

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held Tuesday 27th October 1998 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Imeson.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 1998 were approved and signed.

Police Business

In the absence of an attendant police officer a written report was read to the meeting.

Two men from Middlesbrough were arrested following a ram raid at Cooper and Kime chemist.

Car crime continues to be the major problem and the current trend is to steal CD players and CDs. It is advised that alarms be fitted to cars.

The police are dealing with a number of local youngsters in relation to misuse of drugs. Houses have been raided and also a drug den in a local field.

Burglaries have occurred at old folks bungalows in Stokesley and Hutton Rudby. Neighbourhood Watches are to be asked to be extra vigilant.

Local parking problems will continue to be monitored.

Parish Councillors reported continued problems with cyclists without lights and wearing dark clothing ,and a skateboarder riding the white line in the centre of the road.

The police are to be informed of vehicles leaving North Road, Stokesley, without fuel caps and the resultant spill of diesel fuel.

A police presence is to be requested for the Remembrance Day Service on 8th November 1998.

It was reported that North Yorkshire Police are to be reorganised due to financial considerations. The number of divisions is to be reduced from 7 to 3. Richmond and Hambleton are to join Scarborough and Ryedale. It was felt that there was little affinity between what happens in Scarborough and what happens in Richmond. The Clerk is to write to the Chief Executive informing him that the Parish Council would like to see 4 divisions with Hambleton remaining with Richmondshire.

Matters arising from the minutes

Safety inspection play area Minute continued.

Trees, corner Addison Road/Romany Road and Roseberry Cres/Ave It was agreed to plant 2 oak trees on Langbaugh Corner, a flowering tree at the junction of Addison and Romany Roads, and 3 shrubs on the corner of Roseberry Crescent/Avenue. The Clerk is to submit a plan to Highways for approval.

Lights, Chapel Steps The Clerk is to write to HDC to express the Council's concern that the lights are still not in place, and also their disappointment with the standard of service with regard to faulty lights. It was reported that lights were out at the top of the Chapel Steps/Addison Road, 96 Guisborough Road, opposite the Schoolroom Museum, 4 on Central Way and light no. 31 on Guisborough Road. There has been no response to the letter requesting that the overhanging trees be cut back. The Clerk is to write again stating that if no reply is received the Parish Council will assume that the resident wishes them to carry out the work and submit an account.

Tree guards Councillor Bell is to contact Rotary.

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued.

White lines, Low Green Highways are to be contacted to ask them to expedite the matter.

Highways matters The verge in Station Road has been cut. Work has started on the hedge in Guisborough Road but some confusion has arisen as to what is being done. The Clerk is to ask Highways to clarify the matter.

Police Community Liaison Meeting Councillors Groves, Winn, Kirk and Fletcher attended. A new radar

gun was displayed. Inadequate lighting in the High Street was discussed. The local Neighbourhood Watch was reported to be one of the foremost in the country.

Trod Community Service are to be asked to provide labour to clear the path.

Twinning Signs Minute continued.

Retirement of street cleaner Mr Benn was presented with a letter of thanks from the Parish Council and a picture of Great Ayton, which he was very pleased to receive.

Flagpole outside Library The Library Services are to be asked to approve an 8 metre pole to the left of the Library door.

Footbridge, Low Green Community Service are to be asked to provide labour to paint the bridge.

Highways are to be asked for paint for the railings alongside the river on Low Green, and the iron bridge at Little Ayton.

Neighbourhood Watch signs Minute continued.

Beech hedge, Leven Court Minute continued.

Computers/internet Brian Loader from Teesside University is to be invited to give a presentation to the Parish Council regarding improving IT knowledge in the village. It was felt that a computer would be a valuable asset to the village and visitors.

Uneven pavement, Low Green Minute continued

Bushes river side, copper beech High Green The work is partly done. The trees on the main Green are also to be trimmed.

Notice board, Village Hall Minute continued.

