

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 20th November 2001 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors J Fletcher, Chairman, R Kirk, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, L Groves, Mrs F Greenwell, P Bell. Mr D Goodwin from Hambleton District Council, and PC R Barnes also attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd October were approved and signed.

Village Hall

Following the village hall meeting, which had taken place immediately before the Parish Council meeting, Mr D Goodwin and Councillors held a brief discussion about the response from hall providers and users. It was agreed that there was sufficient interest to take the proposal forward, particularly with a view to providing something for young people of the village. It was regretted that those in favour had not been more vociferous. A questionnaire had been handed out to those who had attended the meeting and the question of a suitable site would be discussed in more depth once those had been returned and the requirements for a new hall evaluated.

Mr Goodwin was thanked for attending.

Police Business

.PC Barnes reported that there had been 106 incidents since the previous meeting of which thirty had been community incidents including egg and apple throwing and firework incidents. There had been 11 crimes – 2 auto crimes outside the village, 2 house burglaries, 2 thefts, 3 incidents of damage and 2 of not paying for fuel. A reply had been received from the Chief Inspector in charge of call centres in response to a letter from the Parish Council. He explained that teething troubles had now been ironed out and that 90% of non-999 calls were answered within 20 seconds. He would be notified that Councillor Bell had had to wait 20 minutes for a response to his call. A more detailed report of the incident involving youths rampaging around a resident's garden would be supplied for his attention. PC Barnes said that there had been a delayed response to a second incident at the same house because personnel were attending a fatal accident on the A19.

Councillors were advised, in response to a question, that it was up to MP's to legislate against shops selling fireworks far in advance of 5th November.

Cemetery

The Cemetery Superintendent reported no problems in the cemetery. People were becoming accustomed to the rules regarding floral tributes in the Garden of Remembrance. The three broken mowers had been taken away and sent for auction; a new one would be purchased in due course. Approval was given for the purchase of a hammer drill.

Matters arising

High Green bylaws As there had been no problems on High Green through the summer it was agreed to shelve alteration to the bylaws and the situation would be monitored. Minute concluded.

Cemetery extension Consecration of the extension had been approved by the Archbishop of York and arrangements for the ceremony to take place on 17th December would be made with the Bishop of Whitby. Local clergy and funeral directors would be invited to attend.

Seat – Low Green Contact had been made with the driver's insurance company. Estimates would be obtained for a replacement seat so that a claim could be made.

Village Hall See above

Bus stop – Newton Road Minute continued

Play area – design for tower roofs Councillor Fletcher had designed a ridge for the roofs which he would arrange to have constructed and fitted.

Footpath, Station Road NYCC advised that the footpath would be cleared sufficiently for prams and pushchairs. Minute concluded.

Memorial seat – Mr and Mrs Caton A letter had been received from the Church Council advising that investigation into improvements to the church and land precluded a decision being made on the siting of the seat. Minute deferred until a decision could be reached.

Christmas Arrangements for carol singing on 21st and the float on 22nd December were discussed. A resident had kindly offered the village a Christmas tree but as Mr Greenwell had already ordered one and arranged for its delivery the offer would be declined this year.

Grants Roadshow Minute continued

Public Open Space It was reported that the posts had not been cut off but removed from the tubes holding them. Councillor Fletcher would speak to HDC about expediting the transfer of POS to the Parish Council. He would also speak to the Cricket Club about cutting the hedge.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	326.22
H Atkinson	839.05
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	309.05
M L Holden (reimburse postage, mileage)	126.98
E K Williams (petrol, direct debit)	47.09

Atkinson Garden Machinery (repairs to mower)	151.28
Thompson's Hardware (hardware items)	78.46
T Featherstone (planting tubs and signs)	210.00
Brian Pinder (weedkilling allotments)	150.00
North East Granite (refund overpayment)	17.50
James C Pearson (demolish slide, fit kissing gate)	217.37
Cornhill Insurance (addit. premium seats/urinal)	144.73
Yorkshire Cancer Research (Capt. Cook tea)	137.50
<u>Receipts</u>	
Cemetery receipts	40.00
Cemetery receipts	136.00
Allotment rents	27.50
Allotment rents	1106.30
Cemetery receipt	40.00
Allotment rents	211.40
Cemetery receipts	395.00
HM Customs and Excise (refund of VAT)	1385.34
NYCC contribution for grass cutting)	1029.61
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Cemetery receipts	25.00
Allotment rents	47.50

Correspondence

HDC – request to inspect stock of sandbags. *Councillor Fletcher would inspect.*

Scouts – request to sell raffle tickets on 1.12.01. *Approved*

Bow House – invitation to become part of new www.herriotcountry.com website. *Accepted*

K Nicholson – re damaged cemetery wall. *Estimates to be requested to repair or rebuild wall*

DEFRA – Quality Parish and Town Councils; a consultation paper. *Councillor Fletcher to peruse and comment*

