

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

**Present**

Councillors L Groves, Chairman, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, J Fletcher, R Kirk, B Winn.  
 Sgt. G McArdle and PC Williams also attended.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Bell.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 1998 were approved and signed.

**Police Business**

Sgt McArdle reported that 20 arrests had been made in November as a result of extra resources for Operation Neighbour. The operation was to run until 15th December and it was hoped that the effect would be felt up to and beyond Christmas.

A different method of recording crimes would show an increase in crime figures.

There had been a burglary at Beech Close and several more at old folks homes in the area.

The play area is quiet at present but youths are now causing nuisance at Linden Grove electricity substation and the allotments.

Operation Jet Rock had resulted in 8 arrests for drug related offences

Poaching is currently a priority for the police.

As a result of complaints from the Parish Council, foot patrols are to monitor cyclists on footpaths.

The Traffic Warden is to visit Great Ayton once or twice a week to ensure that motorists observe the yellow lines, particularly on the river side near Lowthers. It was reported that the footpath there had been eroded by the river and had been barricaded off by Highways.

The Police were asked to provide assistance when the float tours the village on 23rd December.

Councillor Groves thanked Sgt McArdle for attending.

**Matters arising**

Ayton School development/lease for sports field It was agreed that the lease be entered into with effect from 1st January 1999.

Safety inspection, play area Minute continued

Trees, corner Addison Road/Romany Road and Roseberry Cres/Av Minute continued.

Lights, Chapel Steps HDC report that changes in staff and contractors have resulted in delays. A letter is to be written to Mrs Bland thanking her for having the trees cut back.

Tree guards, Rotary Minute continued

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued

White lines, Low Green Minute continued

Highways matters, hedge Guisborough Road/allotments Highways have cut back part of the hedge and will do another cut when requested to do so.

Trod Community Services do not undertake outside work in winter. Clearing the trod and painting the footbridge on Low Green and the iron bridge at Little Ayton are to be postponed until spring. The Clerk is to check the insurance position with regard to Community Service workers.

Twinning signs Minute continued.

Flagpole, Library Minute continued.

Footbridge, Low Green Postponed till spring.

Neighbourhood Watch signs Minute continued.

Beech hedge, Leven Court Minute continued.

Internet/computers, Teesside University Councillor Groves is to contact Mr Loader and report back.

Uneven pavement, Low Green Highways are to be reminded.

Noticeboard, Village Hall HDC are to be asked to provide a new board. The noticeboard on Park Square is also in need of refurbishment. The Clerk is to ask Mr D Barker, who donated it, if he could replace the back board.

Map, station Esk Valley Rail Partnership are to provide a map. They are unable to supply signs and have passed on the request to HDC.

**Accounts**

1st Great Ayton Scouts	150.00
E Harrison	120.00
T Featherstone	60.00
Royal British Legion	12.75
Society of Local Council Clerks	45.00
Bayford & Co Ltd (direct debit)	39.47
M L Holden	267.84
W B Helm	716.19
Inland Revenue	359.11
Tancred Gravel Ltd	219.98
Farmway	71.38
W B Helm (phone)	27.03

**Correspondence**

Yorkshire Rural Community Council - request for subs. The decision not to renew was confirmed.

NYCC - Pension Fund contact list

HDC - street naming and numbering, Newton Road. The developer's proposal of "Ayton Gardens" was rejected and "California Way", to reflect historical connections, was suggested.

NYCC Fire and Rescue Authority - notes for meeting on 12.11.98

NYMNPA - North York Moors Local Plan, consultation document.

Parish Council News - newsletter

North Yorkshire Rural Action Conference, 21.11.98 - leaflet

Thorpe Trees - brochure

NYMNPA - planning committee - agenda for information

HDC - Crime and Disorder Act - consultation

Planning Inspectorate - guide to taking part in planning appeals.

HDC -Treasurer's Department requesting revenue estimates. The revenue requirement was agreed at £31,000.

Newsletter - NE Regional Electricity Consumers' Committee, annual report

NYMNPA - Moors Messenger, programme of events

NYCC - Pension Fund Advisory Forum - agenda

HDC - street naming and numbering, Ayton School. The Parish Council approved the developer's proposal that "Pendle House", "Swathmoor House" and "Firbank House" be adopted to reflect names associated with the school.

Seaton Sands - brochure, aerial displays. The Clerk is to request further information.

