councillor Mrs Imeson had inspected it with Mr. Hayward and found it to be satisfactory.

Caravan, Frankfield Place This has been removed.

Grass, Woodbine Close This has been cut.

Esk Valley Rail Partnership No request for assistance had been received. The Council expressed their support for the line.

Bollards, Newton Road The bollards had been erected following a complaint from Councillor Winn. A letter from a resident was read to the meeting, expressing outrage that the bollards were not thought to be necessary.

Parish Council stationery It was thought that the Clerk's printer might be able to reproduce the approved design. It was agreed that an ex gratia payment of £25 be made to Mr Hughes for producing the artwork.

Faulty tap, allotments Minute continued.

Cemetery drains Mr Snowball has not yet inspected the drains. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to obtain two more tenders as a matter of urgency. The Clerk is to contact Mr D McGloyne at HDC to ask his advice.

Village fete The fete recorded a net loss of £42.64

Accounts

The following were passed for payment:-

	B Winn 40.00
C P Atkinson Garden Machinery	117.72
W B Helm	716.19
M L Holden	252.45
Inland Revenue	350.70
NPFA Services	70.50
E Harrison	120.00

Correspondence

A letter from Great Ayton Twinning Association requested that the Parish Council give consideration to the erection of twinning signs at the approaches to the village. It thought that these would be better sited on the metal Hambleton signs than on the stone mounts. HDC are to be asked if they will permit this. It was agreed that the Parish Council pay for the signs.

A former resident asked for confirmation that space had been reserved for the interment of ashes in the Garden Remembrance. He is to be advised that the Cemetery Regulations do not permit this.

A letter from REVOLT summarised their aims and invited membership. The Clerk is to reply that the Parish Council support them in principal.

Hambleton District Council - request for comments/suggestions re public open space. The Parish Council is satisfied with current arrangements.

HDC - list of planning committee site visits

District Audit - audit of accounts 1997/8

Bow House Publishing - invitation to renew advertisement. It was agreed to go ahead.

Midland Bank - request for authorisation signatures on letter re Silver Band account.

NYCC - Stevens Yard development - information re decision not to re-site bus stop.

NYMNPA - thanks for signing local accord

North Yorks Rural Community Council - Country Air newsletter, NPFA brochure - Moving the Goalposts, children, sport and play in the millennium. English Basketball Assoc. brochure. Image Builders brochure - play equipment.

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum agenda for 23.7.98. North Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust - news release, for info.

OFWAT - annual report

NYCC - guide to LGPS

Mrs D Honeyman - thanks to the Parish Council for allowing the Worsall Folk Dance Group to dance on High Green.

NYCC - Parish Council News.

CPRE - reminder for subscription renewal. It was agreed to renew.

HDC - street naming and numbering, Ayton School. Confirmation of postal addresses.

HDC asked that the Council to consider proposals for the naming of the new development at Tiledsheds Farm. None of the proposals were thought suitable and the Clerk is to suggest to HDC that Tiledsheds Farm Garth would be acceptable.

Environmental Health notified the Council that a request had been made to locate a mobile food outlet on Low Green. The applicant had been advised to contact the Parish Council.

HDC had telephoned concerning trees overhanging the parking bays on Low Green. The Cemetery Superintendent is to be asked to trim them.

Planning

The following applications were received:-

Amended layout of land and construction of 11 dwellings with domestic garages - 98 Newton Road. The Council objected to the proximity of the new buildings to existing dwellings in Wheatlands. They would like to see the turning area at the head of the development. It was agreed that better provision should be made for the telephone box, and children waiting for school buses.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Conversion of existing theatre to 3 dwellings - 9 Newton Road

Alterations and extension - Field House

Outline application for construction of bungalow - Beck Hollow

Display of externally illuminated sign, externally illuminated emblem and 2 externally illuminated projecting signs - Royal Oak

Listed building consent for above

Minor amendment - alterations and extension 35 Newton Road

Listed building consent - replacement window and retention of existing door 25 Bridge Street

Plans approved

Provision of dormer windows - 15 Greenacre Close

Extension - 3 Sunnyfield Nurseries

Extension - 11 Linden Road

Double garage - 100 Newton Road

Cliff Rigg Wood

Following a walk in Cliff Rigg Wood with Mr Bob Dicker of the National Trust, during the course of which the poor state of the path known as the Liverick was discussed, Councillor Fletcher had prepared a paper detailing the problem. It was reported that the National Parks would require a quarrying licence for the movement of stone to reinforce the path. The Parish Council suggested that there could be no objection to the movement of small quantities. The National Park Authority is to be informed of the Parish Council's support for the National Trust. The Parish Council applauded the accessibility of the wood for visitors and locals.

Any Other Business

It was reported that since HDC had altered the flushing process in the public urinal problems had arisen. These had now been rectified.

Various maintenance matters were discussed. The grass against the curbs on High Green needs to be lifted out with a spade. The iron seats around the village need to be repainted. Hedges in Station Road,

the TIC car park, Waterfall Park, outside the Village Hall, and the Cemetery need to be trimmed. Residents in Station Road are to be asked to deal with their hedges. Councillor Winn will cut the Village Hall hedge and the Cemetery Superintendent is to deal with the other matters. The footbridge at the bottom of Low Green is in need of refurbishment. Highways have taken responsibility for this and are to be contacted.

It was suggested that Community Services could help with odd jobs but they had not recently been used because of lack of supervision and poor quality work. It was agreed that an approach be made to the Probation Service to ask how the Parish Council could benefit.

Provisional dates for Christmas activities were agreed - carol service on High Green, Monday 21st December, and the float Wednesday, 23rd December.

Mrs M Dodd had asked if the Parish Council would accept a seat in memory of Dr Dodd, to be sited on High Green opposite the shops. This offer was gratefully accepted.

It had been noticed that the Library clock had stopped. The Clerk is to write saying that it is missed.

A letter had been received complaining about the lack of safe crossings in the village. Highways are to be asked to investigate the possibility of a crossing near Church Road or the Parochial Hall, which was felt to be the only appropriate location. Councillor Fletcher is to contact Highways.

Concern was expressed about speeding along Guisborough Road. A resident said that his car had been damaged. It was thought that some lorries which did not need to were using the road. Lorries were reported to speed through the village at night. It was felt that it was a pity the police were not present to hear the complaints. The Clerk is to write to the police and ask them to do speed checks. They are also to be asked to monitor the junction at Tree Bridge which is still causing problems. The Clerk is to write to local haulage firms asking them to avoid Great Ayton if possible, and to make sure that their drivers observe the speed limit.

The street cleaner Mr Jackie Benn is to retire in October.

Millennium

The Parish Council very much liked Joni Essex's idea of a Domesday book. She is to be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss.

A public meeting is to be held on 8th September for people to put forward suggestions. Ideas already raised included a marquee for a ball, to be followed the next day by an afternoon tea, events to be put on in the Youth Hall and WI Hall, a service to be held round the Christmas tree on High Green, and a firework display. Costs could be met by increasing the precept. It was reported that the vicar had suggested a show like the one put on for VE Day. In Jubilee Year Councillor Mrs Imeson had arranged two nights of entertainment - it was suggested that this could be done twice for the Millennium.

It was agreed that the Library Committee be approached for permission to site a flagpole outside the library.