

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 23rd July 2002 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs F Greenwell, Chairman, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, L Groves, P Bell, J Fletcher and R Kirk. Sgt M McLoughlin also attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2002 were approved and signed.

Police Business

Sgt McLoughlin reported that there had been 71 incidents so far in July, compared to 141 in June. Thefts were up from 5 to 8; complaints regarding conduct of youths were down from 33 to 11, with 20 and 5 respectively involving football on High Green. There were no house burglaries in June or July. Incidents of damage to property were 9 in June and 5 in July, and assaults 5 in June and 1 in July.

There was lengthy discussion regarding problems with antisocial behaviour and the Council was advised that Hambleton Community Safety Partnership had set up a working party to tackle the problem in Stokesley and the process had been started for Great Ayton. The suitability of the existing byelaws for dealing with problems on High Green was discussed. It was observed that the problem was not youths playing football but those who were using footballs as a weapon and deliberately causing havoc. Underage drinking also presented a problem and bootleg alcohol was partly to blame.

Councillors again reported difficulties of residents trying to telephone the police. Teething problems at the call centre were again blamed.

Sgt McLoughlin was thanked for attending the meeting in his own time.

Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported no problems at the cemetery. An estimate had been received for the mechanical digging of double graves but was thought to be too high. The paths had been sprayed again.

The play area equipment which had been newly painted looked very smart. The seesaw wood had been replaced. Mr Atkinson had experienced some trouble with youngsters not wanting to leave when he went to lock the gate at closing time.

A complaint had been received from a resident about the uncut vegetation on the river bank below the stone bridge. Councillors agreed that the river bank looked nice in its natural state. Councillor Mrs Greenwell said that Japanese hogweed had been found growing there, which should not be touched. She had reported it to the Environment Agency.

Mr Atkinson had recently painted three of the village seats, completing the task started last year.

Dog fouling on Low Green had been considerably reduced. It was thought this was probably due to a resident being tackled about not cleaning up after her dogs. A person who allowed her two dogs to foul in Addison Road had been warned and was under surveillance.

Matters arising

Bus stop – Newton Road No reply from NYCC. Councillor Mrs Greenwell had sketched the site and thought that it could be moved a few yards south without too much difficulty and this would alleviate the resident's problem. Councillor Fletcher would take the suggestion to NYCC.

Public open space Wimpey's technical department would consult with their legal department and it was hoped to conclude the matter speedily.

Development of website for Great Ayton Mr Kirby was engaged in correspondence with the holders of the website and was confident that everything would be sorted out in due course. It was agreed to conclude the minute for the time being.

Village name plinth – Yarm Lane HDC were not responsible for rebuilding the wall. It was agreed that NYCC be asked to rebuild it and charge any costs to the Parish Council.

Accounts

C L Prosser & Co Ltd (skip for allotments)	64.63
W Eves & Co Ltd (petrol) (direct debit)	40.73
Thompsons Hardware (items for cemetery)	16.15
Northumbrian Water (cemetery supply)	5.86
R Donaldson (refund of allot deposit)	20.00
Hambleton District Council (salaries Feb, Mar, April, May and June 2002)	8113.63
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	320.00
Signs and Plastic Products Ltd (play area sign)	81.08

M L Holden (reimburse - D Greenhalgh contact lenses £10, HDC Playground Course fee £5)	15.00 (cheque cancelled)
M L Holden (reimburse phone bill, including cost of transferring pc number to new address)	172.08
F M Greenwell (flowers and card Mrs W Carter)	6.28
<i>Audit Commission (audit fee 2000/01)</i>	618.64 (on hold pending breakdown)
<u>Receipts.</u>	
Cemetery receipts	75.00
J Imeson, J Fletcher, R Kirk, L Holden, F Greenwell, M Stevens (reimburse fete lunch)	40.50 (£10 cash paid to D Greenhalgh for lenses, £30.50 banked)
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Cemetery receipts	260.00

Correspondence

Mrs H Hartley – re hexagonal memorial seat. *Mrs Hartley had agreed to share a hexagonal seat, the cost of which would be £600 plus VAT. Mr Ward to be asked to commence construction*

HDC – re removal of recycling bins from Buck Hotel car park. *Cllr Fletcher suggested siting them at the other end of the car park. This had been considered by HDC but rejected as unsuitable. The lay-by near Langbaugh Hall would be suggested.*

