

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 16th February 1999 at 7.00 pm

Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Imeson

Police Business

PC Williams reported a busy and successful month. There had been three house burglaries followed by two arrests. Four cars had been stolen and three attacked, after which warrants had been executed in South Bank. Three mountain bikes had been stolen and, following four arrests, seven bikes had been recovered.

Councillor Kirk asked if the police were aware that youngsters had been throwing snow and ice balls at house windows causing distress to residents. PC Williams said that the police would monitor the situation. It was reported that a gang of youths was in the habit of congregating at the Chapel steps, and a younger group were roaming around Langbaugh Close area making a lot of noise and mess. The police will monitor these areas also.

Councillor Bell said that he thought motorists had been advised not to use of car phones whilst driving but he had seen police drivers doing so. PC Williams said that NY Police cars were not equipped with hands-free telephones and they therefore had no choice, it not being practical to stop for every call.

Councillor Fletcher praised the police for their response to a call-out to a house in Station Road.

PC Williams was thanked for his report.

Matters arising

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field Minute continued

Bushes Roseberry Cres/Ave. Minute continued.

Tree guards Rotary, trees Langbaugh Corner Minute continued

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued

White lines, Low Green Minute continued

Twining signs Highways are to be asked to supply signs. The Parish Council will meet the cost.

Flagpole, Library Planning permission is to be sought. The Building Development Section are to be informed that a planning application is to be made. It was noted that a Union Jack would be required.

Neighbourhood Watch signs Minute continued

Internet/computers Minute continued

Noticeboards, Village Hall, Park Square The new noticeboard outside the Village Hall is now in place.

Victorian Urinal - paint and plaque Minute continued

NYCC transport plan questionnaire Councillor Fletcher is to complete it. Councillor Mrs Stevens said that it was very difficult to get to Middlesbrough General Hospital by public transport. Councillor Bell felt that HDC should help with bus passes. The clerk attended a meeting convened by Stokesley Parish Council to discuss rural bus services. The Community Care bus organiser said that he would like Great Ayton to make more use of the Community Care bus.

Trees, Low Green B Helm is to trim the Parish Council's trees.

Litter, play area Most of the litter consisted of dumped newspapers. The clerk had contacted the Herald and Post who had indicated that they would deal with the problem. So far there has been no improvement and the clerk is to contact them again. Complaints were also made about litter on High Green, litter in the hedge on Guisborough Road, and in the cut between Guisborough Road and Central Way. The clerk is to write to HDC asking that they instruct the street cleaner to deal with these areas.

Memorial seat, Dr Dodd Minute continued

Waterproof clothing, Cemetery Superintendent Minute continued

Litter cemetery gateway, school bus stop Newton Road Acknowledgements of the problems have been received from Stokesley School and County Hall. A further problem with school buses stopping on the

bend near Skottowe Crescent was also identified. The clerk is to write to County Hall asking if the driver could be asked to stop further up Guisborough Road, perhaps opposite the cemetery gates.

Accounts

Worthy Pearson News	35.09
Audit Commission	335.58
W B Helm	716.19
M L Holden	267.61
Inland Revenue	359.34
Thompsons Hardware	19.41
Atkinsons Garden Machinery	344.35
M L Holden	127.18 Signs and Plastic Products
	121.56
A Dale	50.00

Correspondence

HDC - tree preservation order, plan
 NYMNPA - agenda for information
 HDC - Draft Hambleton Tourism Strategy - questionnaire
 HDC - Crime and Disorder Strategy - consultation
 Great Ayton Bowls Club - request to sell tickets 10.4.99
 TCVS - invitation to attend seminars
 HDC - notification of adoption of district wide local plan
 HDC - notification of precept
 K T Horticulture - introduction letter
 Safer Communities Consortium - newsletter
 HDC - Draft Economic Development Strategy 1999/2000 questionnaire.
 Stokesley PC - invitation to attend meeting on rural bus services
 Northallerton District Community Health Council - re. proposed merger of Cleveland, Humberside and N. Yorks Ambulance Service NHS Trust, response to consultation document. The clerk is to write saying that the Parish Council shares their concern.
 YRCC - Country Air - newsletter
 HDC - feedback on planning issues training session
 NYCC - Parish Council News - newsletter
 NYCC - proposed extension of 30mph speed limit, Great/Little Ayton. Councillor Kirk said that there had been several speed related incidents in the vicinity of Skotta House Farm and a resident had asked if anything could be done about the speed signs. Councillor Fletcher said that NYCC would not move them because there were no houses there.
 NatWest Bank - re. mandate
 NYMNPA - re Parish involvement in Public Rights of Way Survey
 Yorkshire Planning Aid - notification of seminars to provide advice on Local Plan process
 NYMNPA - agenda Northern Area Parish Forum - 18th February.

Planning

The following applications were received:-
 Layout of land and construction of 4 dwellings, Ayton School - amendments. No representations
 Alterations and extension - 47 Marwood Drive. No representations
 Provision of dormer windows - 22 Wainstones Close. No representations
Plans approved
 Listed building consent for alterations and extensions to existing outbuildings - 7 Low Green
 Planning consent for above
Plans refused
 Extension to existing dwelling - 21 Station Road
 Construction of domestic garage to replace existing garage - 7 Park Rise

Millennium

Domesday Book Minute continued
Ball A band has been contacted and has given a price for the event. To be discussed further.

Fireworks Mr Suggett has agreed to his field being used for a firework display.

Councillors' reports

The receipt of an account for the cemetery mower prompted discussion as to the suitability of the mower for the amount of work required of it. Councillor Winn is to bring information to the next meeting about a wheeled strimmer which may prolong the working life of the mower.

Councillor Fletcher said that decisions on the play area should be made. Costs need to be studied. Equipment catalogues and Councillor Fletcher's report are to be brought to the next meeting. HDC are to be asked how much money will be made available from the Keball development.

It was reported that many councils had felt unable to complete the questionnaire concerning the County Council budget. There would certainly be cutbacks in the education budget and Roseberry and Marwood schools would be severely hit.

NYCC had been caught out by the snow and complaints had been received about the performance of the gritters. Concern was expressed about the slow response to clearing footpaths on the sheltered housing estates. The clerk is to write to Broadacres asking for speedier action next time.

The clerk is to write to Transco suggesting that a barrier be erected around the gas governor house on Yarm Lane. A motorist had nearly collided with it after skidding on ice and there was concern that Great Ayton could be left without gas if it were damaged.

Councillor Kirk commented that there was a lot of dog dirt about and people were still not cleaning up after their pets.

Councillor Bell reported that Town Twinning had suggested a direction sign to Ouzouer sur Loire be sited on the stone bridge. This proposal was rejected.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that she had been asked who was responsible for removing the branches which had been cut on the riverside near the tennis courts as the daffodils were coming through. Messrs Winn and Helm are to deal with them. It was also reported that the bushes near Marwood School need cutting back and that alder saplings on Low Green need to be removed.

Tenders are to be requested for cutting the High Green based on 25 cuts in the growing season.

A tree in the cemetery which is causing concern is to be inspected by Arborcare.