

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

Present

Councillors L Groves, Chairman, P Bell, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs J Imeson, B Winn, J Fletcher. Mrs J Essex also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from R Kirk.

Matters arising

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field Councillor Fletcher reported on a letter received from Wimpey. The marshy area in the Public Open Space is to be fenced with post and rail. A proposal that an access gate to the POS be for residents of the new development only was rejected. Proper access from the top to the bottom field was required for maintenance. It was noted that the land was to be leased to the Parish Council, not to sports groups. Wimpey have been asked to demolish the broken-down garage. The clerk is to contact HDC Legal Department to ask them to chase Wimpey for the lease so that the footballers can commence playing on the fields.

Bushes Roseberry Cres/Ave Minute continued

Tree guards Rotary, trees Langbaugh corner Minute continued

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued

White lines, Low Green Minute continued

Twinning signs Minute continued

Flagpole, library Minute continued

Internet/computers Brian Loader, head of unit at Teesside University, would help with a computer in the library. There could be some hardware available. Mr D Eagle is to be invited to talk at the next meeting. The clerk is to write to NYCC expressing disappointment that Great Ayton is not to be in the first year of computer instalment in the library.

Victorian urinal Opinion is divided on the colour. What was liked about green was that the urinal could not be seen. A majority of the Parish Council had decided on red and it was agreed to leave it as it is.

Bushes, Low Green The alder saplings are to be trimmed.

Litter, street cleaning It was reported that the litter had been cleared from the play area but there was little improvement elsewhere and other areas had been identified as being in need of attention. The clerk is to contact HDC again. Litter bins were not being emptied, and bags not put in the dog waste bins. Highways are to be contacted about weeds in the cut between Linden Grove and the Hawthorns. NEEB are to be contacted about the graffiti on the substation near James Court.

Memorial seat, Dr Dodd The clerk is to contact Mrs Dodd to arrange a date for the dedication.

Cemetery mower/trimmer A wheeled trimmer would cost between £300 and £600 and would be good for rough areas. It was pointed out that it would be arduous to go round all the headstones, however, the high cost of repairs to the mower could be offset. Councillor Winn is to bring leaflets to next meeting.

Play area - improvement plan A complaint had been made that a lot of money had been spent on the bowling green and little spent on youngsters. It was pointed out that the bowling green was for everyone, including youth. A suggestion that timber constructed play equipment would be better was discussed. The clerk is to investigate a cheaper source of safety surfacing, and the cost of security fencing for the play area. It was agreed that the sum from Kebell could be used for fencing, a rolling programme of replacement, and annual maintenance. It was suggested that future provision for the play area should be made in the precept. It was reported that the safety surface for the new roundabout had been ripped up by vandals. The play area is to be locked until further notice whilst repairs are made.

Grass cutting, High Green The cheapest estimate is to be accepted, provided that the contractor has the necessary insurance.

Tree, cemetery Arborcare are to be chased up.

Snow clearance Councillor Mrs Imeson is to ask Broadacres for grit bins for Hollygarth.

Accounts

Thompsons Hardware

17.98

E K Williams (direct debit)	19.67
James Fletcher	120.00
M L Holden	267.84
B Helm	715.96
Inland Revenue	359.34
HDC	95.00
Great Ayton Neighbourhood Watch	35.00
W B Helm	27.03
M L Holden	40.15

Correspondence

HDC - District/Parish liaison meeting 24th March 1999. B Winn and L Holden to attend.

YRCC - village halls conference 24th April 1999

HDC- request for temporary road closure for re-opening of Capt.Cook Schoolroom Museum. The clerk is to write that the Parish Council feels 20 minutes will be sufficient

CPRE - agenda AGM N.Yorks branch - 20th March 1999

CPRE - Voice magazine

HDC - copy of survey of The Mill, Ayton School

NYCC - proposed introduction of traffic calming measures, Roseberry Crescent

NYCC- agenda and decision sheet NY Pension Fund Officers' Group

HDC - re. low cost housing. It was agreed that there was no need for a survey at the present time.

