

**Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council**  
**held on Tuesday 29th August 2000 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, P Bell, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs F Greenwell, L Groves, R Kirk. Acting Insp. A Bright also attended.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Fletcher

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st August 2000 were approved and signed.

**Police Business**

Acting Insp. Bright responded to the concerns raised previously about the non-enforcement of bylaws. He said that the police welcomed bylaws but that it was important that they were relevant and up to date, and that a bylaws sign was in place. He suggested that as the Green was an unfenced area next to a highway it might be appropriate to ban ball games altogether. The Parish Council would consider reviewing the existing bylaws.

In response to a query about suspected dealing from a parked car, Acting Insp. Bright said that the police advocated a stop and search policy and would investigate the claims. Youngsters caught drinking under age had been targeted and all licensed premises visited and warned of their responsibilities.

Crime figures from April to date showed a 25% reduction in Great Ayton against last year's figures. There had been 16 crimes in the previous 30 days including a house burglary, thefts from sheds and theft of cars and bicycles. Shoplifting had also been reported. It was suggested that the public phone Crimestoppers (number available in Evening Gazette) which boasted nearly 100% clear up rate where CCTV was in use.

Councillor Bell reported that a number of youths had gathered on the Chapel Steps at midnight and made a lot of noise. He was advised to phone the police in future. A child had been observed riding a bicycle without lights and he thought it timely that a reminder be given to cyclists about the necessity for lights.

The police would resume regular visits to the play area.

**Matters arising**

High Green bylaws See police business above

Whitbread bridge Minute continued

Play area - plan for improvement Councillor Fletcher had produced a report which was circulated to all PC members. It was agreed that matters relating to the play area be dealt with by the sub-committee only.

Community Service jobs Minute continued

Highways matters - footbridge Low Green It was reported that another rail was missing from the bridge near the Conservative Club. Highways would be contacted again to ask them to repair the bridge as a matter of urgency.

Village Hall Councillors Kirk and Mrs Greenwell had attended a meeting with Drama. A further meeting had been arranged. It was agreed that a new stair carpet be purchased.

Access - 2 Easby Lane Minute continued

Parking outside shops/station car park No response from Northern Spirit. It was agreed that a letter be sent stating that the Parish Council would provide and install a car park sign unless they heard to the contrary.

WI tree for Millennium The WI had suggested a site on High Green. Councillors would inspect and report.

Railway gates/kissing gate Hall Fields Minute continued

Public toilet signs Minute continued

Arcade Minute continued.

Local Agenda 21 plan Minute continued

Mr D Williams - photocall Minute continued

Tree in garage wall Minute continued

Trod - Wheatlands/Newton Road It was reported that lawn cuttings, tree prunings, and lumps of concrete from fence posts had been dumped in the Trod. A letter would be sent to all residents backing on to the Trod pointing out that it was not a dumping ground for garden refuse or other rubbish.

Cemetery - overhanging trees A tree surgeon had reported that the trees were sound. Minute concluded.

Tress, river side near Stone Bridge Two estimates had been obtained for the work. It was agreed to accept that of B Helm, it being the lower.

Flower baskets/troughs The baskets were now in place. The street cleaner would be asked to water them. Minute concluded.

Cleaning/decorating of Council chamber Minute concluded.

Memorial seat - Keith Lithgow His relations would discuss further and then decide. Minute concluded.

National Trust meeting Cliff Rigg Quarry Neither the National Trust Property Manager nor the Health and Safety Representative had attended and the meeting was therefore abandoned; to be rearranged.

Footpath - Thief Lane Railtrack had cut back vegetation. Minute concluded.

Beehive bins HDC had said that there should be no problem with the bins and that they would deal with the matter. It was noted that the bins did not belong to HDC.

Hedge near fish shop Hedge had been trimmed. Minute concluded.

