

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 9th May 2000 at 7.0 pm

Present

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

Election of Officers

Councillor Mrs Imeson was proposed as Chairman by Councillor Kirk, seconded by Councillor Mrs Greenwell and unanimously elected. Councillor Groves proposed that Councillor Fletcher be elected Vice Chairman. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs Stevens and unanimously agreed. Councillor Mrs Imeson thanked Councillor Kirk for chairing the meeting for the last year. His hard work was much appreciated.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2000 were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Walther reported that there had been 85 general incidents which was up a little on the previous month but crimes had dropped to 16 which was pleasing. There had been several shed and garage burglaries. Councillor Mrs Stevens asked that the police keep an eye on the playing field. PC Walther was thanked for his attendance.

Matters Arising

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field It was reported that the lease had still not been sent to Wimpey as the Hambleton solicitor was not entirely happy. There was a need for the pavilion to be inspected. It was hoped that the lease would be exchanged within the next week.

Whitbread bridge It was agreed that the tender from NYCC be accepted, it being the lower.

Flagpole outside library The work had been completed and invoices received. Mr Williams who had kindly offered to pay for the flagpole would be invoiced accordingly.

Internet/computers No word had been received from Teesside University. Minute to be deferred.

Play area - plan for improvement Sub-committee to progress

CAPE Scheme Minute to be deferred.

Community Service jobs Minute continued

Highway matters - footbridges Low Green NYCC to be notified that Parish Council concerned re. safety of bridge at far end of Low Green, particularly in view of large numbers of visitors using the bridge in summer months.

Cemetery regulations - notice board Minute continued.

Village Hall Councillor Kirk reported a useful meeting with Drama. Report from Drama awaited. It was observed that the front door which had been provided by the Parish Council was looking very shabby.

Access -2 Easby Lane Minute continued.

Parking problems outside shops Railtrack to be chased up re. car park sign.

Gas governor house, Yarm Lane NYCC responded that priority on Yarm Lane could not be altered. Parish Council suggested that the end of Yarm Lane leading past the RSPCA Centre to the A173 be closed altogether as the access to the A173 was safer at Stanley Houses. NYCC to be asked for their opinion. Response from Transco regarding gas governor house still awaited.

Cherry trees, High Green B Helm to be reminded about tree guards. It was remarked that the new trees were beautiful.

WI tree for millennium Details of services still awaited.

Dog fouling, High Street Two small bins to be ordered, reconditioned if possible. Existing large bin to be re-sited.

Weight restriction, Little Ayton Bridge It was reported that a permanent restriction would be imposed but that NYCC would try to expedite repairs to the bridge so that the restriction could be lifted as soon as possible.

Storage of old minute books The minute books dating from 1949 had been returned to Great Ayton library. It was agreed that older minute books would remain at NYCC unless there was perceived to be a need for them locally.

Mrs Parr - 100th birthday Councillor Kirk had attended and wished her well. She had enjoyed her day.

Replacement mower It was agreed to sell the old mower.

Car park - Buck Hotel It was reported that action was being taken to improve the situation. It was noted that the trees provided a good screen.

Railway gates, Hall fields It was reported that the gates had not been repaired. Railtrack to be chased up.

Public toilet signs Minute continued

Village Design Statement Councillor Mrs Greenwell had studied Hutton Rudby's VDS and observed that it seemed to need a large number of people. Response from HDC re display in library/stall on fete day awaited.

Traffic calming A breakdown of accidents in the village over the past 5 years was read to the meeting which

suggested that traffic calming would have little impact as most were not caused by speeding. A site visit is to be arranged. It was regretted that the points raised regarding the junction of the B1292 and A173 were largely ignored. NY Police to be asked for a breakdown of accidents at this junction over the past 5 years.

Flower tubs Mr Featherstone had agreed to plant additional tubs if they could be watered by someone else. Mrs Coles was unable to take on any extra work. Potential helper to be approached. An additional category of sponsorship was agreed:- when taking over an existing tub the initial charge would be £30, not £40.

