

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 5th March 2002 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors J Fletcher, Chairman, Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, P Bell, L Groves.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Kirk

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2002 were approved and signed.

Police Business

There was no representative from the police in attendance and councillors had nothing to report.

Cemetery

Councillor Mrs Stevens brought a report from the Cemetery Superintendent who was unable to attend. The padlock for the play area had been wrecked and a new one purchased. The cemetery paths required weed killing and more gravel. Mr Atkinson would be advised to arrange for both. Thirty dead rose bushes had been removed. It was agreed that the Council would purchase 6 new ones to get started and then people could donate roses, with a plaque if required, in memory of loved ones.

Matters arising

Seat – Low Green No payments had been received for the seat. It was agreed that after giving two weeks warning the matter would be pursued through the small claims court.

Village hall Minute continued

Bus stop – Newton Road Councillor Fletcher would speak to Mr Cressey at NYCC

Play area – design for tower roofs Councillor Fletcher had ordered material to put on the roofs

Public open space Minute continued

Seat for Mr Pumphrey – High Green Minute continued

Repeat prescriptions Minute continued

Parish Councils Liaison meeting Councillor Mrs Greenwell and the clerk had attended. The introduction of members' register of interests had caused some disquiet amongst parish councillors who feared that inquisitive residents would have access to personal details. It was regretted that this may be the case, although it was thought to be unlikely, and that the only way to avoid the register was to resign as a parish councillor. Data protection and the necessity for notifying under the Data Protection Act had also been discussed. It was agreed that the clerk should notify at a cost of £35 per annum.

Grass cutting The tender from Mr E Harrison would be accepted, it being the lowest.

Standing orders The revised standing orders were signed by the Chairman.

Railway crossing gate The gate had been fixed

Community Investment Prospectus Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported that the Scouts had delivered the questionnaires. 140 had been returned and the box would remain in the library until the end of March.

Accounts

J E Fletcher (reimburse picture hooks)	1.80	(not accepted by Cllr Fletcher)
M L Holden (reimburse stationery, photocopying)	8.58	
Leven District Scout Council (donation for leaflet delivery)	200.00	
British Telecommunications plc (phone bill)	58.04	
<u>Receipts</u>		
Cemetery receipts	87.50	

Correspondence

HDC – Biodiversity Action Plan – consultation draft

Mr B Sanders – request for approval to have memorial seat on Low Green. *Approved*

Bow House – re development of website. *It was agreed that the village should have a web site. Councillor Fletcher would contact the person who had taken over the Great Ayton website from Steve Kirby*

NYCC – review of home to school transport services – comments invited. *The Council felt it to be unfair that children who stayed on at school beyond the school leaving age of 16 and children who lived at the bottom end of the village should have to pay for their transport. It was noted that cheapest was not necessarily best.*

HDC – sundry debtors service customer questionnaire. *Clerk to complete*

NYMNPFA – Northern Area Parish Forum – notes of meeting 22.0102; notices; notice of meeting 24.04.02 and request for agenda items

Miss S Tanfield – re dog fouling Addison Road. *Miss Tanfield would be advised that the Council shared her concerns. The solution would be to catch owners whose dogs fouled the footpath and report them to the dog warden who could issue fines.*

Mrs J Brown – request to collect for Alzheimers Society 13th July 2002. *Approved*

Mrs V Bailey – re Longstaff surname. *Letter to be passed to Rev P Peverell*

Hambleton Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership – invitation to meeting 12.3.02; re transport grants; Wheels 2 Work poster and referral sheet
 HDC – street naming and numbering – Burdon Engineering/Pearsons Yard. *It was suggested that the streets be named Pearson Court, Edward Kitching Terrace and Frankfield Mews.*
 NYCC – Winter maintenance gritting route review – invitation to meeting 8.4.02. *Councillor Fletcher to attend.*
 Mrs B Renwick – re flooding. *Councillor Mrs Imeson had contacted owner of the flooded field. The land was too wet to get machinery on at present but the landowner was aware of the problem.*
 Mrs J Groves – request to have duck race on 26th May. *Mrs Groves would be asked if the duck race could not be held on 2nd June as part of the Jubilee celebrations.*
The following items of information were received:
 The Firework Co – brochure
 County Committee for Hambleton – minutes of meeting 28.1.02; agenda meeting 25.2.02
 Food Standards Agency – guide to safer food and better business
 NYCC – Local Government Pension Scheme – re independence of registered medical practitioners
 CPRE – re the Government’s planning green paper
 NYMNPA – Planning Committee agenda 14.2.02 for info
 NYCC – North Yorks Waste Local Plan – Pre-Inquiry Changes advertised and available for inspection at County Hall
 BFC Factory Outlet – brochure
 Commission for Racial Equality – Statutory Code of Practice on the Duty to Promote Race Equality
 NYCC – Prohibition of Waiting Order Park Rise/High Street

