

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at 7.00 pm

### Present

Councillors Mrs F Greenwell, Chairman, Mrs J Imeson, L Groves, Mrs M Stevens, R Kirk, P Bell, J Fletcher. Ten members of the public also attended.

At the start of the meeting, Councillor Mrs Greenwell, on behalf of the Parish Council, congratulated Councillor Mrs Imeson on being awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours List for long years service to Great Ayton and Hambleton. Councillor Mrs Imeson said that she was particularly pleased that the award specifically mentioned service to Great Ayton.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2002 were approved and signed.

### Planning

Members of the public had attended to hear discussion on two planning applications. It was decided to deal with these items out of agenda order.

Layout of land and construction of 3 dwellings, alterations and extensions to existing garage and outbuildings for use as 5 dwellings and alterations to existing dwelling for use as 2 dwellings – 18 – 22 Bridge Street – amended plans. *Neighbours reiterated previously voiced concerns. The Parish Council felt that the site was grossly overdeveloped. The proposal to knock holes in walls for carports would take away the character of the old buildings. There was an existing problem with parking in the vicinity which would be exacerbated. A council grit lorry had been obstructed by cars parked in Bridge Street. A much better plan could be drawn to the advantage of the area and the village.*

Outline application for residential development – land adjacent 90 Marwood Drive. *Neighbours expressed concerns about access to the site, overlooking of existing properties by new buildings, problems with surface water and sewerage, and the loss of green space which was a wildlife haven. The Parish Council would respond to HDC that access would appear to present difficulty, new dwellings would overlook houses in Angrove Close and there was a value to green open space. The Council was sympathetic to the concerns of residents. Councillor Mrs Imeson advised residents that henceforth objectors to planning applications could appoint a spokesman to represent them at the planning meeting. She had asked for a site visit.*

### Police Business

There was neither police presence nor report.

### Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported that there had been a crisis when the cemetery gateway and a newly dug grave had become flooded. Thanks were due to Councillor Fletcher, Peter Greenwell and two men from the Highways Department who pumped out the water in time for the funeral to take place. It was agreed that the drainage system be examined. Highways would be thanked for their assistance in the crisis and be asked to inspect their drains in the road outside the cemetery. Councillor Fletcher would prepare proposals for improving the gateway and estimates would be obtained for carrying out the work.

The grass cutter and other mechanical equipment had been sent for service.

Councillor Bell reported that the hedge cutter had done a good job on the allotment hedge. There was a hedge on the other side of the allotments which also needed cutting. The contractor would be asked to cut it and Mr Atkinson would then be able to maintain it.

### Matters arising

Bus stop, Newton Road Minute continued

Public open space The transfer should be completed on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Village name plinth Councillor Fletcher said that Chopgate's village sign had been replaced the day after it had been knocked down. He would again speak to Mr Roberts of Highways about the Great Ayton sign.

Pavilion roof, shower area Minute continued

Christmas – reports The events had gone very well – the carol singing had raised £387.30 for Cleveland Search and Rescue, and the float collection was £191.44 which would go towards expenses. It was hoped to update the lighting display for next Christmas. Mr Greenwell would be asked to investigate costs and suitability of new lights. It was felt that, with the exception of Swans Jewellers, the shops could have put on a better display. A letter would be sent to all traders asking them to help brighten up the village for next Christmas.

Footpaths Minute continued

Parking, Low Green The clerk would chase up Highways.

Highways matters, winter maintenance Councillor Mrs Imeson would speak to Broadacres about the lack of provision for dealing with snow and ice at the old peoples' residences.

Closure of Stokesley bus station Arriva advised that there would be some changes to bus routes but it was hoped passengers would notice little difference to the services.

Build up of silt under Stone Bridge The Environment Agency was aware and had started work on problem.

**Accounts**

Wicksteed Leisure (fixings for cradle swing)	31.14
H & F Stokeld Ltd (cemetery receipt books)	66.98
Richard Collins (grave digging)	70.00
M L Holden (reimburse stationery)	16.79
H Atkinson (reimburse phone card)	10.00
The Snilesworth Trust (Christmas tree)	88.13
Robert D Alderson (cutting allotment hedge)	117.50
D I Holden (reimburse ink cartridges)	42.98
J Fletcher (reimburse materials for play area (to replace cheque 100249 paid on 30.4.02 and misplaced)	52.57
Richard Collins (grave digging)	70.00
P H Greenwell (Xmas expenses)	200.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
N Atkinson (allotment deposits)	40.00
Mums and Toddlers (donation for loan of Father Christmas outfit)	5.00
Carol singing collection (for Cleveland Search & Rescue)	387.30
Float collection	191.44
P Bell (allotment rents/deposits)	73.25
Cemetery receipts	450.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Allotment rents/deposits	51.25

