

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 11th December 2001 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors J Fletcher, Chairman, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs F Greenwell, L Groves. PC Simon Caukwell also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Imeson and P Bell. Councillor R Kirk had notified the meeting that he would be delayed.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th November 2001 were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Caukwell reported that there had been 72 incidents – the figure had gone down over the whole area. There had been 4 vehicle related incidents and 3 burglaries. There had been 9 community related incidents, mainly nuisance children, and 7 reports of damage. Ten suspicious people or vehicles had been reported. There had been 3 thefts, one of which was a handbag snatch but there was little information on which to act.

The Youth Club in the Methodist hall was a victim of its own success as children were coming from Stokesley and congregating with youngsters who could not get into the club. They were then hanging around the club or at the back of the library. It was thought that there was a need to find a youth club in Stokesley in addition to the one at the school. It was noted that the Youth Club and the Methodist Church were working very well together.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell asked about a report that a man had been trying to attract little girls. PC Caukwell said that there had been one incident when a 9 year old girl had been grabbed by the arm. There was a small spate of children being approached in East Cleveland.

Cemetery

The Cemetery Superintendent reported no problems in the cemetery. He had, however, found the guard from the Twinning Association's beech tree in the river and had managed to put it back with the help of a neighbour. It was agreed that metal pins should be ordered from the blacksmith to hold it in place.

Matters arising

Cemetery Extension The Diocesan Registrar had instructed the vicar to invite all members of the Parochial Church Council to attend. Councillor Groves regretted that he would be unable to attend. Tea and biscuits would be provided at Yatton House.

Seat – Low Green A claim had been sent to the driver's insurance company.

Village Hall Copy of letter to HDC received from Great Ayton Methodist Church Leader.

Bus stop – Newton Road Minute continued.

Play area – design for tower roofs Mr Derek Readman had said that he would like it to be known that since the gate had been locked at night there had been no trouble at all. A letter of thanks would be sent to Mr Eardley who had helped Councillor Mrs Stevens with locking duties. The Cemetery Superintendent was also thanked and it was noted that the play area was now much tidier. Minute continued

Christmas It was noted that the tree was up and looked lovely. The Chairman had decided that his chosen charity for the collection this year was to be Yatton House.

Grants Roadshow Councillor Mrs Greenwell had attended and said that there was nothing of note to report.

Public open space Minute continued

Sandbags Councillor Fletcher had inspected the sandbags and found them to be in unusable condition. He had notified HDC.

Cemetery wall Two estimates had been received. It was agreed to accept that of J C Pearson.

NYPF actuarial valuation A further letter from Norton on Derwent TC had been received advising that the contribution rates had been approved and that there had been no opportunity or right to object. Minute concluded.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	360.42
H Atkinson	908.87
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	365.67
M L Holden (reimburse stationery, ink, virus protection)	90.82
British Telecommunications plc (phone bill)	64.00
Bow House Ltd (tourism advert)	279.65
Thompsons Hardware (calor gas, drill)	94.49
<u>Receipts</u>	
Allotment rents	212.00
Allotment rents + deposit	118.75
Grave reservations	280.00
Grave reservations	120.00
D Bailey (Garage rent)	10.00
Allotment deposit	20.00
Lithgows (sale of mowers)	15.65
Allotment rent	22.00

Cemetery receipts	188.50
Allotment rent	10.00

Correspondence

NALC – the Countryside Agency – a national training strategy for parish and town councils. *Received*
 Mr B Pumphrey – request for seat and plaque on High Green. *It was agreed that the Royal Oak Taverners be asked if their empty plinth on High Green could be used.*
 Mr and Mrs M Houghton – re bus stop on Newton Road. *After careful consideration the Council agreed that they could not recommend re-siting of the bus stop*
 AMR Autos – re cessation of sale of petrol and diesel. *Hookstone Garage would be asked if the Council could open an account.*

