

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 15th October 2002 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs F Greenwell, Chairman, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, L Groves, R Kirk, P Bell, J Fletcher.
PC S Caukwell also attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2002 were approved and signed with minor amendment viz. the inclusion of the item relating to the pruning of an oak tree outside a resident's house.

Police Business

PC Caukwell reported that there had been 101 incidents in the previous month. The main crime was theft from vehicles with a particular concentration of incidents at Gribdale Gate. There had been two house burglaries and two violent assaults. On the community side, there had been one incident at the play area. The biggest problem was fireworks and 14 suspicious incidents had been reported. Residents were advised to call the police on 01609 783131 to report any problems. In response to a question from Cllr Kirk, PC Caukwell said that there were no time restrictions on the use of fireworks but it was an offence to throw them. The main issue was illegal fireworks.

Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported that he had employed a local contractor to mechanically dig graves who would match the lowest price available elsewhere.

Mr Atkinson had cut the play area hedge after consultation with the neighbours. A broken rail on the tower play system had been reported to the manufacturer. A bucket swing seat had been ordered.

The clerk had obtained details of a two-day pesticide course at Askham Bryan College which the cemetery superintendent would attend.

A request to place a memorial seat near the wall in the garden of remembrance was denied as there was already a seat for that position which was currently away being refurbished. Alternative sites were discussed and the possibility of a hexagonal seat around the yew tree, or a bird bath, suggested. Further thought would be given to the matter.

Matters arising

Bus stop, Newton Road The Chairman asked that this remain on the agenda until the work had been carried out.

Public open space The documents were signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Wimpey had been asked to cut the grass before handover. The Parish Council agree that it would be preferable for the grass to be cut and removed and would therefore make its own arrangements for this to be done. It was suggested that the Cricket Club be asked if they would take over cutting of the grass once it was in a suitable condition.

It was suggested that consideration be given to the provision of sports equipment for the area e.g. 5-a-side football nets, basket-ball net. Enquiries would be made about the availability of grants.

Village name plinth, Yarm Lane Minute continued

Pavilion roof, shower area Councillor Mrs Imeson had spoken to a senior member of Wimpeys who had said that he would see to the roof.

Internal audit – report Mr Beeforth reported that in his opinion the internal control and record keeping was of a high standard and he had completed the Annual Return form accordingly. He commented on one or two matters which had been dealt with. The garage on the High Street was not listed in the asset register and was not insured. Holmes and Rose would be asked to value it. Although brief risk assessment had been performed, the minutes should clearly record that the Council has considered risk management annually. It was agreed that two Councillors carry out risk management annually before the audit.

Ian Holden was complimented on his preparation of the accounts.

Highways matters (hedge Guisborough Road, footpath Linden Road, walnut tree) The hedge was mainly trees and it was agreed that it be left until Mr Atkinson had cut the allotment hedge. Councillor Fletcher would pursue the matters of the Linden Road footpath and the walnut tree with Mr Roberts of Highways.

Additional tap for cemetery extension Yatton House had been asked if they would object to their water supply being used for an extra tap in the cemetery. Mr Kent said that as the water was metered he would have to ask the management committee. Councillor Mrs Imeson would consult with Mr Kent.

Rotarians' memorial for Golden Jubilee Councillor Fletcher suggested that they donate a new kissing gate for Waterfall Park/Suggitt's field to match the Millennium Gate supplied by the Parish Council.

Christmas dates, carols The band were not available to play on Friday 20th December so carols round the tree would now take place on Saturday 21st December. The vicar had explained that it would be difficult to print the carol sheet with two additional carols. He would be asked if a compromise could be reached which would include Ding Dong Merryly on High.

Mr P Greenwell had offered to arrange for purchase and collection of the Christmas tree.

Footpath, Thief Lane NYCC had had the path inspected and agreed that it was suitable for treatment.

Parking Low Green Councillors Mrs Greenwell and J Fletcher had met Mr Hayward from Highways who agreed that there was a problem and he would prepare schemes for consideration.

Footpath to rear of Cliffe Terrace Rydale Housing Association would arrange for the trees to be inspected.

Publication schemes The Parish Council agreed to adopt the model publication scheme provided.

