

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2001

### Present

Councillors J Fletcher, Chairman, R Kirk, Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs J Imeson, P Bell. Two members of the public also attended.

### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Groves.

A minute's silence was observed in respect for Brian Helm, the late Cemetery Superintendent. The Parish Councillors paid tribute to him saying that he would be greatly missed in the village as well as in the cemetery where he had worked for 16 years. It had been a great shock when he collapsed whilst working for the Council. He would be hard to replace as his standard of work had been excellent.

### Police Business

There was no police representative in attendance.

Councillor Bell complained of traffic speeding past the Buck Hotel. The Police would be asked if they could employ their speed trap in this area.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2001 were approved and signed.

### Matters Arising

High Green bylaws It was noted that the existing bylaws covered all the village greens and Waterfall Park. It was suggested that if the bylaws for High Green were re-written control over the other venues might be lost. This was felt not to matter.

Cemetery extension Minute continued

Seat, Low Green Minute continued

Allotments Some of the worst allotments had been sprayed. The contractor was also to be asked to spray the cemetery paths. The allotments managers would sort out the overgrown allotments.

Village Hall Minute continued

Banking arrangements After consultation HSBC had agreed to continue free banking for a further 12 months. It was agreed to leave the accounts with HSBC.

Bus stop – Newton Road Minute continued

School transport NYCC had acknowledged the letter from PC and noted comments. Minute concluded.

Foot and mouth disease – re-opening of public rights of way It was agreed that nothing would be gained by continuing correspondence. Minute concluded.

Housing need leaflets Minute continued.

### Accounts

Hambleton District Council (plans for cemetery ext.)	275.03 (a/c correct, insuff. info.)
M L Holden (clerk)	326.44 received initially)
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent, holiday pay)	915.85
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	248.98
M L Holden (reimburse stationery, wood, advert.)	346.43
E K Williams (petrol, direct debit)	78.92
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	538.00
The Plant Emporium (floral tribute)	25.00
North Yorkshire County Council (superann.)	1055.76
H W Carter Funeral Service (obituary notice)	23.96
D R Barker (polycarb. for noticeboard)	43.69

### Correspondence

Letter from resident re waste disposal area to rear of Bells Stores and the Co-op. *Letters to be sent to stores to ask if they could make their yards more secure.*

HDC – Hambleton Cycle Plan – comments. *Council to respond that they support a direct cycle route from Great Ayton to Stokesley*

Mrs J Home, St Margaret's Parish Council – request to plant bulbs in verge, Race Terrace. *Council to respond that they would prefer to see crocus bulbs rather than daffodils which look untidy when they are dying back.*

Mrs S Tanfield, Mr and Mrs K Heaviside – observations re playing field. *It was agreed that matters had improved since the play area had been locked at night. The cost of modifying the roofs of the towers would be investigated further. Councillor Mrs Stevens agreed to continue locking the gate until the end of the summer. Once the nights drew in the cemetery superintendent could lock it as he left work. If no-one could be found to take on the task next summer it was suggested that Parish Councillors do it on a rota basis.*

Mrs J Kitson – re memorial seat for Mr and Mrs Caton. *See Councillors' reports.*

The following items of information were received:-

HDC – acknowledgement of letter re planning training sessions  
 NYCC Pension Fund – guide to local government pension scheme; protocol for disclosure of information and payment of benefits  
 Glasdon – brochure  
 Technix – brochure  
 NYCC County Committee for Hambleton – meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2001; Hambleton Area Committee newsletter  
 Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership – meeting 11.9.01; Wheels 2 Work notice and referral sheet; Get up and Go! Transport grants for local community groups  
 NYPA – annual report 2000/01; P.A. News – newsletter  
 CPRE – Rural Matters newsletter  
 Northallerton College – prospectus  
 National Grid – re underground cable Nunthorpe to Newby  
 NYMNPA – Planning Committee Agenda for information; Best Value Performance Plan Audit 2001 – auditors’ recommendations  
 YRCC – Community Enterprise Conference – 17.10.01  
 Freer Humphreys and Vaux – notice of application for restaurant licence 5, 7 and 9 Bridge Street  
 HDC, D Goodwin; copy letter from Corporate Property Management – re non-residents using Ayton School development as short cut to playing fields.

**Planning**

Layout of land and construction of a building to comprise 14 apartments and construction of a bin storage building as amended – 44 Newton Road. *Councillor Kirk declared a non-pecuniary code of conduct interest. The Parish Council felt that the proposed building would create a canyon of dark city street and were concerned about the impact of a 3 storey building on the nearby bungalows. The development was overpowering and too large for the site. The Council was not opposed to development but felt that a better layout could be found.*

Provision of a dormer window – 24 Bridge Street. *No representations*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling – 29 Wainstones Close. *No representations*

Alterations to existing bank to include formation of an access ramp – 125 High Street. *The Council recommended rejection of the application. It was thought that the internal door should be altered to accommodate a ramp in the service lobby. The footpath was not wide enough.*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling – Cliffe House. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic garage – 31 Linden Avenue. *No representations*

Extension to existing dwelling to include a domestic workshop with store – 3 High Street. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse – 16 Skottowe Drive. *No representations*

Plans approved

Proposed removal of Scots pine tree – land to rear of Methodist Chapel. *Neither the Parish Council, nor the District Council members, had received notification of this application. The clerk was instructed to write to HDC for explanation.*

Certificate of lawfulness – Whinstone View Caravan Park

Provision of dormer windows as amended – Field House, Yarm Lane

Use of existing disused land for domestic purposes – Tourist Information Centre

Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse – 35 Byemoor Avenue

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 47 Addison Road

Plans refused

Change of use and extension to domestic double garage for use in connection with LPG vehicle conversion business – Greenhow Hill Farm

Planning appeal

Mr A Reed - Greenhow Hill Farm

**Recruitment**

The appointment of a new cemetery superintendent was discussed in camera.

**Councillor’s reports**

Councillor Fletcher said that yellow lines at the far end of Low Green were unnecessary. Obstructions occurred infrequently and the police had the power to deal with them. Urban features were not wanted in the village. The clerk was instructed to write to Highways re-iterating in the strongest possible terms the Council’s opposition to yellow lines. Councillor Bell noted that the situation had been chaotic when cars were parked on both sides of the road – traffic speed had been reduced to 10 mph.

Councillor Fletcher reported that he had received complaints about the scaffolding on the cottages in Station Road. He had asked Mr M Cann at HDC what could be done.

He reported that the foot bridge near Marwood School had been partially demolished by a runaway caravan. He had refused NYCC’s suggestion of steel posts instead of sandstone blocks to repair the bridge

Councillor Bell reported that the footpath up Station Road to the station was now so narrow and overgrown that a lady with a pram had had to walk in the road. NYCC would be asked to inspect it.

Councillor Mrs Stevens had received a complaint that the gate to the station car park had been locked before the last train had gone through. A letter would be written to Northern Spirit about the situation.

Councillor Mrs Imeson had been asked about a seat in memory of Mr and Mrs Caton. The suggested location was unsuitable. The Methodists would be asked if it could be sited just inside the gate of the Chapel garden. In the meantime fabrication of the seat would go ahead.

It was suggested that the village fete be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2002. William Hague's secretary would be asked if he was available to present prizes on that date.

Councillor Mrs Imeson wished to be placed on record thanks to Councillor Mrs Greenwell for stepping into the breach when the Cemetery Superintendent collapsed. She had done a sterling job for which Councillors Mrs Imeson and Mrs Stevens, the cemetery managers, were very grateful.

The meeting was then closed. The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2002.