

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 11th April 2000 at 7.0 pm

Present

Councillors R Kirk, Chairman, P Bell, L Groves, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs F Greenwell, J Fletcher, Mrs M Stevens. PC N Walther also attended.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2000 were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Walther reported that between 15th February and 14th March there had been 64 incidents of which 26 were crimes and between 15th March and 11th April there had been 65 incidents of which 18 were crimes. The reduction had been in auto crime and was attributed to the fact that two youths had been caught in Cleveland and sent down. Co-operation between neighbouring police forces was an important factor.

The two week "Operation Lux" had targeted youngsters riding cycles without lights. Only one voucher had been given and the donation from the Parish Council was returned in the hope that the Police could apply again should the need arise. It was noted that a more lenient attitude to riding on the pavement had been adopted and it was suggested that the fund should be used for bells. PC Walther said that it was unlawful to not to have an audible warning and brochures were given to those stopped, which pointed this out.

Councillor Bell asked if anything could be done to prevent mountain bike riders on hill paths. He was informed that there were no laws to stop them.

Councillor Groves reported that 5 ducks had been stolen and a ferret cage broken on the allotments.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that youths had started to congregate again at Linden Grove/James Court and asked the police to keep an eye on that area.

Matters arising

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field Councillors Kirk and Mrs Imeson signed the lease on behalf of the Parish Council. There was still some work to be done on the fields and HDC would ensure that it was completed satisfactorily. A meeting with the sports groups and representatives from HDC was to be arranged for 26th April at 7.30pm.

Whitbread bridge Minute continued

Flagpole outside library Minute continued

Internet/computers Dave Eagles to be contacted to find out what progress was being made.

Play area - plan for improvement/repairs to roundabout Figures supplied by Image Playgrounds to be checked. It was agreed that the play area sub-committee of Councillors Fletcher, Kirk and Mrs Stevens would progress matters pertaining to the play area without further reference to the Parish Council.

CAPE Scheme - fencing Low Green Minute continued

Community Service Jobs Work had commenced on the cemetery railings.

Village Hall A meeting had been arranged with the Drama Society for 12th April 2000.

Access - 2 Easby Lane Minute continued.

Parking outside shops A shop keeper had suggested taking more of High Green so that cars could park perpendicular to the Green. This was rejected, not least because it would be more dangerous. Car parking places were taken up by walkers. It was not obvious that there was a car park at the station and Railtrack would be asked again to provide a car park sign, or permit the Parish Council to install one. A sign in the village would also be provided.

Gas governor house Minute continued.

Cherry trees, High Green B Helm to erect tree guards.

Burn fence, rubbish heap - allotments It was reported that the rubbish heap had been burnt. Work was in hand to repair the fence.

WI tree for Millennium Minute continued

Dog fouling Councillor Groves would arrange with HDC for an additional dog waste bin for Low Green.

Weight restriction, Little Ayton Bridge It was asked if the limit could be raised to 10 tons to assist local farmers at harvest time. Further representations to be made to NYCC.

Cemetery rates HDC indicated that other parishes had had similar or greater increases in rateable value and it was advised that an appeal could result in a further increase. It was agreed not to appeal.

Storage of old minute books Minute continued.

Mrs Parr - 100th birthday Minute continued

Replacement mower Telephone enquires had indicated that the price quoted by Atkinson Garden Machinery was the most competitive and the clerk was advised to proceed once the written prices were received.

Car park - Buck Hotel It was reported that Environmental Health would be speaking to the Buck Hotel and the

bottle bank firm, and would look at resiting the bins. It was suggested that the bins be moved to the lay-by on Middlesbrough Road. Highways are to be asked for their views.

Closure of Barclays Bank Response received.

Railway gates - Hall Fields Minute continued.

Public toilet signs Minute continued.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	303.90	
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	746.05	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)
	332.29	
E K Williams Ltd (petrol) (direct debit)	82.40	
M L Holden (reimburse stationery, telephone calls)	13.78	
District Audit (audit fee)	319.25	
HDC (cemetery rates)	89.17	
Northumbrian Water (allotment/cemetery water supply)	40.42	
Atkinson Garden Machinery (parts for mower)	92.09	
G A Marwood (allotment rent)	250.00	
Cornhill Insurance (mower insurance)	89.25	
<u>Receipts</u>		
Cossey (garage rent)	10.00	
J Scott (allotment rent)	20.00	
D Harland (allotment deposit)	20.00	

Correspondence

Great Ayton Scouts Supporters - request for duck race on Leven 21.5.00. *This was approved but Scouts Supporters to be asked if they had considered 11th June which would be in Millennium Week.*

E Adamson - request to hold cake stall outside Bell's Stores - Friday 14.4.00. *Approved*

