

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th February 2001 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs M Stevens, P Bell, L Groves, R Kirk and J Fletcher. Mrs J Essex and seven members of the public also attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January 2001 were approved and signed after minor amendment.

Police business

There was no police representative in attendance.

Report on Millennium Book

Mrs Essex reported that costs had been covered by sales of the book. There were still some copies available. Councillor Mrs Imeson thanked Mrs Essex very much for producing the book. A letter would be sent expressing appreciation for the all the work put in and the success it had been. The Council gratefully accepted from Mrs Essex a framed copy of the Joe Cornish photograph of them which appeared in the book.

Floods

The Chairman invited the attendant members of the public to speak. They expressed great concern that they could be flooded again and asked what plans had been formed to prevent a recurrence. Councillor Fletcher had attended a meeting convened by the Leven Society to which the Environment Agency had been invited. He reported that the Environment Agency considered that the rainfall on 2nd November had been exceptional. The water level gauges at Easby, Great Ayton and Stokesley had measured rises which peaked simultaneously. This was considered by the EA to be extraordinary and a measure of the sheer magnitude of rainwater falling onto saturated land. The results of a survey undertaken by the EA of all land subject to flooding is available on the EA's website and at Hambleton District Council. The EA would undertake maintenance measures to ensure water in the Leven flowed without hindrance around the flood relief scheme. In response to questions about how the level of the Leven in Great Ayton had dropped so quickly, Councillor Fletcher reported that the EA had stated that the 10 metre difference in level between Great Ayton and Stokesley meant that whatever happened at Stokesley was unlikely to affect the level of the river in Great Ayton.

Regret was expressed that Highways ditches were no longer inspected and cleared out by lengthsman. Field ditches were the responsibility of the landowner. Farmers had been warned of the dangers of blocked ditches but they could not be forced to clear them.

A resident complained that the road level at Dump Corner was such that puddles formed and pedestrians were soaked by passing motorists. The clerk would write to Highways. He also suggested a "concealed entrance" sign for the footpath from the Hall fields but it was agreed that it would be difficult to site such a sign.

A resident complained that he had nearly been crashed into by a bus rounding the corner near the Post Office at speed. He suggested that a sign be installed warning of the dangerous corner.

Matters arising

High Green bylaws Minute continued.

Whitbread bridge Work completed. Minute concluded.

Village hall Minute continued.

Parking outside shops/station car park Sign in place in TIC car park. Minute concluded.

Arcade It was reported that Mowden Park Estate Company were to send engineers to inspect the arcade.

Cemetery extension Minute continued.

Ginnel - Hall fields State of path to be monitored. Minute concluded.

Sublet of playing fields The meeting agreed that Councillors Mrs Imeson and Fletcher would sign the lease agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Stile/kissing gate cricket field; Community Paths Initiative Tenders had been submitted for a kissing gate. Councillors Kirk and Bell declared a code of conduct interest. It was agreed to accept the quotation of R Ward.

Computer for clerk The computer had been ordered. Minute concluded

Village Design Statement Minute continued

Floods See above. Councillor Fletcher brought to the meeting a copy of a letter sent by Mr Coates on behalf of other residents of Roseberry Crescent to Northumbrian Water concerning flooding to their properties. Minute concluded.

Seat - Cross Lane/Easby Lane; insurance The seat had been replaced. Insurance cover would be updated. Minute concluded.

Damaged flower tub Minute continued.

Bellman's bell Minute continued

Noticeboard outside Village Hall Minute continued

Storage of old minute books and records Minute continued

NCDL - microchipping of dogs Their van would be located in the lay-by on Low Green. Minute concluded

Locking of public toilets HDC had been informed of the problem and would deal with it. Minute concluded.

Provision of equipment for Junior Football and Cricket Club Club to send account to Parish Council. Minute concluded.

Accounts

The Royal Oak (Parish Council dinner)	347.65
M L Holden (clerk)	312.00
superintendent)	765.78
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	348.73
M L Holden (reimburse phone calls, gift, photo frame)	20.64
Foden Spence Construction Ltd (cemetery extension	9270.40
Atkinson Garden Machinery (service mower)	284.50
Dell Products (computer)	1096.28
E K Williams (petrol) (direct debit)	16.39
Royal Oak (gratuity) (cash payment)	30.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
R Kirk (cash receipt - gratuity Royal Oak)	30.00
L Groves (reimburse Parish Council dinner)	29.50
J Imeson " " " "	29.50
M L Holden " " " "	29.50
J Fletcher " " " "	29.50
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
R Readman (Cemetery reservation)	36.00

Correspondence

HDC - re housing need surveys

NYCC - Highways Act 1980 - Winley Hill Farm

NYCC - County Committee for Hambleton - Election of Parish Representatives. *Councillor Kirk to be nominated.*

HDC - re street naming and numbering - Easby Lane

NYCC - invitation from Chairman to Reception for Local Councils. *Councillor Kirk to attend*

NYCC - re tree outside 17 Skottowe Drive. *Parish Council had no objections. Matter to be discussed with Highways by Councillor Fletcher*

NYCC - Police and Community Liaison Meeting 26.02.01.