Cemetery extension Discussed in camera

#### Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	312.00
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	765.74 Inland Revenue (Tax and NI -
August (1))	414.27
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI - August (2))	348.77
M L Holden (reimburse phone calls, post, key, flowers)	85.06
E K Williams (petrol, direct debit)	87.88
P H Greenwell Contractors (repair allot. tap)	41.38
SLCC (training day)	12.00
SLCC (correspondence training course)	70.00
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (paint, protective clothing)	108.79
Audit Commission (audit fee)	424.41
Brian Pinder (weedkilling)	100.00
Image Playgrounds (play equipment)	21,620.00
The Firework Co (fireworks NYE 2000)	589.00
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	390.00
M L Holden (reimburse paint, mileage)	126.71
Philip V Rotheram (decorating council chamber)	189.78
<u>Receipts</u>	
HDC (reimburse flower baskets)	25.00

#### Correspondence

HDC - re transfer of POS. *Councillors Mrs Imeson and J Fletcher would sign on behalf of the Parish Council. There were still several items of work to be carried out.*

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership - invitation to meeting 12.9.00

NYMNPA - questionnaire re best value fundamental services review for promoting understanding. *Councillor Mrs Imeson to complete*

NYMNPA - Yorkshire Planning Aid planning workshops 10.10.00; planning committee agenda

NYCC - re reception for Parish Councils. *Parish Council would like an invitation*

The following items of information were received:

Steven Kirby - re online Great Ayton club

Carole Freeman - "thank you" letter for gift

NYMNPA - agenda for Northern Area Parish Forum meeting 16.8.00. *A meeting would be set up with landowner, ranger and Parish Councillor to discuss problem of cars on grassy areas at Gribdale Gate.*

HDC - District Leisure Strategy 2000 - 2005

Recycled Products Ltd - re safety surfacing

HDC - thanks for responding to District Wide Local Plan Alteration No. 1 consultation

NY Legal Services - copy of order prohibiting vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonnes using bridge at Little Ayton

NYPA - news letter

YRCC - re youth council conference 7.10.00

Glasdon - brochure

NYCC - re parish council news; guide to new political structures

#### Planning applications

Porch extension to existing dwellinghouse - 5 Old Mill Wynd. *No representations*

Ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage - 47 Wheatlands. *No representations*

Proposed thinning of one snowberry tree and elder trees and crowing of sycamore, 2 cherry trees and 2 plum trees and removal of one dead tree - 1 Levenside. *No representations*

Alterations and extension to existing outbuilding to provide ancillary living accommodation - 1 Overbrook, Race Terrace. *Councillor Mrs Stevens declared a non pecuniary interest. The Parish Council had no objections but questioned whether the alterations amounted to holiday accommodation or a separate dwelling.*

Plans approved

Change of use of existing bank to a dwelling - 18 High Green

Construction of a boundary wall with gate as amended - 1 Levenside

Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing building - 117 High Street

Construction of an outbuilding to replace existing building and construction of access gates with fencing as amended - 117 High Street

Application for alterations to existing outbuildings to provide domestic garage at Red Roofs, Dikes Lane

Application for erection of a conservatory at The White House, Dikes Lane

Application for listed building consent for above

Plans refused

Application for consent to fell 2 trees and carry out work to 6 trees subject to TPO - Ascroft, Little Ayton Lane

**Millennium**

Fireworks The fireworks had been ordered.

**Councillors' reports**

Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported a complaint from a resident about poor lighting in Pearsonville. Lampposts had been installed and then taken up. HDC to be contacted.

She expressed regret that Mr Phalp had been forced to erect fencing alongside the Hall fields because of irresponsible walkers and dog owners.

Mrs Greenwell requested that the River Authority be asked about the structure in the river near Hollygarth.

Councillor Kirk reported that Mrs Coles would be unable to continue planting flower tubs. A letter of thanks and gift would be sent in appreciation of all her hard work.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that the Chapel Steps were beginning to crumble and the white paint marking the edge of the steps had disappeared. Highways would be contacted.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that trees from Woodbine Close were overhanging the trod path to the rear of Cliffe Terrace. Ownership would be established and the owners asked to cut back the trees.

Councillor Bell reported street lights out on the High Street near Toscas and the Royal Oak.

A written report from Councillor Fletcher said that a lamppost taped up on Low Green would be attended to by HDC. Northern Electric would reinstate the cobbles on High Green to the proper specification.

The dates of future meetings would be:- 26.09.00, 31.10.00, 28.11.00, Wednesday 27.12.00, 23.01.01, 13.02.01, 13.03.01, 10.04.01, 08.05.01.