

**Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council**  
**held on Tuesday 1st September 1998 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

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

**Domesday Book**

Mrs Essex made a presentation of her plans for domesday book which was favourably received by the Parish Council and will be discussed further.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th August 1998 were approved and signed.

**Police Business**

It was reported that plants had twice been pulled out of the bed in front of the Great Ayton sign near the allotments. It was believed that the culprits were young boys going to the allotments. The police are to be asked to watch for them. The bed will be replanted later in the year.

Concern was expressed about illegal fly posting just outside the area.

Councillor Bell said he had nearly been hit by a cyclist with no lights riding on the footpath. He asked that cyclists use lights. Councillor Fletcher reported that a bicycle had been left obstructing the footpath outside Heagneys.

Regret was expressed that the police had again not attended the meeting. The Clerk is to write asking them to submit a written report if they are unable to attend, and to say that their presence was missed.

**Matters Arising**

Ayton School Development - The road at the rear of High Green is to be closed to allow for the stone frontage to be cleaned.

Safety inspection, play area Councillor Fletcher had perused the report and produced a summary. It was suggested that NPFA be approached to provide a plan for future equipment and layout. The Cemetery Superintendent is to be asked to carry out the small repairs needed. It was agreed that a rolling programme of renewal be adopted. The fact that the play area does not comply with the standard does not mean that is unsafe.

High Green, Capt. Cook statue The paving is now in place. The Clerk is to write to Mr S Quartermain at HDC to express the thanks of the Parish Council.

Cemetery Superintendent's mower Minute continued.

Trees, corner Addison Road/Romany Road, and Roseberry Crescent/Avenue Minute continued.

Light, Chapel steps HDC are looking carefully at replacement lights. Councillor Winn is to enquire if the trees overhanging the path can be cut back.

Tree guards Minute continued.

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued.

Traffic calming, Roseberry Crescent Minute continued.

White lines, Low Green Minute continued.

Highway matters A meeting had been held with Mr Woods from Highways. He was of the opinion that once the hedge near the Buck had been cut back, the verge would disappear as cars drove over it. He suggested that the hedge on Guisborough Road be cut back hard and then the Parish Council take responsibility for it. This was agreed. He was unable to provide men to dig out the footpath on Station Road but would arrange to have the grass verge cut. Councillor Mrs Imeson said it was a disgrace that Highways did not do the jobs for which they were responsible. It was reported that the landlord of the Buck would have dealt with the hedge had he known of the Parish Council's concern. The Clerk is to write to him expressing the Council's gratitude for his dealing with the problem.

Police Community meeting This has been arranged for 7.30 pm on 6th October 1998 in the Village Hall.

Trod This is in a disgraceful condition and just about impassable because of nettles. The Highways Footpaths Officer is to be asked to have it cleared.

Grass, Woodbine Close The grass needs to be cut again and the Clerk is to ask Rydale Housing Association how frequently they mow it.

Bollards, Newton Road The majority of the Parish Council would prefer to see them go. However, if they are to stay, the bollard closest to the village needs to be moved as it has already been bumped by vehicles leaving the garage. The Clerk is to write to Highways.

Faulty tap, allotments Minute continued.

Cemetery drains HDC advised that they used Mr Snowball for drain work, or failing him, Fodens. The Clerk is to chase up Mr Snowball, or if he is not available contact Fodens.

Twinning signs HDC refused permission for the signs to be mounted on the district signs. It was agreed that they should be mounted on short poles behind the stone Great Ayton mounts. The Clerk is to contact Highways and ask them to arrange for the signs to be made and erected.

Street naming, new development Tilesheds Farm Minute continued.

Maintenance matters/ hedges It was proposed that a petrol hedgecutter be purchased for the use of the Cemetery Superintendent. Councillor Winn is to organise the purchase. The hedges outside the Village Hall, and in Station Road have been cut. Other maintenance jobs are still to be completed.

Community Service Minute continued.

Christmas Float Councillors Mrs Stevens and Mrs Imeson are to sort out the theme for this year's float.

Library Clock Minute continued

Speeding, Guisborough Road A local haulier had been contacted and had immediately notified his drivers of the problem. He said that they were told not to drive in convoy but occasionally they did catch each other up.

Retirement of street cleaner A gift is to be purchased for Mr Benn and a letter of thanks written for his hard work in the village. Councillor Groves will make the presentation.

Flagpole outside Library Minute continued.

## Accounts

P H Greenwell	238.77
B Pinder	100.00
G Hughes	25.00
CPRE	17.50
W B Helm	26.90
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M L Holden	252.45
Inland Revenue	350-.93
Bayford & Co Ltd	104.23

## Correspondence

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - nomination for entry to awards scheme, notes of meeting, request for information on progress with NW signs. The Clerk is to reply that the Parish Council gave a commitment to pay for the signs but understood that NW would do the paperwork.