Mrs J Roberts re traffic lights on Stone Bridge; rumoured development by Wimpey of Bridge Street. *The clerk had contacted Transco who reported that the work would be completed within days. The Parish Council had no knowledge of the rumoured development.*

The following items of information were received:

YRCC - Community Evaluation training evenings; Managers and Trustees seminars; RoSPA playground inspection; Village of the Year Competition; Village Halls Conference; Country Air newsletter

HDC - notification of precept £30,500

Sanderson Townend & Gilbert - re licence application for Tile Sheds Inn

David Goodwin - "thank you" card. *The Parish Council expressed their gratitude for all that Mr Goodwin did for the village.*

Image Playgrounds - brochure

Darlington and Stockton Times - response to letter

HDC - re Parish Council Training - 5.4.01. *Councillor Mrs Stevens and the clerk would attend.*

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership - meeting 13.3.01

NYCC - County Committee for Hambleton - meeting 5.3.01

Planning applications

Extension to existing dwellinghouse - 3 California Grove. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 28 Marwood Drive. *No representations*

Construction of a building with associated facilities to provide scout group accommodation to replace existing building - Christ Church. *Councillor Groves declared a code of conduct interest. No representations*

Alterations and extension to existing retail outlet - 117 High Street. *No representations*

Discharge of Section 106 agreement to allow caravan site clubhouse to be used by the general public - Whinstone View Caravan Park. *The Parish Council supported the discharge of the Section 106 agreement but would like to*

see the site advertised as a caravan site again. They expressed concern that they believed caravanners were being discouraged and wished to ensure that permission for the site continued.

Revised application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to existing meeting house - Friends Meeting House, High Green. *No representations*

Formation of a horse manege with associated fencing - Ayton Hall Farm. *Refusal recommended on the grounds that the ancient footpath was very important and that close boarded fencing was not required for the exercising of horses.*

Plans approved

Extension to existing domestic garage - 6 Churchill Close

Extension to existing dwelling - 22 Wainstones Close

Plans refused

Two storey extension to existing dwellinghouse - 16 Romany Road

Review of Cemetery fees

A new scale of fees was agreed by the Parish Council.

Date for Annual Parish Meeting

The date for the meeting was agreed as Wednesday 28th March at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Councillor's reports

Councillor Fletcher reported that an elderly resident had fallen on the footpath outside Bell's Stores. Although the pavement was not uneven there, that on Waterfall Terrace was and Highways would be encouraged to deal with it. It was suggested that as HDC were installing new lamp posts the work should be co-ordinated. Councillor Fletcher would make enquiries about the damaged railings on Waterfall Terrace.

Councillor Groves reported that the seat in memory of Mrs Bradley at the top of Newton Road was in poor condition. Arrangements would be made to have it sandblasted and repainted.

Councillor Bell had received a complaint from a resident of Addison Road about people parking their cars on the grass verge when visiting the ambulance hall. The verge was being ruined. Highways would be asked to look at the problem.

Councillor Kirk advised anyone who received a circular letter from Dominica in the West Indies asking for money to throw it in the bin.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that bags of dog waste had been thrown from the new footpath at the rear of the Bowls Club into the Club grounds. She asked if a dog waste bin could be provided and was advised that the Club should contact Mrs Clough Smith at HDC.

Councillor Mrs Imeson had received a call from a resident of Park Square complaining that her garage was frequently blocked by vehicles. It was suggested that she put up a "keep clear" notice. The Police would advise what sort of notice would be appropriate.

Councillor Mrs Imeson had noted a mistake in the Darlington and Stockton Times report of the last meeting concerning traffic calming when she was quoted as saying that Mrs Greenwell had had no business to say something when the remark referred to had in fact been made by Richard Bentley, the traffic policeman.

The clerk had been asked by HDC if the Parish Council was aware of any outstanding work to be done by Wimpey on the Public Open Space prior to handover other than repair of the finger post, major repairs to the footbridge and work to the rutted bank. Councillor Fletcher identified damage to the path near the kissing gate on the riverside path, and suggested that they be asked to cut the hedge between the POS and the cricket field.

The date of the following meeting would be Tuesday 13th March 2001.