

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 29th September at 7.00 pm

Present

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

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 1998 were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Aspey apologised for the non-attendance of the police at the previous two meetings and confirmed that in future a written report would be submitted if no police officers were available.

There had been 16 crimes in September, the same number as for the same period last year. Burglaries and thefts had been targeted and arrests made.

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that she had received complaints from residents about noise and nuisance from the flat above Hook, Line and Sinker. The police are aware of the problem and will monitor the situation. The control of noise is the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

PC Aspey said that if the police were informed when the flower beds in front of the Great Ayton signs were replanted they would keep watch on them.

Cycling on footpaths is not tolerated. Youths mostly are responsible and if caught are given a stern telling off. Councillor Bell mentioned the death of twins who were riding without lights, which had been reported in the National Press, and said that it was important that parents be aware of the danger. The police will keep extra vigilance.

Councillor Winn expressed concern about parking on pavements, especially on Newton Road, above Tilesheds. Pedestrians were being obstructed. PC Aspey said that there was a fixed penalty option available, but as long as a push chair or pram could get through, parking was generally accepted.

Concern was expressed about a road side menu for Tree Bridge Hotel. HDC are to be informed.

PC Aspey was thanked for attending.

Matters Arising

Ayton School Development A draft lease agreement for the school playing fields had been received. The Parish Council requested that the clause relating to rental for the field be amended to say that any rent increase should not exceed the Property Rental Index. The stipulation that Wimpey be able to use the premises exclusively on six days each year should be amended to say not more than two at a weekend.

Safety Inspection, play area The report had highlighted problems with the roundabout. As it was a new piece of equipment, the suppliers are to be sent a copy of the report and asked to undertake appropriate remedial work. Local wood yards could be approached for estimates for suitable safety surfacing material. It was agreed that when the rolling replacement programme started better safety surfacing be used.

Cemetery Superintendent's mower A refund for the faulty gearbox had been received from Husqvarna.

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

Lights Chapel Steps It was agreed that the trees must be cut back. The resident to whom they belong had been approached and would allow them to be lopped. The meeting agreed that it was her responsibility and that she should be asked to have the work done. The lights are still not in place.

Tree guards Minute continued.

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued.

Traffic calming, Roseberry Crescent The Clerk read out a letter from a resident complaining about the way he believed the Parish Council had dealt with the question of speed humps. The Parish Council objected most strongly to the suggestion that they had colluded with a few residents to stop the implementation of speed humps. Residents had approached the Parish Council and petitions were received from residents concerned about noise and the effect on emergency vehicles, and parents of

school children. The Headteacher had been party to the discussions. Mr Hayward from Highways had suggested the compromise. Councillor Fletcher objected to the accusation that the Parish Council had not considered safety. It was agreed that any complaints should be directed at parents who parked badly.

White lines, Low Green Minute continued.

Highway matters The hedge near Buck Hotel has been cut. Highways will deal with the hedge in Guisborough Road and the verges in Station Road soon.

Police Community Liaison Meeting Councillors Groves, Kirk and Winn are to attend.

Trod Minute continued.

Grass Woodbine Close A letter from Rydale Housing Association said that NYCC had adopted the verge in September 1998 and it was their responsibility to cut the grass. Rydale had passed on the Parish Council's letter. Complaints had been received from residents who were dissatisfied with the grass cutting.

Bollards, Newton Road The bollard which was being scraped by cars leaving the garage will be moved as soon as resources allow. A resident had written a strong letter condemning the Parish Council's attitude to the bollards. Several Councillors were concerned that there would be an accident as there was now no longer an escape route. A heated discussion ensued. The Chairman said that individual councillors should not take unilateral action. It was reported that several bollards had been erected on Linden Avenue. The Clerk is to write to Highways to ask that no work be undertaken in the village without prior consultation with the Parish Council.

Faulty tap, allotments Minute continued.

Cemetery drains The work has been done.

Twinning signs A suitable position has not yet been found. The Clerk is to write to the Twinning Association and Highways to let them know what is happening.

Street naming, Tiledsheds Farm development It will be called Farm Garth.

Maintenance matters/hedges A hedge trimmer has been purchased. It was ascertained that the Cemetery Superintendent had suitable safety equipment.

Retirement of street cleaner Minute continued.

Flagpole outside Library The Library Services have asked for details of size and proposed siting of the flagpole. There is a national list of significant dates which will be supplied by the flag vendors.

Footbridge, Low Green The footbridge is not the responsibility of Highways. They are to be asked to provide paint, the Parish Council will organise painters.

Neighbourhood Watch signs Minute continued.

