

**Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council**  
**held on 26th January 1999 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

Councillors L Groves, Chairman, J Fletcher, R Kirk, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, P Bell, B Winn. Sgt. G McArdle, and Mr D Barker also attended.

**Minutes**

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

**Police Business**

Sgt McArdle reported a quiet month following Operation Neighbour.

There had been two handbag snatches in the area, one in Stokesley and one in Great Ayton. This was a worrying development as there had been none for two years. Women were warned to be vigilant.

Three search warrants had been executed, two on the council estate and one on the allotments, illegal substances had been seized and two local men arrested. The Police continue to make inroads into the drugs scene and strike when they are sure of getting a result.

Changes in the organisation of North Yorkshire Police had resulted in one proposal that management levels at Stokesley be reduced. The inspector and one sergeant would go and the station would be managed by a sergeant. The clerk is to write to the Chief Constable expressing concern at the proposed reduction in manning levels and pointing out the vulnerability of the area to depredations by criminals from Teesside. It was said that Stokesley police station was a victim of its own success over the past two years. 1997 saw a reduction of 300 crimes, which was sustained in 1998.

Councillor Groves thanked Sgt McArdle for attending.

**Matters Arising**

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field Minute continued.

Trees corner Addison Road/Romany Road, and Roseberry Cres/Ave A survey provided by Highways indicated that the site at Romany Road was unsuitable for planting because of the number of services running beneath it. A licence has been obtained for the planting of shrubs at the Roseberry site and the clerk is to purchase 6 shrubs.

Lights, Chapel steps Minute continued

Tree Guards, Rotary Minute continued

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued

White lines, Low Green The clerk reported that Highways had done all they intended to do. Councillor Fletcher is to speak to Highways.

Twinning signs It was agreed that twinning signs could be erected on the stone mounts on the approaches to the village, subject to Highways approval.

Flagpole outside library Minute continued

Neighbourhood Watch signs Minute continued

Beech hedge, Leven Court This has now been planted

Internet/computers Minute continued

Noticeboards, Village Hall and Park Square Minute continued

Victorian Urinal - paint and plaque It was felt that painted green the urinal became lost in the background. Several villagers had said that it was a shame for it to disappear, although others preferred it not to be obvious. It was proposed that it be painted dark red. The motion was carried by 4 votes to 3, with the proviso that it could be changed back if it looked wrong.

The plaque is to be ordered.

Sponsorship flower tubs The clerk is to contact the sponsors and ask for their donation for this year.

**Accounts**

Bow House Publishing	271.43
Northumbrian Water	34.85
W B Helm	715.96
M L Holden	267.84
Inland Revenue	359.34

Joni Essex	1000.00
Strutt & Parker	48.00
M L Holden	31.16
P H Greenwell	126.90
W B Helm	15.00

Cemetery receipts 825.00

## Correspondence

NYCC - local transport plan and questionnaire. It was thought that Great Ayton was quite well served by existing transport. The clerk is to fill in the questionnaire and report at next meeting.

HDC - poster re talks/presentations/workshops

HDC - street naming and numbering - California Grove

Clerks and Council Direct - magazine

M H Petch - request for trees to be cut back on Low Green. B Helm is to be asked to prune trees.

Carol Reynolds - request for feed back re Community Care

D R and A G Barker - re proposed mast at Langbaurch Hall. It was reported that a site visit had been arranged. D Barker was advised to prepare questions. The clerk is to write to HDC saying that following representations from residents the Parish Council feels that the proposed siting is inappropriate.

Bow House Publishing - copy of brochure

NYCC - Pension Fund results of actuarial valuation, annual report, accounts

Parish Council News - questionnaire re Council Tax. The Parish Council agreed that they felt unable to answer for the parishioners as to their views on council tax increases. It was suggested that County conduct a mini poll. On the question of joint ventures, the Parish Council felt that they already did quite a lot on behalf of County and did not see that it could be extended. However, they would support any pressure County brought to bear on Government to increase the RSG

NYMNPA - Planning Committee agenda for info.

Chloe Arnold - update on fund raising

HDC - re. public entertainment licence

Bayford Thrust - re. fuel card reissue

Children's Society - request for cake stall 14.5.99, carol singing 18.12.99

Mrs de Wardt (phone) - offer of oak tree, query re. fireworks for Millennium, comment re. dormer windows Acorn and Nutshell

HDC - street naming and numbering, Sunnyfield Nursery site

HDC - renewal of public entertainment licence, Village Hall

North Yorkshire Probation Committee - notice re appointment of community members

YRCC - Parish Government Conference 5.3.99. Tackling community issues.

## Planning

The following applications were received:-

Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing mill building - Ayton School. The Parish Council had no objections provided that it was rebuilt accurately as per drawings which were being made. The clerk was asked to enquire if the sandstone arch connected to the tail race was to be preserved.

Layout of land and construction of 4 dwellings - Ayton School. Comments as above.

Application for consent to fell 4 trees subject to TPO - land adjoining River Leven, Ayton School. No representations.

Extension to existing dwelling - 14 Wainstones Close. No representations.

Alterations and extensions to existing animal centre - Yarm Lane. No representations but the Parish Council asked that their concerns that piecemeal development would spoil an attractive area be conveyed to HDC

Extension to existing dwelling - 125 Newton Road. No representations

Alterations and extension - Mill Terrace. No representations. The clerk was instructed to ensure that the neighbours were aware of the application.

## Millennium

Domesday Book A progress report had been received from Mrs Essex. Press releases had been sent to the local papers. Meetings had been held with photographers. Expenses to date were detailed. Mrs Essex also reported that she was to be interviewed by Radio Cleveland.

Ball The marquee is to be ordered from Fletchers. Enquiries are to be made about a band. Cancer Research are to hold afternoon tea in the marquee on the Sunday after the ball.

Firework display Enquiries had been made about cost and type of display available and further details were awaited from two companies.

## Councillors' reports

Councillor Kirk reported that there was litter in the hedgeback by the play area. The street cleaner is to be asked to clean it up. Mr Kent has threatened to have the recycling bins removed if they are not emptied more regularly.

Councillor Mrs Stevens enquired how much money was to be received from Kebbel. There has been no notification so far.

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that Mr Suggitt should be asked if he would allow his field to be used for the firework display on New Year's Eve.

Mrs Dodd is to be asked if she would like a dedication ceremony for the seat which she has donated in memory of Dr Dodd.

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that a letter should be sent to Stokesley School suggesting that alternative arrangements be made for children waiting for the school bus near the Stevens Haulage site, Newton Road, whilst building was in progress. The Education Authority at County Hall should also be notified. It was reported that school children are leaving litter in the cemetery gateway whilst waiting for buses. This also is to be reported to the Headmaster.

The Cemetery Superintendent requested the provision of waterproof clothing. The clerk is to contact HDC to see if they can provide some.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 23rd March 1999 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 16th February and thereafter at four-weekly intervals.