Mr B Sanders – re pavilion roof; subsidence in shower area; sale of tickets 17th August. *An insurance claim would be made for repair of the roof, three estimates to be obtained. Wimpey would be asked to inspect the shower area with Cllr Mrs Greenwell. Sale of tickets approved.*

Mr R Lappin – request for permission to sell raffle tickets – Christ Church Bazaar 3,10,17.11.02. *Approved*
 NYMNPA – agenda for meeting of Northern Area Parish Forum 24.7.02; events programme 2002; offer of walnut tree for village green. *Offer of walnut tree accepted – corner near Hookstone Garage or The Riverside suggested as possible locations*

Complaint from resident re grass on river bank below stone bridge. *See Cemetery above*

CPRE – questionnaire re the rural economy. *Clerk to complete*

NYCC – leaflets re flooding

NYCC - re highway verge grass cutting policy. *Council stated that it was always willing to have verges cut more often. NYCC would be asked to attend to a particularly bad spot near the RSPCA centre*

NYMNPA – changes to planning application process

Bow House – re advertisement in Come and Stay in Herriot Country 2003. *Advertisement to be renewed for 2003*

The following items of information were received:

NYPA - newsletter

Pubmaster – application for licence transfer, Tile Sheds

NYMNPA – best value performance plan 2002; Planning Committee agenda 11.7.02

Water Voice Northumbria – poster re meeting 11.7.02

NYCC – best value performance plan for 2002/3

Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine

HDC – street collections – Alzheimers 13.7.02; Cleveland Search & Rescue 3.8.02

SMP Playgrounds – brochure

NYCC Financial Services – re Pension Scheme avc's

NYCC – transport timetable info

1st Great Ayton Scouts – thank you letter for donation

Wicksteed Leisure – brochure

CPRE – Planning Update – newsletter

Base Leisure – brochure

Planning applications

Provision of dormer windows – Topcliffe House, Low Green. *The Council thought that the side elevation was extremely ugly and obtrusive*

Provision of dormer windows as amended – Topcliffe House. *As above*

Construction of detached dwellinghouse and domestic treble garage to replace existing – minor amendments – Stanley Houses. *HDC would be asked why so much completely new build had been allowed in this case. There seemed to be a lack of consistency in applying policy to build in same footprint*

Application for Listed Building Consent for the demolition and reconstruction of part of existing wall – Church of All Saints, Low Green. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse – 5 Roseberry Ave. *No representations but HDC to be asked to make sure neighbours were aware*

Alterations and two storey extension to existing dwellinghouse – 17 Roseberry Road. *No representations*

Porch extension to existing animal centre – RSPCA Centre. *No representations*

Provision of 2 dormer windows – 2 Angrove Drive. *No representations*

Use of existing potato storage building for the storage of coaches – Winley Hill Farm. *No representations*

Demolition of existing extension, construction of extension and alterations to existing outbuilding/extension – 6 High Green. *Cllr Fletcher declared an interest. The Council acknowledged the concerns of the neighbour, given the narrowness of the alley and proximity to neighbouring dwelling*

Listed Building Consent as above. *See above*

Proposed works to 6 trees – Friends Meeting House. *No representations*

Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to existing flat to provide 2 flats, new staircase and blocking up of external door on rear elevation – Cleveland Lodge. *No representations*

Plans approved

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 19 Station Road

Proposed tree works as per schedule – Friends Meeting House

Ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse – 83 Roseberry Cres

Conservatory extension to existing bungalow – 98 Marwood Drive

Annual accounts for audit

The accounts were accepted by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman. The statement of assurance was approved by the Council.

It was noted that the account for the previous year's audit had increased by 45% and had been queried. A breakdown of the account was awaited. (*see Accounts above*)

Councillors' reports

Cllr Fletcher had received a certificate from Bruno Peek OBE testifying that Great Ayton had participated in the Golden Jubilee Summer Party on Monday 3rd June 2002.

Cllr Bell reported that there were 77 broken paving stones between 1 Linden Road and the junction with Addison Road. Cars were being parked on the triangle of grass outside 16 Linden Road. Mr Eardley had complained about the big hedge on Guisborough Road next to the allotments. All these matters would be reported to NYCC Highways.

The date of the following meeting would be Tuesday 20th August 2002 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.