

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council held on 23rd January 2001

Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, L Groves, Mrs M Stevens, P Bell, Mrs F Greenwell, R Kirk. PC Steve Dougall and two members of the public also attended.

Apologies

Apology for absence was received from Councillor J Fletcher who was representing the Parish Council at a meeting in Stokesley.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th December were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Dougall reported that there had been 6 incidents of damage since the last meeting: graffiti, damage to the cycle rack in the TIC car park, damage to the fence of a private dwelling and two incidents of damage to cars. There had been 4 auto crimes; one car had been recovered and a youth arrested. Another youth had been arrested and was being investigated in connection with house burglaries. There had been further trouble at the pizza shop and a number of persons had been reported to court.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported gangs congregating on the Chapel steps. These were older youths and nothing to do with the youth club. PC Dougall said that officers were doing foot patrols. Problem children were being spoken to and escorted home as well as the parents being sent a letter. Persistent children were being targeted.

Matters arising

High Green bylaws etc A further two to three months was required. Minute continued.

Whitbread bridge NYCC to be contacted again.

Village Hall Meeting to be arranged with representatives of the Parish Council and the Dramatic Society.

Parking outside shops/station car park Minute continued

Arcade It was reported that HDC had written to Mowden Park Estate Company. Response awaited.

Cemetery extension Minute continued.

Ginnel - Hall fields Minute to be continued for 1 month.

Health Centre - repeat prescriptions It was reported that housebound patients could phone for repeat prescriptions. Funding from the Health Authority had been approved and it was hoped that a new exchange, with 6 lines, would be in place within 3 months. Telephone repeat prescriptions would then be accepted. It was also reported that a new defibrillator had been acquired by the Health Centre.

Sublet of playing fields A draft lease, based on the lease between the Parish Council and Wimpey, had been prepared. Councillor Kirk would read it and report.

Stile/kissing gate cricket field/Community Paths Initiative Written agreement from the landowner was required. Estimates for gate to be obtained.

Roseberry Crescent sign It was reported that HDC had a new sign on order. Minute concluded.

Computer for clerk Minute continued.

Village Design Statement Minute continued

Floods The Environment Agency had replied that there were no sluice gates on the River Leven which would affect flood levels at Great Ayton. They would be asked how it was that river levels had dropped dramatically when gates were opened. NYCC had responded that drains and gullies were cleansed twice yearly and were working effectively. Various problem drains were identified by Parish Council. NYCC to be advised accordingly.

Seat - Cross Lane/Easby Lane/Insurance Minute continued.

Damaged flower tub Minute continued

DETR White paper on the Countryside Councillor Kirk had perused the paper and reported that there was very little which would affect the Parish Council.

Bellman's Bell It was reported that the library was happy to display the bell in a case. A ceremony would be held when the bell and plaque were ready.

Noticeboard outside village hall Mr Barker had replaced the broken perspex which had been damaged again within days. Enquiries would be made of HDC as to the availability of stronger material, eg polycarbonate.

Storage of old minute books and records The County Archivist had been asked to return the books but was most reluctant to do so. Old hand-written and unique documents should be kept in fire- and flood-proof stores in conditions of controlled temperature and humidity. He said that NYCC had a duty of care for such documents and he would be very unhappy to return the documents to Great Ayton library. In view of this the Parish Council resolved to leave them at Northallerton but make enquiries as to whether the information could be stored on CD in Great Ayton so that it was readily available to residents. Councillor Mrs Greenwell wished it be put on record that she felt very strongly that Great Ayton records should be kept in Great Ayton.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	312.00	W B Helm (Cemetery)
superintendent)	765.55	
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	348.96	
M L Holden (phone calls)	12.90	
R Hindle (reimburse Xmas float lights)	22.77	
Society of Local Council Clerks (subscription)	48.00	
M Stevens (reimburse sweets for float)	22.08	
P H Greenwell (Christmas lights)	105.75	
North Yorkshire County Council (copies of deeds)	27.15	
Cornhill Insurance (additional prem. for pavilion)	41.38	
M L Holden (reimburse Xmas gifts)	32.97	
<u>Receipts</u>		
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00	
Cemetery	611.75	
Carol singing collection	.10	

Correspondence

County Councillor P Sowray - re. Junction of B1292 with A172 at Tree Bridge. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell had attended a meeting with representatives of NYCC and the police to discuss traffic calming measures for the village. Amongst the proposals were traffic islands at several locations between the 30 mph sign at the top of Newton Road and the de-restriction sign near Skotta House Farm. These were thought by the Parish Council to be unnecessary. It was thought that the proposed roundabout at the junction of Newton Road and Guisborough Road would be more hazardous than the status quo. North Yorkshire Police would be asked to enforce the speed limit near the top petrol station.*

