

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

**held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2002 at 7.00 pm**

### Present

Councillors J Fletcher, Chairman, R Kirk, Mrs F Greenwell, L Groves, Mrs J Imeson, P Bell, Mrs M Stevens.  
Mr D Goodwin, Sgt M McLoughlin and several members of the public also attended.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2002 were approved and signed.

### Village Hall

Mr D Goodwin from HDC's Leisure Services reported on feedback from villagers who had filled in his questionnaire. The findings were inconclusive but it was felt that the village had given some direction. The evidence showed that not everyone thought a super-big hall was needed. Several responses had indicated need for a hall for youth activities. It was agreed that there was sufficient interest for the matter to be progressed.

Professional engineering advice had indicated that there were serious problems and cost implications to improve existing hall and money spent on it would be money wasted.

Mrs J Duffy observed that the WI Hall was used practically all the time but they received no benefits as it was privately run.

Mr P Morgan asked what would happen to the real estate if the village hall were to go.

### Police Business

Sgt McLoughlin reported that there had been a total of 104 calls for assistance in the month since the previous meeting. These included 8 dwelling burglaries or attempts, the majority following a similar pattern and occurring in the late afternoon or early evening. There had been 1 non-dwelling burglary, 3 stolen vehicles or attempts, 4 thefts from vehicles, and 5 other thefts 4 of which were non-payment for fuel. There had been 2 assaults which were child/youth orientated. There had been 7 reports of damage and 24 complaints re children, 4 of which involved damage. There had been 3 accidents. Mrs J Walker who ran the youth club said that most of the trouble at the Chapel steps was caused by youngsters from Stokesley who could not gain access to the club.

### Cemetery

It was agreed that the Cemetery Superintendent would look after High Green and the Public Open Space. He would be given assistance if required.

### Matters arising

Cemetery extension The consecration documents had been received and would be stored in the clerk's filing cabinet.

Seat Low Green The clerk reported that the man who had demolished the seat had offered to pay for it in instalments rather than involve his insurance company. He had not made any payments and it was resolved to contact his insurance company again.

Village Hall See above

Bus stop – Newton Road NYCC had declined to take any action until Mr Hayward returned to work after illness. The clerk was instructed to contact Mr Cressey, who had also attended the original meeting, and ask him to look at the problem.

Play area – design for tower roofs Minute continued

Public Open Space Minute continued

Seat for Mr Pumphrey – High Green Minute continued

Footpaths NYCC would commence work on footpaths near the new kissing gate and in the Hall fields

Repeat prescriptions Minute continued

Golden Jubilee celebrations After discussion it was agreed that a tree be planted on Low Green rather than High Green. A copper beech was suggested and enquiries would be made as to whether this variety would withstand flooding.

### Accounts

The Royal Oak (annual dinner)	425.00
M L Holden (clerk)	326.22
H Atkinson	839.05
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	309.05
North Yorkshire County Council (superann conts)	1193.80
M L Holden (reimburse Xmas gift)	5.49
P H Greenwell (Xmas light bulbs)	91.94
W Eves & Co (ME) Ltd (deposit for petrol acct.)	70.00
Atkinson Garden Machinery (mower service)	513.84
Society of Local Council Clerks (subscription)	50.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Allotment deposits	60.00

Cemetery receipts	218.50
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Cemetery receipts	173.00
Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, J Fletcher	
R Kirk, Mrs F Greenwell, L Groves, P Bell	
Mrs L Holden (reimburse annual dinner)	288.00

### Correspondence

Mr K Nicholson – re damaged cemetery wall. *It was understood that Mr Nicholson would pay for extra courses of brick to be added to the top of the wall and he would be so advised*

Henley Oak Ltd – brochure re pillars for Jubilee Celebration.

Hambleton Sports Council – agm 13.2.02

Sovereign – re play equipment

Cleveland Way Project – questionnaire for information to be included in database. *Completed by clerk*

The Children's Society – request to hold cake stall on 31.5.02 and carol singing on 21.12.02. *Agreed*

HDC Dog Warden – re damage to signs. *Vandals had caused £500 worth of damage to dog fouling signs in the council estate and Addison Road. The matter had been reported to the police and the signs would be replaced with adhesive ones.*

Yatton House – request for information re Parish Council. *Clerk would supply information*

YRCC – re annual playground inspection; Village Halls conference 27.4.02; Country Air – newsletter

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau – request for donation. *Denied*

HDC – re Parish Councils' Liaison Meeting – 20.02.02. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell and clerk to attend*

Rev J R Charlton – invitation to attend open day at St Margaret's Church 9.2.02 10.00 to 4.00. *Councillors and clerk would attend*

Mrs J Smitheman re litter bin near recycling bins; trod; police presence in Great Ayton. *It was thought inappropriate to site a litter bin near the recycling bins; the trod had been tidied up; Sgt McLoughlin would be monitoring crime in Great Ayton*