Planning

Alterations and extension to animal centre – Great Ayton Animal Centre. *No representations*
 Alterations and extension to existing dwellinghouse – Seaton Cottage, Station Road. *It was noted that provision for garaging of car was being lost. The extension was felt to be very prominent and had no empathy with surrounding architecture*
 Application for Listed Building Consent for above. *As above*
 Conservatory extension to existing bungalow – 39 Easby Lane. *No representations*
 Revised application for the provision of a dormer window and formation of a ridged roof on part of existing dwelling – 24 Bridge Street. *Parish Council would request that this be added to the site meeting*
 Proposed removal of dead branches on sycamore tree, proposed felling of ash tree and replacing with an evergreen and proposed felling of second ash tree – Capt Cook Memorial Garden. *Request that this application be added to the site meeting.*
 Alterations and extension to existing dwelling – 19 Station Road. *The dwelling was already high above the road. Councillors were concerned about the apparent bulk of the altered dwelling and objected to it being painted white. It would be requested that this proposal also be added to the site meeting*
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and domestic garage – 1 Race Terrace. *No representations*
 Application for Listed Building Consent for the re-roofing of existing dwelling – 12a High Green. *Councillor Fletcher declared an interest. No representations*
Site visit Alterations and single storey extension to existing dwelling 2 Low Green. Clerk to attend
Plans approved
 Construction of detached dwellinghouse and domestic treble garage to replace existing dwellings as amended – Stanley Houses, Yarm Lane
 Alterations and extension to existing bungalow as amended – 35 Easby Lane
 Variation of Condition 2 (ref 2/01/058/0741A) to permit a change in the hours of opening of an approved café to 10.00 hours to 21.30 hours – 5-9 Bridge Street
 Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing hot food take-away shop and outbuilding – 18 Bridge Street
Plans refused
 Layout of land and alterations and extension to existing dwelling to replace existing hot food takeaway shop and construction of 2 dwellings

Yatton House

The lease was due for renewal in 2003. It appeared that rent had not been paid since the signing of the lease in 1997. The matter would be investigated.

Fete and Jubilee Week

Tree for Low Green It was resolved to plant a weeping willow

Fete

Family picnic Councillors Fletcher and Mrs Greenwell would investigate entertainment for the picnic

Choir concert The Mosaic Singers had been engaged. They would charge for expenses only. It was agreed that the cost of tickets would be the same as for the Millennium choir concert.

Jubilee Review Several potential acts were not available because of the half term holiday but it was felt that there were enough to make a good show.

It was agreed that the whereabouts of the brazier be investigated and the scouts be asked if they would arrange the lighting of the beacon to participate in the chain of fires which would be started by the Queen.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Greenwell asked that Highways be thanked for the excellent job they had done on the footpath up Station Road.

She reported that there was ivy growing in the hedge in the TIC car park. HDC would be notified.

Councillor Bell reported that a hedge in Romany Road was causing an obstruction. The owner would be asked to cut it back.

He asked if there should be a duck cull on the river. This was not thought to be necessary.

A resident had reported to him that three large double trailers had gone through the village. It would be suggested that they use the other route.

Councillor Bell asked why the number of parish councillors had remained at seven for many years despite the increase in the village population. It was agreed that the council was entitled to more but there had never been a flood of applicants. It was thought that the real question should be whether or not the council would be more effective with more members, examples of other councils did not seem to suggest that this was the case.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed as Wednesday 27th March at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 2nd April 2002.