

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 23rd October 2001 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors J Fletcher, Chairman, R Kirk, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs F Greenwell, P Bell, L Groves, Mrs M Stevens.
PC R Barnes and one member of the public also attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2001 were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Barnes said that there had been 113 reported incidents, of which 16 were community related including fireworks, loud music and eggs thrown. There had been 14 crimes of which 7 were thefts from vehicles, 1 house burglary, 3 other burglaries, and 2 incidents of damage. There had been 1 injury accident and 4 damage only accidents.

On traffic matters, PC Barnes said that the road past the Buck was unsuitable for speed detection equipment.. There had been no accidents in Easby Lane and there would therefore be no speed trap.

Councillor Bell complained that there had been marauding youths behind the Chapel and damage had been caused to his hedge. Councillor Kirk thought that unmarked police cars may prove helpful in catching the culprits.

Councillor Fletcher thanked PC Barnes for attending.

Cemetery

The Parish Council agreed to the Cemetery Superintendent, Howard Atkinson, joining the NYCC Local Government Pension Scheme with effect from his starting date 24th September 2001.

Mr Atkinson reported that there were three broken mowers in the garage and was given approval to find out if any were repairable or could be exchanged for a working mower. He would organise a small skip for disposal of rubbish. Councillors commended him on doing a good job in the cemetery.

Fireworks

Mr Nicholson attended the meeting to discuss the location for the Scouts' bonfire. Two items of correspondence had been received on the subject. The original suggestion of Mr Scrope's field on Guisborough Road had caused consternation amongst some neighbours and a petition had been raised. Mr C Petch had offered a field in Easby Lane and this had been gratefully accepted by the Scouts. Regret was expressed that a kerfuffle had arisen after Mr Scrope had been kind enough to offer his field.

Matters arising

High Green bylaws Minute continued

Cemetery extension Minute continued

Seat, Low Green The driver had explained that he was unable to claim for the damage to his car on his insurance as the person who had driven him off the road had not been caught. He would therefore be unable to claim for the seat. The clerk would write again pointing out that his vehicle had demolished the seat and that his insurance company should pay. He would be asked again to provide his insurance details.

Allotments The Council agreed that an applicant from outside the village be allowed to rent an allotment as there was no waiting list and there were several vacant allotments. It was further agreed that residents should have preference and that each application be treated on merit. Non-resident tenants would have their tenancy reviewed every three years. A rent increase of 25% to take effect in November 2002 was agreed to help cover the cost of spraying vacant plots. Councillor Groves announced that he wished to relinquish his post as an allotment manager. Councillor Fletcher would take his place.

Village Hall After some discussion it was agreed that a meeting be held to discuss the pros and cons of a new village hall. Hall providers and users in the village would be invited to attend and give their views. The meeting would precede the next Parish Council meeting on 20th November.

Bus stop – Newton Road Minute continued.

Play area The Council was covered for third party insurance claims. The Cemetery Superintendent had started to lock the gate as he left work. Councillor Fletcher would design a ridge for the tower roofs, to be manufactured by L Wilson.

Footpath – Station Road NYCC would be asked to specify what minor works would be carried out. It was suggested that Community Service might be asked to clear the path if NYCC agreed.

Memorial seat, Mr and Mrs Caton Councillor Bell would try to expedite a decision on location for seat.

Village fete 2002 Concern had been expressed at Roseberry School governors' meeting that 3rd June could present problems. It was therefore agreed that the date be changed to Saturday 1st June 2002. Mr Hague was available on that date.

Christmas dates Dates for Christmas were confirmed – 21st December for carols around the tree, and 22nd December for the Father Christmas float.

Vital Villages Event Councillor Fletcher reported on a very good presentation by HDC and the Countryside Agency. Grants were available but the process of applying for them was very involved and complex. A simplified way of obtaining grants would be sought. Not a lot of money was available.

Grants roadshow To take place on 22nd November 2001.

Insurance of Victorian urinal It was unanimously agreed that the urinal be insured for £20,000 being the value estimated by a foundry representative who had inspected it.

Build up of gravel in river near Buck The Environment Agency were aware of the problems and took measures twice a year. They said that the build up near the Buck had no significant effect on river levels. Residents who had concerns should contact the Environment Agency direct.

Dog fouling – footpath Guisborough Road/Central Way The Dog Warden was now responsible for notices and waste bins. He had inspected the path and agreed that more notices were needed. He would make more frequent inspections. It was reported that more notices had been put up.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	326.22
H Atkinson (cemetery superintendent)	1082.81
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	324.23
M L Holden (reimburse stationery, padlock)	11.79
H Atkinson (reimburse phone card)	10.00
E K Williams (petrol, direct debit)	47.82
Royal British Legion (poppy wreath)	14.25
Arnold Rigby (grave drapes, lowering tapes)	159.00
Northumbrian Water (rates cemetery & allotments)	53.29
Shaw & Sons Ltd (register of burials)	191.70
1 st Great Ayton Scouts (grant for fireworks)	150.00
Hambleton District Council (refuse sacks)	35.00
Thompsons Hardware (items for cemetery)	41.27
Playground Management Services (annual inspection)	90.48
J Fletcher (reimburse daffodil bulbs)	9.99
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	264.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
HDC (precept)	15,250.00
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Cemetery receipts	71.00
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Correspondence

Great Ayton Health Centre – re telephone requests for repeat prescriptions. *Dr Davies would be thanked for his letter but reminded that he had said he was only waiting for the new telephone system to be installed before reinstating the service for telephone repeat prescriptions.*