Eric Harrison – tender for grass cutting. *It was resolved that three contractors be invited to tender for a three year grass cutting contract with an option for a further two years*

Countryside Agency – free transport “needs assessment”; Vital Villages action pack. *Free transport needs assessment oversubscribed and therefore unavailable*

HDC – Code of member conduct – comments invited on proposed code. *Councillors to study draft code*

Mrs S Pearce – draft twinning booklet and request for help with funding. *Councillor Bell declared a non-pecuniary interest. Councillor Mrs Greenwell said that in the past grants had been allowed only for the start up of youth projects. It was agreed that twinning was a community organisation and it was resolved to make a grant of £50.*

Mrs H Rowland – copy of letter to Mr Walker criticising the traffic calming in village. *The Council agreed with Mrs Rowland's comments and copies of her letter would be forwarded to officers at NYCC, the Chief Constable and the county's traffic constable*

The following items of information were received:

Mr and Mrs D Barker – thank you letter

Welfare Benefits Unit – posters and leaflets re Older Persons and Carers Take-up Campaign

Base Leisure – brochure re youth shelters

NYCC – agenda for meeting of County Committee for Hambleton 28.01.02; newsletter; form for application for funding; NYPA budget consultation

H Stonehouse – copy of letter to NYCC re surface of pavement in Easby Lane

HDC – re renewal of Public Entertainment Licence

Norton on Derwent Town Council – re pension fund actuarial valuation

NYMNP – agenda for Northern Area Forum meeting on 22.1.02; agenda for Planning Committee meeting 21.1.02 for info

Glasdon – brochures

NYCC – LGPS Regulations 1997 re independence of registered medical practitioners

SMP Playgrounds – brochure

Clerks and Councils Direct – newsletter; brochure re Golden Jubilee fireworks; brochure re bus shelters

HDC – notification of precept

### Planning applications

Revised application for the construction of a domestic garage – 63 High Street. *No representations*

Application for Listed Building Consent for the provision of a replacement window – Ayton Hall Farmhouse. *No representations*

Construction of a detached dwellinghouse and domestic treble garage to replace existing dwellings as amended – Stanley Houses, Yarm Lane. *The Parish Council was still unhappy with blank garage wall adjacent to the road. It was observed that the building was not in the footprint of the original*

Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing hot food take-away shop and outbuilding – 18 Bridge Street. *Councillor Kirk declared an interest. There were no representations*

Extension to existing club building to form a lift shaft as amended – 5 Low Green. *Councillors Kirk, Groves and Fletcher declared an interest. No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling – 64 Wheatlands. *No representations*

Plans approved

Alterations to existing dwelling for use as 2 self contained flats – 9 Newton Road

Application for Listed Building Consent for the provision of a replacement door as amended – 5 High Green

Porch and two storey extension to existing dwellinghouse – 15 Byemoor Avenue

Extension to existing club building to form a lift shaft as amended – 5 Low Green

Application for consent to carry out works to a tree subject to TPO – 69 High Street

Planning appeal

Greenhow Hill Farm – appeal dismissed

**Access to St Margaret’s Church – Race Terrace**

Parish Council invited to approve draft Deed of Grant and to comment on whether work had been carried out on both sides of the access. The draft Deed was approved and it was agreed to inspect the access road.

**Amendment to Standing Orders**

It was resolved that item 18 be amended to read that 3 tenders should be obtained for all costs involving payment of sums exceeding £500.

**Councillors’ reports**

Councillor Mrs Greenwell asked if Stokesley Road had been swept of loose gravel.

Following a recent meeting of Community Link the CIP questionnaire inviting residents to comment on the present and future needs of the community would be delivered to each household. It was agreed that as the scouts had previously requested funding for the jamboree they would be asked to make the deliveries and a donation of £200 would be made to them.

Councillor Groves reported that a gate on the railway crossing at the top of the Hall fields was rotten. Railtrack would be asked to inspect it.

Councillor Fletcher reported that someone had fallen on Newton Road. The footpath had been inspected and it appeared to be in good order.

Councillor Bell left the meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

**Fete and Jubilee week**

Yatton House had arranged a dance for the evening of the fete and it was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would not hold a ball. Instead the Parish Council would arrange a family picnic on High Green on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and two evenings of entertainment in the Parochial Hall on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June depending on availability of the hall.

The theme for the floats and fancy dress would be “Royalty through the Ages”. HDC Councillor Mr P Featherstone, who would be chairman of the council in June, and his wife would be asked to judge the fancy dress. Mr and Mrs S Quartermain would be invited to judge the floats.

It was agreed that a cold buffet lunch would be easier to manage in the limited time available before the float procession started.

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The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2002.