HDC - invitation to put forward CAPE schemes. It was noted that the fence from the stone bridge towards the Buck Hotel varied and it was suggested that the concrete railings could be replaced with sandstone. Councillor Fletcher suggested a meeting with HDC.

Parish Council News - newsletter

Discovery Time Capsules Ltd - brochure

NYMNPA - annual report 97/98

NYCC - winter maintenance policy

CPRE - AGM 23rd April 1999, Our Countryside - newsletter, request for donation. It was agreed to refuse on this occasion

NYMNPA - Planning Committee agenda 22nd February, for information.

Phone call Mr de Wardt - re. bogus street collectors. Villagers are advised to report suspect collectors to the Enforcement Officer at HDC, or the police.

HDC - re District and Parish Council elections

HDC - Crime and Disorder Strategy - consultation. It had been suggested that HDC and NY Police gave a presentation at the AGM. The Parish Council support wholeheartedly the ideas and objectives of the strategy.

Phone call Cleveland Scouts and Guides - request for duck race. The clerk is to ask for the request to be made in writing, and is to contact the Great Ayton Scout group to ask their opinion. HDC - street naming and numbering

NYPA - annual report 1997/8

Glasdon - brochure

HDC - parish election - candidates guides, nomination paper packs

NYCC - re highway and footpath maintenance

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Layout of land and construction of 4 dwellings as amended - Ayton School. No representations

Construction of front porch - 14 Angrove Close. No representations

Extensions to existing dwelling house - Field House. No representations

Listed building consent for re-roofing existing dwelling - The Manor House. No representations

Alterations to existing former agricultural building to form ancillary living accommodation - Mill Farm. The Parish Council expressed grave concerns about the size of the dwelling. A site visit was recommended. Alterations and extensions to existing animal centre as amended - RSPCA. No representations

Extension to existing dwellinghouse - 15 Skottowe Drive. No representations

Extension to existing hotel and provision of additional parking facilities, amendments, Tree Bridge Hotel.
The Parish Council declared an interest.

Extension to existing dwelling 114 Newton Road. No representations.

Plans approved

Layout of land and construction of 14 dwellings, Sunnyfield nurseries

Consent to fell 4 trees subject to TPO, land adjoining River Leven

Formation of vehicular and pedestrian access, land at Leven Court and Easby Lane

Alterations and extension 11 Mill Terrace

Layout of land and construction of 4 dwellings, as amended, Ayton School

Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing mill building, Ayton School

Extension to existing hairdressing salon, 3a Park Rise

Extension to existing dwelling 125 Newton Road

Plans refused

Construction of telecommunications tower and 2 associated equipment cabins, Langbaugh Hall

Extension to existing dwelling 14 Wainstones Close

Planning appeal

Mr I Sproates, Eastbrook

Appeal allowed

Mr and Mrs Evans, Nunthorpe

Millennium

Domesday Book Mrs Essex reported that good progress was being made and photography had been started. Posters were now in the Post Office window indicating what is proposed, what is needed and whom to approach. It was thought that ITV might be able to do something. The oldest and youngest members of the community at the Millennium will need to be identified.

Millennium Ball Caterers are to be asked for prices for a buffet supper.

Fireworks Minute continued

Cemetery fees

It was agreed that the cemetery fees be increased by 3% from 1st May 1999

Councillors' reports

Councillor Winn reported that lights in Newton Road were still not working. The problem is being dealt with by NEEB.

He suggested that another duck cull be considered.

Councillor Fletcher reported that he had had complaints about vehicles parking in Little Ayton Lane and Station Road. Wimpey had explained that this was due to an unusual number of meetings.

Councillor Mrs Stevens expressed concern about school buses near the Stevens yard development.

Further representations are to be made to HDC.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that the footbridge near Eastbrook on Low Green appeared to be unsafe. Highways are to be informed.

Councillor Groves had been approached by John Mayfield about the possibility of sponsoring a flower tub at his end of the village. Existing sponsors are to be reminded that their donation is due. If any defaulted, Mr Mayfield would be contacted.