Fire Services Department meeting Councillor Groves had attended the meeting and thought that what was proposed was justified. It was felt that the notes in the report were misleading - when staff were not available neither appliance was manned. It was agreed that the Clerk inform the FSD that the Parish Council would prefer Stokesley to retain the more versatile 4 wheel drive machine, bearing in mind the outlying areas covered.

Street lights It was said that faulty lights at the top of Central Way/Hawthorns had been reported to HDC.

Beech hedge, Leven Court Mr Wilson from NYCC had passed the Clerk's letter to the builder whose responsibility it was to replace the hedge.

Safety Policy Minute continued.

Accounts

E Harrison	180.00
Worthy Pearson News	95.22
Northumbrian Water	39.38
The Royal Oak	8.00
Brian E Johnson	1285.45
M L Holden	23.50
Inland Revenue	350.92
W B Helm	716.20
M L Holden	252.22
Society of Local Council Clerks	12.00
B Winn	205.59

Bayford and Co. Ltd (direct debit)

65.49

Correspondence

Councillor Groves received a letter from the National Council of Women suggesting that Great Ayton be put on the internet as part of the Millennium Celebrations. Teesside University had funding to provide computers in schools, pubs, clubs, libraries etc. and had done so in Trimdon. Councillor Groves is to talk to the expert at the University. It was requested that the criteria for funding be investigated..

HDC - Millennium in Hambleton leaflet

Great Ayton Neighbourhood Watch - notice of intent to erect sign - Linden Road Group

NYMNPA - notes of meeting held on 23rd July. Notices for next meeting on 22nd October. Request for agenda items.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority - consultation document re. changes to fire cover

North Yorkshire TEC - information re roadshow

A letter was received from a resident complaining about the demolition of her hedge by one of the Parish Councillors. The Clerk is to write a letter of apology and purchase a plant for her.

NYMNPA - notice re. site meeting Fir Tree Barn

REVOLT - AGM 24.9.98. Minutes of previous meeting, Chairman's report.

NYCC - notice re Advisory Forum meeting

Wharnccliffe Publishing - invitation to launch of book

NYCC - Pension Fund - AVC Scheme - charter

NYCC - Pension Fund Advisory Forum meeting 23rd November.

Chloe Arnold - request for permission to have a cake stall outside Heagneys on 17th October.

NSPCC - request to have stall outside Heagneys on 16th and 17th October.

Christ Church - request to sell raffle tickets on 7th, 14th and 21st November.

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Extension - 21 Station Road. The Parish Council would prefer to see it set back

Amendments - provision of vehicular access track to include the construction of a bridge and provision of gates - land adjoining Leven Court, Little Ayton Lane. It was agreed that another access off Little Ayton Lane would be undesirable, and that the proposed track would cause unnecessary intrusion for the Bowling Green and Leven Court. A high fence would be essential round the bowling green.

No representations were considered necessary for the following:-

Amendments - layout of land and construction of 11 dwellinghouses with domestic garages - 98 Newton Road.

Extension - 2 Roseberry Road

Extensions - 21 Addison Road

Plans approved

Listed building consent - display of externally illuminated sign, emblem, and two externally projecting signs, 2 non illuminated signs and 2 lanterns - Royal Oak

Planning consent ditto

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

Conversion of part of existing theatre to 2 dwellings - 9 Newton Road

Plans refused

Outline application for construction of detached dwelling - Station Road

Planning appeal

Extension to include domestic garage - 15 Newton Road.

Millennium

The Clerk is to investigate prices for a marquee for a summer ball to be held on 17th June 2000.

Mrs J Essex is to be asked to provide estimates for the cost of publishing the Domesday Book. It was agreed that the paperback version be sold at a subsidised price. The hardback edition should be ordered and paid for in advance. Leather-bound copies would be obtained for Parish Council files and the Library.

Mr Greenwell is to be asked to provide detailed plans for his proposed weir on the river at Low Green.

Further suggestions for the celebrations were an old fashioned steam fair, and South Bank Silver Band.

A letter in the Darlington and Stockton Times caused the Parish Council concern. It was felt that the comments made were unjustified.

Any Other Business

Highways are to be asked to inspect the uneven pavement outside the Conservative Club.

The Cemetery Superintendent is to cut back the bushes on the river side, and trim the lower branches of the copper beech on High Green.

The noticeboard outside the Village Hall is in need of refurbishment. HDC are to be asked if they would replace it.

Residents are advised to throw away letters which are circulating offering prizes. The phone calls to claim the prizes are charged at £1 per minute.

HDC Arts Council require a representative for this area. Anyone interested in the position should contact Councillor Groves.