The following items of information were received:

NYCC – County Committee for Hambleton agenda for meeting 10.12.01; Hambleton Area Committee newsletter; Action for Sustainability in N Yorks – leaflet
 NYPA – CaP News newsletter
 Bow House – Come and Stay in Herriot Country 2002
 NYMNPA – agenda meeting 10.12.01 for info; questionnaires. *Questionnaires distributed before meeting.*
 HDC – re Stokesley Area Community Investment Prospectus stall 7.12.01; poster
 NYCC – re NY Pension Fund Committee 16.11.01; ill health retirement – employee’s consent form; LGPC Circular 106 – review of the local government pension scheme
 Cleveland Supplies – leaflet illustrating Flood Alert and Floodgate systems
 Glasdon – brochure
 Wicksteed – brochure
 NYCC – footpath, Ayton Hall Farm, diversion order
 Golden Jubilee Office – celebrations toolkit
 K Home, Church Liaison Council – copy of letter to residents of Sunnyfield re resurfacing road

Planning applications

Alterations to existing dwelling for use as 2 self contained flats – 9 Newton Road. *Application recommended for rejection as site would be overdeveloped and the original application for 4 dwellings had been disallowed. Egress for cars onto Newton Road was dangerous.*

Porch and two storey extension to existing dwelling – 15 Byemoor Ave. *No objections*

Application for consent to carry out works to a tree subject to TPO – 69 High Street. *No objections but Council were concerned that particular care be taken with any works as the tree was a beautiful and prominent specimen, the pride and joy of the village.*

Proposed removal of one rowan tree and reducing of stems on second rowan tree in rear garden – Riverside, Low Green. *No objections*

First floor extension to existing dwelling as amended – Rowangarth, Stokesley Road. *No objections*

Installation of air conditioning louvre and extractor fan – 115 High Street. *No objections but the Council observed that noise from the extractor fan could echo to Park Rise*

Variation of condition to permit a change in the hours of activities of an approved café to 10.00 to 21.30. *No objections.*

Plans approved

Extension to existing domestic garage to form a domestic store – 23 Wheatlands

Ground floor extension to existing dwelling – 75 Newton Road

Letter of objection to planning application

A letter was received objecting to the proposed extension to 2 Low Green. The Council were concerned that the author might not have been consulted by HDC. Enquiries would be made.

Footpaths

NYCC had indicated their willingness to pay for improvements to the path beyond the new kissing gate in Suggitt’s field. It was thought that shallow steps would be appropriate for the very muddy area just beyond the gate.

Approval would be sought from Ayton Firs Estates and the Cricket Club before any further action taken. Ideas for improving the path alongside the football field would be considered at a later date. Councillor Groves agreed to continue as contact for the Community Paths Initiative for the time being.

Councillors’ reports

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that young trees between the village hall and its neighbour were causing concern. Councillor Fletcher said that they were only seedlings and the gardener had been given permission to remove them. A gentleman had complained that the ground was very muddy around the dog waste bin at Langbaugh corner and owners were throwing bags of waste rather than placing them in the bin. HDC would be asked to solve the problem.

There was a faulty light near the portaloo on Langbaugh Close.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell asked about the lights on Levenside and was advised that they had been completed that day.

Councillor Kirk joined the meeting.

Councillor Fletcher had attended the meeting of the County Committee for Hambleton during which a discussion on the footpath to the rear of Wainstones Close had taken place. A resident had said that the Parish Council had not inspected the path and was not acting in the best interests of the parishioners when rejecting the closure of the path. Councillor Fletcher had inspected the path, the Ramblers Association had said that the path was well used, and North Yorkshire Police had said that there was nothing to suggest that there was trouble in that area. Councillor Fletcher said that the resident had criticised the Parish Council but had not sent it a copy of the residents' letter or petition. He felt that the resident had done a great disservice to the residents who appointed him to represent them.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 8th January 2002.