**Correspondence**

NYMNPA – re proposed modifications to North York Moors Local Plan. Comments invited  
 Great Ayton WI – re tree guard. *The Parish Council had no knowledge of a tree guard presented to the WI by Guisborough and Great Ayton Rotary Club. The Council had been given two tree guards by Rotary in June 1998.*  
 NYMNPA – Northern Area Parish Forum – agenda items for meeting 27.1.03; re conservation and improvement of roadside verges - invitation to meetings 18.3.03 and 25.03.03  
The following items of information were received:  
 NYCC – re road closure at junction Cleveland Street/John Street during period 6 – 10.01.03  
 HDC – re Christmas tree recycling  
 CPRE – TCG Newsletter  
 NYCC – review of Local Government Pension Scheme – seminar 30.01.03  
 Matta Products UK Ltd – brochure re safety surfaces  
 NYMNPA – Planning Committee agenda 12.12.02 and 9.01.03 for information  
 B Hancock – request for name of launderette owner. *Letter forwarded to owner.*  
 North Yorkshire Moors Association – invitation for nominations for conservation awards  
 HDC – Cultural Strategy Public Consultation – notice  
 HSBC – notification of transfer of funds to higher interest account  
 REVOLT – newsletter

**Planning applications**

Layout of land and construction of 3 dwellings, alterations and extensions to existing garage and outbuildings for use as 5 dwellings and alterations to existing dwelling for use as 2 dwellings – 18 – 22 Bridge Street – amended plans. *See Planning above*  
 Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations for existing dwelling to form 2 dwellings 18 – 22 Bridge Street. *See Planning above*  
 Extension to existing bungalow - 7 Easby Lane. *No representations*  
 Outline application for residential development – land adjacent 90 Marwood Drive. *See Planning above*  
 Change of use of existing ancillary living accommodation to a holiday unit – 1 Overbrook. *Councillor Mrs Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest. No representations*  
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse – 21 Rosehill. *No representations*  
Plans approved  
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 42a Marwood Drive  
 Change of use of existing potato storage building to Class B8 use – Winley Hill Farm  
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to include the provision of dormer windows – 20 Sunnyfield  
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse as amended – 54 Wheatlands  
 Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse - 21 Roseberry Avenue  
 Formation of a vehicular access and provision of gates and pillars as amended – The Grange House, Yarm Lane  
 Application for Listed Building Consent for the re-painting of existing dwelling – 17 High Green

Councillor Fletcher observed that it was sad that the Parish Council had been accused by a letter in the paper of having an uncaring attitude to planning applications. Councillor Mrs Greenwell said that it was a shame that complaints had been made at the end of the process when no interest had been shown at the beginning. The Parish

Council diligently and impartially tried to represent the views of the village. Government kept changing legislation and Hambleton Planning Committee could be fined if it made bad decisions.

### **Councillors' reports**

Councillor Fletcher asked if the Council's insurance covered the scouts for the firework display. Enquiries would be made of the insurance company.

He reported that the A173 between Great Ayton and Guisborough was to be closed for one month. The Parish Council was outraged at the closure and would ask Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council why neither they nor NYCC had been notified. It was thought to be unnecessary to close the road for a month.

A large percentage increase on the police element of the community charge had been revealed.

Councillor Kirk reported that a grit wagon had caused a long queue when it was obstructed on Bridge Street by parked cars.

Councillor Bell reported that the dog bin at the top of the Chapel steps had been tipped over again. He suggested that it be sited on the other side of the path and made level. HDC would be asked to deal with it.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that the hedge round the alms houses was overgrown and obstructed pedestrians on the footpath. Eric Kendall of HDC would be asked if he knew the owner of the houses. She observed that parking outside the church was very bad with cars on both sides of the road. This made it difficult for large vehicles to get through.

The tubs on Hollygarth bridge had been tipped out again.

Councillor Mrs Imeson read out a letter which she had received from an elderly relation who had lived in Great Ayton as a young woman. The Parish Council found it most interesting. A letter would be sent to her enclosing a cutting from the Darlington and Stockton Times which, it was thought, might be of interest to her, highlighting recent changes to the village.

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2003.