Accounts

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| Mrs E Coles | 73.73 |
| G A Marwood | 250.00 |
| P H Greenwell Contractors | 122.79 |
| Northumbrian Water | 7.76 |
| Bayford & Co (direct debit) | 107.64 |
| M L Holden | 267.84 |
| W B Helm | 715.96 |
| Inland Revenue | 359.34 |
| M L Holden | 48.45 |
| B Winn | 19.30 |

Correspondence

NYMNPA - agenda for meeting on 26th October 1998

N. Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service - notice of public meeting on 12th November 1998

Glasdon - brochure re. new products

HDC - Millennium Toolkit, Grant Information Guide

NYMNPA - Agenda Planning Committee, 12th October, 1998

Bow House Publishing - proof "Come and Stay in Herriot Country"

HDC - Periodic Electoral Review - consultation document. Several points were raised:

1. Prefer not to see Great Ayton split into wards. Favour three district councillors acting for the whole village.
2. Would be sensible to include Little Ayton which has strong links with Great Ayton.
3. Periodicity of elections - stay with 4 years as at present.

The Clerk is to respond to HDC accordingly.

N. Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service - cooking fire safety initiative.

Eskpress - newsletter. EC funding is coming to an end. The Clerk is to write expressing support for the partnership, and the hope that it will continue. It was noted that there was no sign to the village in the station. It was suggested that a map be put in the shelter. Mrs Essex is to design map and the Clerk is to write to local businesses asking if they would like to sponsor the map by paying for advertising around the edge.

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum - agenda 22.10.98.

Local Government Commission for England - periodic electoral review.
 Yorkshire Rural Community Council - Yorkshire Rural Initiative Fund, Country Air newsletter.
 HDC - Parish Council Training - planning issues 4.11.98
 CPRE - raffle tickets, Hedgerows campaign, Voice
 Stokesley Badger Group - stall in High Street, 24th October 1998
 Mr D Welford - offer to move seat in Easby Lane from under tree. This was accepted.
 Chloe Arnold - cake stall, 7th November.

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Additional use of existing ancillary office accommodation for food preparation in conjunction with existing adjacent coffee shop - 5 Park Square. No representations were considered necessary..

Additional use of existing shop with storage area as a restaurant with associated facilities - 1 Park Square. Councillor Kirk declared a non pecuniary interest and abstained from comment. No representations were considered necessary.

Listed building consent - provision of replacement windows - 1 High Green. The Council wished to ensure that the replacement windows would be compatible with a very attractive listed building.

Recladding of existing building - Parochial Hall. No representations

Listed building consent - alterations to existing dwelling to form 2 dwellings - Ayton Hall. The Council wished to ensure that any changes would be compatible with listed building status.

Alterations to existing dwelling to form 2 dwellings - Ayton Hall. As above.

Extension - 43 Easby Lane. No representations.

Plans approved

Construction of domestic double garage to replace existing - 6 Easby Lane

Provision of vehicular and pedestrian access route to include the construction of a bridge and provision of gates - Land adjoining Leven Court, Little Ayton Lane.

Listed Building Consent for provision of replacement window and door - 25 Bridge Street.

Siting of urinal - Waterfall Park.

Listed Building Consent for removal of urinal - Ayton School.

Plans refused

Alterations and extension - 10 Angrove Drive

Alterations and extension - Fir Tree Barn, Lonsdale.

Millennium

Domesday Book Mrs Essex provided an estimate of costs from one publisher but had so far received no response from another. The Parish Council agreed in principle that the proposal should go ahead but would still like to see another cost for printing. Councillor Kirk is to prepare a risk analysis report. It was felt that pre-ordering of books would minimise risk.

Ball - estimates from marquee firms are awaited, also response from Mr Scrope re. use of his field.

Weir pool - minute continued.

Fete 2000 Mr T Bone suggested that he would like to recreate the mood of old village fetes by having a demonstration of thrashing corn on the High Green. He believed he could also arrange for some vintage vehicles and possibly Lightening and the steam organ from Prestons. His initiative was applauded and he was asked to go ahead.

Any other business

It was agreed to adopt a new form of agenda which would be more acceptable to the auditors.

Councillor Winn asked that the street cleaner be asked to clear the refuse at dump corner. He reported that a replacement hedge trimmer had been obtained.

Councillor Kirk proposed that the Council supported the Scouts firework display to the sum of £150 as in previous years. This was agreed.

Councillor Fletcher reported that the flower tubs had been replanted with winter pansies. The displays had been excellent throughout the summer and thanks were due to Mrs Coles, Mr Featherstone and the sponsors.

Councillor Bell had received a complaint from a resident that lorries were damaging the pavements at the new Tile Sheds development, and that a tree which should have been retained had been removed. It was agreed that the damage could not be helped and that the tree was not the subject of a preservation order.

Councillor Bell proposed that a get well card be sent to Councillor Mrs Imeson. Councillor Groves said that he had already sent one on behalf of the Parish Council.