Michael Garratt - re dog fouling, inconsiderate parking, Whitbread bridge. *Mr Garratt would be advised to contact the police re. parking problems. HDC would be contacted re provision of dog waste bin for the snicket in Roseberry Crescent. The Whitbread Bridge renovation was nearing completion.*

Mrs W Bass - re trees in verge, Easby Lane; rubbish in Little Ayton Lane. *Arrangements for the trees to be relocated in the Public Open Space would be made. HDC would be asked to arrange for the rubbish to be removed.*

HDC - re Public Entertainment Licence, Village Hall. *Dramatic Society to be asked to arrange for emergency exit signs to be brought up to standard.*

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum; notes of meeting on 22.11.00. Request for agenda items for meeting on 28.2.01

Children's Society - request for permission to sell cakes 18.5.01 am and sing carols 22.12.01 am. *Approved*

B Winn - re flower tubs and troughs. *The Parish Council had been unaware that Chris Pearson had put up the flower troughs on the village hall. A small gift would be purchased by way of thanks. Mr Winn would be thanked for his contribution. Mrs Fletcher had volunteered to plant the troughs in future as the previous arrangement had proved too expensive.*

HDC - re Hambleton District Cycling Plan - request for views and comments. *The Parish Council supported the initiative and would like to see a cycle route between Great Ayton and Stokesley.*

The following items of information were received:

Clerks and Council Direct - newsletter

The Firework Company - brochure. *Regret was expressed that the firework display had been rained off on New Year's Eve but children had been able to enjoy it the following evening. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Fletcher, Ian Holden and Michael Conlon who had put on the display.*

NYMNPA - Planning Committee agenda for information

NYCC - request for information re employee contributions

County Committee for Hambleton - newsletter

Mike Aslin - newsletter re miniature railway. *A letter of thanks would be sent to Mr Aslin for his attendance at the Village Fete. His railway had been an added attraction for the children.*

NYMNPA - Annual Report 1999-2000

MS Society - thank you letter

Planning applications

Extension to existing domestic double garage - 71 Marwood Drive. *No representations*

Revised application for construction of a detached dwellinghouse - land off Easby Lane. *No representations*

Alterations and extension to existing dwellinghouse as amended - 1 Stanley Houses. *The Parish Council commented that it was a pity to see such radical change to what were effectively two little country cottages on an*

isolated plot in the country.

Revised application for an extension to existing dwelling - The Hollies, Station Road. *No representations.*

Application for consent to fell 1 tree and carry out works to 5 trees subject to TPO - 4 Old Mill Wynd. *The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that the trees must have been inspected and found to be sound at the time the development was taking place.*

Layout of land and construction of 38 dwellings - rear California Ct., Frankfield Place, Pearsonville. *The Parish Council commented that units 35 and 37 should not have windows looking onto Frankfield Place; Units 34, 36 and 38 should not have windows at the East side; it would be requested that units 1 to 11 should have roof lights rather than windows at the rear so as not to overlook the bungalows; concern was expressed that parking was not within the curtilage of the dwellings; it was regrettable that there were so many 3 storey buildings.*

Plans approved

Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse - 5 California Grove

Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse - 71 High Street

Provision of dormer windows - 2 Angrove Drive

Construction of entrance canopy on existing dwelling - Molyneux House

Construction of domestic garage to replace existing - 84 Newton Road

Councillors' reports

Councillor Groves reported that the National Canine Defence League were proposing to bring a van to Great Ayton on Thursday 22.2.01 between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm for micro-chipping dogs. The cost would be £9.50 per dog, or free to pensioners or those on benefits. Park Square was suggested as a suitable location for the van.

Councillor Bell reported that a delivery van had had difficulty locating numbers 19 - 28 Captain Cooks Way and asked if a notice could be provided. It was agreed that there had been no difficulty in the past and a notice would be unnecessary.

He had attended a WEA class on the Social History of Railways and asked if anyone had any old photos of Ayton Station.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that Mr Featherstone had reported that 2 tubs had been vandalised. The plants had been stolen and the tubs would remain empty until the spring planting.

She asked if the public toilets were supposed to be locked at night as this was not happening. HDC would be contacted.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reminded the meeting that it had agreed to help the Junior Football and Cricket Club with equipment. Although they had obtained grants from various sources for many items they were short of a sweeper which would cost £506.39 plus VAT. The kitchen also needed to be kitted out. The Parish Council agreed to purchase the sweeper and kitchen equipment.