North Yorkshire County Council Legal Services - notice re. temporary closure of High Green

Mrs J Holme - request for consent to erect NW signs in Easby Lane. The Parish Council has no objections.

NYMNPA - Agenda for information.

NatWest - questionnaire re. service provided.

Rosedale Lighting - brochures re. low voltage lighting systems. To be passed on to P Greenwell.

NYCC - LGPS Regs 1997 stationery

HDC - free events listing in 1999 visitor guide

Parish Council News - news letter, A - Z directory of environmental services

NYMNPA - Planning Committee agenda, for information

NYMNPA - Review of development control procedures, notes for guidance

Stokesley Parish Council - Invitation to open meeting, Fire Services Department 11th September, in Stokesley Town Hall. Councillors Groves, Winn and Kirk are to attend.

Councillor Mrs C Seymour - Police and Community Liaison Meeting - posters and minutes of last meeting.

NYMNPA - Planning Committee Agenda 9th September 1998

HDC - Training for Parish/Town Councillors - planning issues, Wednesday 4th November. Councillors Winn and Mrs Stevens, and the Clerk, are to attend.

## **Planning**

The following planning applications were received:-

Amendments - layout of land and construction of 15 dwellings Sunnyfield Nurseries. It was reported that residents were concerned about the footpath and would like to see a footpath on the other side of Easby Lane. The Parish Council would prefer to see the house on plot 5 angled to the corner so that its rear was not facing the new road or Easby Lane.

Outline application for construction of detached dwelling, Station Road. The Parish Council do not want any more ribbon development. The plot is outside the village limits as defined by the Local Plan, which has been adopted. A letter of objection was received from a resident.

Formation of vehicular access track to include the construction of a bridge and provision of gates, Little Ayton Lane. The Parish Council felt that there were better ways. If the access has to be from Little Ayton Lane they would prefer it to be adjacent to the hedge and away from the bowling green. It was felt to be of no advantage to the sports clubs, and a disadvantage to the residents of Leven Court, and the Bowling Club.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Reinstatement of windows, barn doors and ventilation slits - Fir Tree Barn.

Alterations and extension - 10 Angrove Drive.

Amendments - Ayton School

Amendments - extension to existing dwelling - Topcliffe House

Listed building consent for provision of replacement gutter and fall pipe - 23 Newton Road

Construction of double garage to replace existing - 6 Easby Lane

NYMNPA - application for extension and conservatory, Tall Trees, Aireyholme Lane.

### Plans approved

Extension - 106 Newton Road

Installation of solar panels - 15 High Street

Alterations and extension - Field House

Extension - Topcliffe House

### Plans refused

Extension - 2 Roseberry Road

Planning enforcement notice appeal, Mr and Mrs Tanfield

Planning appeal dismissal - Wynford Developments.

## **Any other business**

It was reported that the light at dump corner was not working. Also lighting was inadequate at the Frankfield Place/Roseberry Crescent junction. Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that HDC had not yet completed their improvements.

Councillor Winn is to purchase some Roundup to deal with the roots of the ash tree near the Village Hall.

It was reported that the side of the river near the stone bridge was in need of attention. The Cemetery Superintendent is to be asked to attend to it.

Councillor Fletcher reported that early morning deliveries to the shops on the High Street were disturbing residents. It was suggested that residents make their own complaints.

BT had dug up cobbles on High Green 9 weeks ago and had still not replaced them. Mr Woods of

Highways was in contact with them.

It was noted that the beech hedge near Leven Court, Little Ayton Lane had not been replaced. The Clerk is to write to Mrs Johnson at Highways, County Hall.

A strong letter is to be sent to the Environment Agency who have still not removed the boom in the river near Waterfall Park.

The post box in Station Road has been moved.

The Newton Road sign on dump corner is obscured by weeds.

Councillor Fletcher said that the Parish Council should have a safety policy. He is to prepare one.

A report had been received that the cut between The Hawthorns and Linden Grove was overgrown. Highways are to be asked to look at it. The fence at 32 The Hawthorns is in a bad condition.

A request had been received for a ramp at the cemetery gate by Yatton House.

Councillor Mrs Imeson had received a letter concerning a pedestrian crossing on Guisborough Road, speeding, and heavy lorries. She had passed the letter on to Highways who would decide on a crossing. It would not be near the junction. Speeding is the responsibility of the police. It was thought that most HGVs, when asked, did not use the route, except for access.

Councillor Winn was very concerned that ragwort, which is a poisonous weed, is widespread and said that it should be pulled up.