NYCC – re proposed works to trees in Marwood Drive. *Proposed works agreed but felled trees to be replaced*

Great Ayton Twinning Assoc – request for financial support to publish booklet. *Further information required*

Stokesley PC – re dog waste bins

dks architects – re repair to access road to new church, Race Terrace

NY Police – re service provided by call centres. *See Police Business above*

HDC – re precept. *The prepared budget was explained to the Parish Council by Councillor Kirk. **Councillor Fletcher proposed and Councillor Mrs Imeson seconded that a precept of £33,000.00 be raised.***

Norton on Derwent Town Council – re NYPF actuarial valuation. *Anomalies in the proposed increases in employer contributions had been noted by Norton on Derwent TC and support of Great Ayton PC requested should objections be raised. This was agreed.*

E Harrison – re parking Low Green; car park High Green; car park Buck Hotel. *Copies of Mr Harrison's letter to be sent to HDC, NYCC and BT for their attention*

The following items of information were received:

HDC – re Christmas tree recycling

NALC – national conference and exhibition 14 – 16th June 2002, Preston

NYMNPA – Planning Committee agenda for information 19.11.01; Northern Area Parish Forum agenda 1.11.01

Hambleton Community Safety Partnership – re drug awareness evening for parents of local children 16.01.02, poster

HDC – flooding leaflets

Glasdon – brochure

NYCC – Pension Fund actuarial valuation

Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine

NYCC – re changes in schedules for Arriva Trains Northern

YRCC – brochures re community training events; Parish Government Conference 1/3 March 2002; Country Air newsletter

NALC The Countryside Agency – national training strategy for parish and town councils – an update

CPRE – re incorporation of CPRE; gift brochure; Voice newsletter

Standards Board for England – introductory leaflet re model code of conduct for local councillors

NYCC – winter maintenance leaflets

Evening Gazette – re replacement for Karen Bell

D Williams – re abandoned car near RSPCA centre

Planning applications

Ground floor extension to existing dwelling – 75 Newton Road. *Council had no objections but it was felt that at least one of the neighbours had cause for concern. HDC to be so notified.*

Additional plan for information – 94 Guisborough Road

Application for listed building consent for the provision of a replacement door – 5 High Green. *No objections*

Extension to existing domestic garage to form a domestic store – 23 Wheatlands. *No objections*

Alterations and two storey extension to existing dwellinghouse – 2 Low Green. *The Council was concerned re preservation of the building and wished to see alterations kept within the restrictions of conservation area.*

Listed building consent as above. *As above*

Extension to existing club building to form a lift shaft – 5 Low Green. *Councillors Fletcher and Groves declared an interest. The Council had no objection to a lift shaft but felt that this proposal would be an eyesore in a conservation area. It was thought that a better design and position could be found.*

Plans approved

Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse – 73 Roseberry Crescent

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic garage to replace existing garage – 94 Guisborough Road

Application for Listed Building Consent for the construction of a wall – 1 High Green

Variations of conditions to permit an increase in covers from 12 to 15 and to permit an increased use of floor area for an approved café – 5 – 9 Bridge Street

Provision of 2 dormer windows to replace existing dormer windows – 12 High Green

Application for Listed Building Consent as above

Ground floor alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse – 22 Langbaugh Close

Outline application for the construction of a detached dwelling with domestic garage – 146 Newton Road

Provision of dormer window – 139 Newton Road

Listed Building Consent for alterations to the existing dwelling – 6 Station Road

Two storey extension to existing dwellinghouse – 22 Wheatlands

Retrospective application for construction of conservatory extension to existing dwelling – 4 California Grove

Application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of a handrail as amended – 1 Richardson Hall

Plans refused

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling as amended – Seaton Cottage, Station Road

Listed Building Consent as above

Construction of detached dwelling with domestic garage to replace existing dwelling – 7 Easby Lane

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Greenwell asked about the new lights on Levenside. Councillor Fletcher reported that they were working apart from one near the bridge. She reported that the residents in Pearsonville were concerned about the lack of street lighting and was advised that as the road was unadopted it was at the bottom of HDC's list of priorities. The residents should write to Hambleton.

Councillor Kirk asked if work to the railings on Levenside was complete and was advised that it was not.

Councillor Bell reported that the dog waste bin at the top of the Chapel steps was leaning over. He felt it should be put right or removed. HDC would be notified.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that Mrs Ferguson had said that the gate to the station yard was closed but not locked. They had experienced trouble with vandalism and theft.

She asked how long the container and portaloo were to remain on Langbaugh corner. Councillor Fletcher would notify Highways that they were a cause of concern to the nearest resident.

Councillor Fletcher had received an Emergency Plan in the event of a disaster in the village.

He reported that there were two dead trees on Langbaugh corner. There were trees available to replace them.

In response to a request, it was agreed that amusements and rides brought to the fete last year could be brought again next year.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 11th December 2001.