Accounts

Northumbrian Water (supply allotments/cemetery)	50.93
Hambleton District Council (wages July, Aug, Sept 02)	5572.02
Hambleton District Council (replacement litter bins)	488.14
W Eves & Co Ltd (petrol (direct debit))	49.56
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	320.00
James C Pearson (base for Pumphrey seat)	75.20
Simon Croft (refund allotment deposit)	20.00
Playground Management Services (play area insp)	91.65
M A Beeforth (audit fee)	150.00
G A Marwood (allotment rent Oct 2001, Oct 2002)	500.00
Thompson's Hardware (stepladder, jubilee clips)	40.85
1 st Great Ayton Scouts (donation for fireworks)	150.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Cemetery receipts	490.00
A Kirby (allot deposit)	20.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Yatton House (rent Sept 02 to Aug 03)	200.00
Hambleton District Council (precept)	16,500.00

Correspondence

HDC – re firework safety. *Information to be passed to Scouts*

YLCA – invitation to join. *Declined*

RoSPA – play area safety inspection report. *Play area sub committee to peruse report*

Soc of Local Council Clerks – re handbook “Local Council Administration”. *Council agreed to the purchase of handbook*

Mrs C Smith – request to have memorial seat in garden of remembrance. *See “Cemetery” above*

NYCC, Judy Cowper – request for tea/coffee at meeting 9.12.02. *It was suggested that Hollygarth be asked if their hall was available and if they could provide tea and coffee.*

HDC – invitation to attend Flood Forum meeting 10.10.02. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell had attended the meeting which was a very successful event. The Environment Agency was drawing up schemes for flood relief and £1m had been allocated for Great Ayton*

CPRE – invitation to attend meeting 25.10.02; offer to give slide presentation; Volunteers' Conference 23.11.02;

Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution – summary of report; Planning Update – newsletter

Mr C P Atkinson – re width of river and build-up of debris. *Councillor Fletcher said that the Environment Agency were aware of it but it made no difference with regard to flooding.*

The following items of information were received:

NYCC – agenda for County Committee for Hambleton meetings 23.9.02, 7.10.02

NYMNP – Agenda meeting 30.09.02; Planning Committee agenda 10.10.02

Community Care Assoc – invitation to cheese and wine evening 4.10.02; Community News; poster

NYCC Pensions Section – Statutory Notifications; agenda Advisory Forum Officers' Group meeting 9.10.02

HDC – street naming and numbering Roseberry Court - confirmation

Planning applications

Construction of 12 flats – 44 Newton Road – minor amendments. *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, as amended – Cleveland Lodge. *No representations*

Alterations and first floor extension to existing dwellinghouse – 130 Newton Road. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling as amended – 74 Wainstones Close. *No representations*

Formation of all-weather riding arena as amended – Tree Bridge Farm. *Council dissatisfied with pencil sketch. HDC to be asked for more detail so that decision can be reached.*

Construction of domestic triple garage – land at Stanley Houses. *No objection to garage, however Councillors expressed great concern about the materials used for the dwelling. HDC would be notified that the building looked very obtrusive and totally out of keeping with surrounding area. Councillors were very surprised that the materials had been allowed as the building replaced brick built Yorkshire cottages. A response was requested.*

Ground floor extension to existing dwelling – 17 Angrove Close. *No objections but the Council trusted that the neighbour had been consulted as the proposal seemed to be creating a tunnel effect.*

First floor extension to existing dwellinghouse – 13 Wheatlands. *No representations*

Provision of dormer windows – 13 Cliffe Terrace. *No representations*

Proposed works on 8 trees – Bridge Street. *No representations*

Plans approved

Formation of an all-weather riding arena as amended – Tree Bridge Farm, Stokesley Road, Nunthorpe

Construction of boundary wall – Herdholt, Little Ayton Lane

Construction of a domestic garage with car port to replace existing garage – 2 Station Road

Alterations to existing meeting hall and garage building to include the formation of an access ramp – St John Ambulance Hall, Addison Road

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to use as 2 flats – The Lodge, Great Ayton

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic double garage – 104 Guisborough Road

Plans refused

Use of existing potato storage building for the storage of coaches – Winley Hill Farm

Planning appeal

Mr H Beadnall at Tree Bridge Hotel, Old Nunthorpe Village

Wage increase for clerk and cemetery superintendent

The wage increase agreed nationally for local council employees was approved by the Parish Council. It was further agreed that, in line with other parish councils whose salary payments were carried out by Hambleton District Council, all such future wage increase agreements be implemented without further application to the Parish Council.

Interim accounts

The interim accounts were discussed and approved by the Parish Council. Ian Holden was thanked for his work in preparing the accounts.

Allotment rents

Allotment rents would be collected in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th November. It was agreed that the basic allotment rent of £13.25 be increased to £14 from October 2003 with other rents adjusted accordingly, and that rent collection take place in October in future years.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that the Yorkshire rose above the library was looking very dark and needed attention. Arrangements would be made for its refurbishment. She said that HDC had cleaned the plinth of the Captain Cook statue and would do it again if necessary.

Councillor Fletcher reported that there was a colony of rats near Suggitt's bridge. Environmental Health would be notified. He had informed HDC that grey water was entering the river near the bridge. This would be investigated.

The date of the following meeting would be Tuesday 12th November 2002