Waterfall Terrace Minute continued.

Arcade Minute continued.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	303.68
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	747.17 Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)
	332.51
M L Holden (reimburse card, gift Mrs Parr)	4.74
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	390.00
Brian T Taylor	89.73
NYCC (pension fund contributions)	2621.03
James C Pearson (erection of flagpole)	215.25
Cornhill Insurance (local council insurance)	683.67
E K Williams (direct debit) (petrol)	88.48
Atkinson Garden Machinery (mower)	5980.13
<u>Receipts</u>	
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
A Suggitt, J Mayfield, J Turnbull, D Monaghan (tub sponsorship)	85.00
P Geldard (allotment deposit)	20.00
HDC (precept)	16000.00
Northern Electric plc (wayleaves)	17.25

Correspondence

NYCC - grass cutting contribution

Mr and Mrs Waterton, Mrs Betty Pearson, Mr D Lowe, M S Crombie, Mr and Mrs Yeoman - re portable building for youth at rear of Co-op. *The correspondents to be told that the Parish Council had been informed of the scheme but not consulted. It was a Police/Community Education experiment. The Police would ensure that youths left in an orderly manner at the end of the sessions.*

NatWest - re bank charges. *Clerk to investigate charges from other banks.*

HDC - feedback from Parish Council training session. *Clerk to respond*

British Diabetic Association - notification of street collection 1.7.00

Mrs J Suggitt - re dead duck in urinal. *B Helm to be asked to remove duck. Blacksmith to be asked if grating could be raised to prevent repetition.*

CPRE - invitation to renew subscription. *Agreed*

Mrs J Walker - request for grant for Methodist Youth Club. *It was agreed*

that the Youth Club be advised to identify a piece of equipment to the value of £250 for which the Parish Council would pay. It would remain the property of the Parish Council.

Mrs Hetherington - telephone call re parking Low Green. *A visit had been made to Low Green following receipt of the phone call. It was reported that there were indeed many parked cars but this was to be expected on a Bank Holiday.*

The following items of information were received:

Being and Seeing - notification of meetings 13.5.00 and 24.6.00. Details re arts barn

NYCC - re highway and footpath maintenance services

DSS - information re contracted out pension schemes

NYCC - Parish Council News

Glasdon - bin brochure

NYCC - amendment for Best Value Performance Plan

Stage Systems - brochure

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership - appointment of new officer

YRCC - Country Air newsletter. Various leaflets incl. information/training evenings for trustees/management committees of village halls

NYMNPA - Agenda for information - Planning Committee 17.4.00, 19.4.00, Special Meeting of NYMNPA 8.5.00,

Performance Monitoring, Management and Standards Committee 8.5.00

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse - 81 Roseberry Crescent. *Comment to be made that the extension is very close to the boundary and it is understood that this is not permitted.*

Alterations and extensions to existing bungalow - 37 Wainstones Close. *No representations.*

Alterations to existing public house to include an external fire escape - The Buck Hotel. *No representations*

Application for consent to carry out works to 6 trees subject to TPO - South View, Low Green. *The Parish Council to request that extreme care be taken with the horse chestnuts which had been the subject of much trouble in the past.*

Ground floor extension to existing dwelling - 2 Orchard Close. *No representations*

Millennium

Domesday Book Mrs Essex brought draft copies of the book to the meeting for perusal. Printing was reported to be in hand.

Ball Minute continued

Millennium entertainment Minute continued

Fete Minute continued

Time capsule Minute continued

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported that there was a swing on one of the trees on High Green. B Helm to be asked to remove it.

Councillor Groves said that the Union Flag had been flown on St George's Day and he thought it should have been the flag of St George. Councillor Fletcher said that it was correct to fly either but it was agreed that a St George's flag be ordered.

Councillor Bell said that the RSPCA Centre was not well advertised and people had difficulty finding it. It was reported that there was a sign on the corner of the site.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that the cut between Linden Grove and Oaklands was overgrown with weeds. Highways are to be asked to inspect it and carry out any necessary remedial work.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th June 2000.