NYCC – re home to school transport

NYP – re siting of mobile police station on Park Square 24.10.01 pm

NHS – consultation on proposals to establish four strategic health authorities in Northern and Yorkshire region

Great Ayton Dramatic Society Youth Section – letter of thanks

Trustees of Community Care Association – re increase in fares, request for volunteers; invitation to meeting 2.11.01

“Be Heard in Hambleton”; poster. *The correspondence inferred that the whole transport system was in jeopardy.*

This was not the case and it was felt to be grossly unfair to blame HDC

Wimpey Homes – re fencing off part of POS to maintain privacy of resident. *The Parish Council unanimously rejected the request to fence off the area. It was suggested that the resident could erect a fence on his own land to maintain his privacy.*

HDC – re tree work at Ashcroft, Little Ayton Lane. *HDC indicated that the work did not involve any visible work to the tree.*

NYCC – re cycle track between Great Ayton and Stokesley. *Parish Council’s suggestion of a cycle track would be added to NYCC’s list*

Mr Eardley re tree outside his house. *NYCC to ask HDC if tree covered by TPO. If not, they may carry out some judicious pruning.*

Stokesley School - event re raising of awareness of domestic violence 28.11.01

Rudby Parish Council – funding for community buses – meeting 24.10.01

HDC – re firework safety

L Prest – re location for bonfire. *See item above “Fireworks”*

K Nicholson - re location for bonfire. *Ditto*

The following items of information were received:

NYCC – decision sheet for NYPFOG; re Actuarial Valuation

NYPA – PA News; CaP News – newsletters

NYMNPAs – Agenda Planning Committee for information

John Gaunt and Partners – re licence transfer application – The Buck

NYCC – public transport information

Northallerton & District Voluntary Services Assoc – re Wheels 4 All; Vital Villages parish transport guide;

Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership – newsletter; “Get up and Go” – transport grants for local community groups; posters

Zurich Municipal – invitation to seminar re risk assessments

CPRE – Rural Matters – newsletter; agenda for AGM 26.10.01

NYCC – NY Waste Local Plan – revised deposit

J Toms Ltd – brochure for tree products

Planning applications

Layout of land and construction of a building to comprise 12 apartments and construction of bin storage building as amended – 44 Newton Road. *Councillor Kirk declared an interest. There were no representations*

Two storey extension to existing dwelling – 22 Wheatlands. *No representations but Council observed that the windows on the ground floor were not in keeping*

Application for Listed Building Consent for construction of a wall – 1 High Green. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling – 1 Marwood Drive. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic garage to replace existing garage– 94 Guisborough Road. *No representations*

First floor extension to existing dwelling – Rowangarth, Stokesley Road. *Councillor Kirk declared a non-pecuniary interest. No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling – 73 Roseberry Crescent. *No representations*

Restrospective application for construction of a conservatory extension to existing dwelling – 4 California Grove. *No representations*

Plans approved

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling – Cliffe House

Extension to existing dwelling to include a domestic workshop with store – 3 High Street

Listed building consent for internal and external alterations as amended – Ayton Hall

Listed building consent for the provision of door as amended – 5 Levenside

Provision of dormer window - 24 Bridge Street

Provision of dormer window as amended – Low Green House, Low Green

Construction of boundary wall – Ashcroft, Little Ayton Lane

Conservatory extension and construction of domestic garage – 31 Linden Avenue

Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse – 16 Skottowe Drive

Plans refused

Alterations to existing bank to include the formation of an access ramp as amended – 125 High Street

Interim financial report

The report was explained to the meeting by Councillor Kirk and accepted and approved by the Council. Ian Holden to be thanked for preparing the accounts.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Kirk asked where were the ports of call for sandbags in the event of flooding and was advised that they were available at Manor Grange Farm and Grange Farm. The normal service was also still available from HDC. Councillor Fletcher had received complaints about water flowing down Easby Lane. He had arranged for the gullies to be cleared.

Councillor Kirk commented on the erosion around the oxbow lake at Little Ayton. It was agreed that NYCC be advised of the danger to the footbridge, HDC advised of the danger to the power pole, and the landowner, Mr C Petch, be advised as a matter of courtesy.

Councillor Bell reported that there had been a light off at the end of Addison Road for 10 days.

He also commented that the step down from the footbridge at the bottom end of Low Green was very high.

Highways would be asked if anything could be done to remedy the situation.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that the lampshade was hanging off a street light at the end of Langbaugh Close. HDC would be asked about the new lights near the Buck which were still not operational.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that Karen Bell was leaving the Gazette. A letter would be sent to the editor regretting her departure and expressing the hope that she would be replaced. She had written many entries for Great Ayton and her input had been greatly appreciated.

Councillor Fletcher reported that the steel poles which supported the cricket nets on the Public Open Space had been cut off and a dog had been injured on the remaining stumps. Councillor Mrs Imeson was concerned that the POS had not yet been signed over to the Parish Council. She would ask Wimpey to remove the posts and reinstate the land where it was rutted. It was hoped that the POS could then be signed over.

It had been noticed that there was a trend for Saturday interments in the cemetery. It was agreed that funeral directors be advised that the charge for burials on Saturdays would be increased by 50%.

It was agreed that the Cemetery Superintendent and the Clerk be paid bonuses of £100 and £50 respectively in appreciation of the extra work incurred since the death of Mr Helm.

The dates for following meetings would be 20th November 2001, 11th December 2001, 8th January 2002 and thereafter 4 weekly.