Millennium Festival Fund - information re. awards.

Record Playground Equipment Ltd - brochure

E Harrison - request to prune cherry trees, High Green. This was approved.

Children's Society - request to sing carols outside Heagneys on 19.12.98. Approved.

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum - notes of meeting 22.10.98, request for agenda items 18.2.99.

Wildblood Macdonald - request for instruction on paint colour for urinal. The Parish Council favoured Victorian Red but a resident asked that it be dark green. A colour chart is to be obtained before a decision is made.

It was reported that the urinal had already been used. Wimpeys are to put up a guard to prevent use.

It was proposed that a plaque be erected to give information about the urinal and to acknowledge the gift of Waterfall Park to the village by Robert Alcock.

HDC - street naming, Kebbell development, Easby Lane. The Parish Council proposed that the whole development be called "Sunnyfield Gardens".

**Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were received:-

Construction of domestic garage to replace existing - 7 Park Rise. No representations

Listed building consent for alterations to 2 existing dwellings - Ivy Cottage and Nutshell, High Green.

The Parish Council agreed that this was acceptable providing the frontage was not altered. Construction of detached dwelling and formation of hardstanding, land adjacent to Eastbrook, Stokesley. The Parish Council agreed the proposal with the proviso that the hut be demolished and nothing be built to replace it.

Plans approved

Extension to existing dwelling - 2 Roseberry Road

Extension to existing dwelling - 43 Easby Lane

Alterations to existing dwelling to form 2 dwellings - Ayton Hall

Listed building consent - as above

Extension and conservatory - Tall Trees, Aireyholme Lane

Layout of land and construction of 11 dwellinghouses - 98 Newton Road

Plans refused

Extensions to existing dwelling - 21 Addison Road

Listed building consent for provision of replacement windows - 1 High Green

Notice of appeal

Extension to Tree Bridge Farm Cottage, Nunthorpe

**Millennium**

Domesday Book Many aspects of the production of the book were discussed and Councillor Kirk was thanked for his efforts in producing a comprehensive risk analysis report.

Ball Mr Scrope has kindly given his consent to his field being used. Only one estimate from marquee hire firms has so far been received.

Weir pool Minute continued

Fete 2000 Minute continued

Other suggestions

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that the Vicar had suggested a new stained glass window for Christ Church. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council pay for one segment on behalf of the village. A Captain Cook theme was suggested, perhaps depicting the museum, the statue, the old church, and nautical instruments.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that the Methodists should also be supported and Councillor Kirk is to make enquiries as to their ideas.

Mrs Carol Morgan had suggested producing a street map of the village, as had once been produced by Ayton Neighbours. The Parish Council agreed in principle but asked that an estimate of costs be provided.

It was agreed that there was a need for a Millennium timetable.

**Christmas - carol singing and float**

It was agreed that the collection from the carol singing on High Green on 21st December be donated to the Health Centre Development Fund.

The float is to depart from Frankfield Place at 5.30 pm

The All Saints Carol Service will take place on 22nd December.

**Street lighting, High Street**

It was reported that HDC had no plans to improve or alter the street lighting. Councillor Mrs Imeson is to speak to Mr McGloin of HDC.

**Yatton House volunteer**

Yatton House had asked if one of their volunteers could help the Cemetery Superintendent on a voluntary basis. Provided the Council's insurance position was satisfactory there was no objection but it was suggested that he be employed on a trial basis at first.

**Verge land, Guisborough Road**

It was reported that a large area between the hedge on Guisborough Road and the walls of houses on Skottowe Drive was being used by youths as a meeting/drinking place. Highways are to be asked if the area could be opened up and grassed like the rest of the verge.

**Allotment hedge**

The task of cutting the hedge, which has been carried out for years by an allotment tenant, is now too much for him. It was agreed that a contractor be employed to do it in future.

**Councillors' reports**

Councillor Mrs Stephens commented on the good turnout of youth at the Remembrance Day Parade. It was suggested that in future the servicemen should march with the Parish Council and that seats should be made available for them at the cenotaph and in church. It was agreed that it needed to be properly organised and that the matter be discussed at the September meeting.

Councillor Mrs Imeson proposed that a get well card be sent to Councillor Bell. This had already been done.

The date of the next meeting is 29th December, followed by 26th January, and 4 weekly thereafter.