Mrs S Windross - request for Highcliffe Scout Group, Guisborough to hold duck race on 16.4.00. *Approved*

HDC - re proposed siting of portable building to rear of Co-op for youth drop in centre. *Concern was expressed as to what would happen at the end of the 8 week period if the experiment was a success. It was reported that this was an exploration period and that the next stage could not be planned. The drop in centre would be staffed and there would be rules.*

YRCC - invitation to renew subscription. *Agreed.*

HDC - re new political structures. *Three options were available: an elected mayor and cabinet, an elected mayor and council manager, and an appointed leader of the council and cabinet. HDC favoured the appointed leader and cabinet system. The Parish Council, whilst not favouring change at all, unanimously supported HDC's view.*

YLCA - invitation to join. *Refused*

HDC - re village design statements. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell to peruse the copy of Hutton Rudby's design statement. HDC to be asked if a display could be arranged in the library and a stall be provided at the village fete to enable villagers to see what is involved.*

The following items of information were received:

HDC - summary leaflet - Best Value Performance Plan

Glasdon - brochures benches and bins

HDC - notice of district/parish liaison meeting

The Firework Co - brochure

Wicksteed Leisure - brochure

CPRE - AGM agenda 14.4.00, review of 1999 North Yorkshire Branch

Rt Hon William Hague - thanks for support re parish councils

Moors Messenger - newsletter

NYMNPA - agenda 27.3.00, Planning Committee agenda 20.3.00, for info.

- Best Value Performance Plan 2000

NYCC - Best Value Performance Plan 2000

HDC - confirmation of TPO No. 18

NYCC - re Pension Fund earnings calculations, ill health retirement updated consent form

Great Ayton Twinning Association - re gift of tree from France. *It was suggested that a tree could be planted in the new public open space behind Ayton School development.*

Planning

Application for listed building consent for erection of a conservatory at the White House, Dikes Lane. *No representations*

Provision of dormer windows - 31 Marwood Drive. *No representations*

Construction of detached dwellinghouse - land off Easby Lane. *No representations.*
 Sunroom extension to existing dwellinghouse - 11 Station Road. *No representations*
 Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - The Granary, Ayton Hall Farm. *No representations*
 Listed Building Consent for above. *No representations.*

Plans approved

Construction of detached dwellinghouse - land off Easby Lane
 Erection of chimney stack at Ayton Banks Farm
 Construction of building for storage of theatrical equipment to replace existing - Parochial Hall
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse - 21 Addison Road

Plans refused

Two storey extension to existing dwelling - Firbeck House, Easby Lane

Millennium

Domesday Book Minute continued

Ball Mr P Greenwell to be asked if he would act as electrical consultant. Tickets had been printed and were available from Parish Councillors or clerk.

Millennium entertainment Minute continued

Fete Minute continued

Time capsule Village schools to be asked for ideas as to what to put in capsule.

Matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting 6.4.00

Fireworks It was proposed that a firework display be held again on NYE 2000. Councillor Fletcher to ask his helpers if they would be willing to assist again.

Traffic calming proposals Councillor Fletcher would be meeting NYCC about the proposals. It was agreed that whilst there had been fewer accidents at Tree Bridge junction since the road improvements there was the potential for far more serious accidents because of the speed of traffic in that location. The Parish Council would therefore press strongly for any available funds to be spent in that area.

Flower tubs

Sponsorship had been received from the Hollygarth Line Dancers, and Mr J Mayfield wished sponsor a tub. Hookstone Garage to be asked if they wished to contribute. Bell Stores to be invited to take over the tub previously sponsored by Heagneys, and Heagneys to be thanked for their past contribution

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Stevens had received a request from Yatton House Fund Raising Committee to have a mile of 2p's. This was approved, but not on fete day.

Eric Harrison had asked if he needed to come to the Parish Council for permission to cut hedges in the course of his grass cutting. It was agreed that he would need permission.

Councillor Fletcher reported that an elderly lady had fallen on Waterfall Terrace and broken her leg. NYCC to be notified of the dangerous condition of Waterfall Terrace.

A letter to one of the tenants of the Arcade was brought to the meeting indicating that Mowden Park Estates were putting pressure on them. It was felt that Mowden Park Estates should be proud of their property. The whole area was an invitation to vandalism and the footpath was a disgrace. The Parish Council had not been complaining about individual properties but about the area as a whole. The clerk to write accordingly.

Councillor Fletcher observed that the council chamber was in need of refurbishment.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell confirmed that the Conservative Club would run sports on Low Green on fete day. Mr Helm to cut grass accordingly.

Councillor Kirk thanked all the Councillors for their support during his year of office.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2000.