

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 14th October 2003 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, R Kirk, Mrs M Stevens, L Groves, Mrs F Greenwell, J Fletcher. PC Richard Hampson also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Bell

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2003 were approved and signed

Police Business

The Council had heard that there had been an accident at the junction of the A172 and B1292. PC Hampson said that it had been a serious RTA requiring hospital treatment. The road had been closed for over 3 hours. PC Hampson reported that there had been 21 crimes, slightly down on the previous month's figures. These included 1 house burglary, 5 other burglaries, 3 thefts from motor vehicles. Road traffic accidents were down from 4 to 3. There had been 83 incidents reported, down from 98 in August. Nipper reports were also down from 7 to 2. Generally the statistics were showing improvement.

Councillor Fletcher asked if the Chief Constable's aim to arrest all criminals had resulted in any action in Great Ayton. He was advised that there had been a number of significant arrests. He reported that a firework had been let off in the dog waste bin at the top of the Chapel steps and suspected, because of the noise and size of explosion, it had been an illegal firework. PC Hampson said that the police were working with Customs and Excise to reduce the number of illegal fireworks.

Councillor Kirk asked if there would be any publicity warning residents to be extra vigilant now that the dark evenings were coming. PC Hampson responded that the Town Crier would contain an article on that subject.

Councillor Mrs Imeson thanked PC Hampson for attending and asked him if he would remind Sgt Merritt that he had promised two officers to halt the traffic for 15 minutes during the Remembrance Day procession and reading of names at the cenotaph.

Cemetery

Mr Atkinson said that it had been a quiet month with no problems. He had purchased a new pair of boots and a rechargeable torch.

Matters arising from the minutes

Footpaths Thief Lane - c/f; Riverside - Councillor Fletcher had met Mrs H Shepherd from NYCC who said that there was no record of the footbridge having been given to NYCC. Investigations would be made.

Village hall Minute continued

Highways matters Junction A172/B1292 - Mr M Moore of NYCC would be contacted and advised that evidence of accidents at the junction could not be ignored; kerb near post office - Highways had contacted the Post Office and were awaiting response; footpaths - Highways had responded that footpaths were regularly inspected. Hazardous defects were attended to but it was recognised that there were other uneven paths for which they had applied for funding.

Dog waste bin, Linden Avenue The dog waste bin was located outside the police station. It was suggested that it be exchanged for a double bin as there was also a problem with litter at the end of Linden Avenue. HDC would be asked if this would be possible.

Beehive bin, High Green Minute continued

Effluent in river near Whitbread Bridge The response from Northumbrian Water felt to be unsatisfactory. A further letter would be sent to them

Potholes, High Green, surface dressing/repair Minute continued

Beech hedge, Little Ayton Lane Minute continued

Village website A detailed response had been received from The Local Channel. Ian Holden had identified several questions. He would be asked if he would be willing to make the necessary enquiries on behalf of the Parish Council

Ambulance Hall Mr Willis had responded that the Council's letter had been forwarded to Headquarters. Enquiries would be made of HDC as to what grants might be available to assist with the possible purchase of the hall

Trees, Woodbine Close Ryedale Housing Association had promised the concerned resident that something would be done. Minute concluded

Remembrance Sunday The vicar had arrangements in hand for the order of the procession and wreath laying. Minute concluded

Accounts

W Eves & Co Ltd (petrol, direct debit)	40.09
Northumbrian Water (allotment supply)	117.35
M E Beeforth (audit fee)	150.00
D Burke (refund allotment deposit)	10.00

P H Greenwell (lay pipe and fit new tap, cemetery)	649.49
Hambleton District Council (salaries July, Aug, Sept 03)	6334.54
F Kappes (refund over-payment of grave reservation)	60.00
James C Pearson (replace broken tiles, pavilion roof)	68.15
M L Holden (reimburse photocopying, congrats. Card)	4.75
Richard Collins (grave digging)	140.00
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	340.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Cemetery receipts	380.00
Insurance claim (damaged seat)	159.00
Allotment deposits	100.00
Cemetery receipts	635.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
F Kappes (grave reservation)	120.00
Allotment deposit	20.00
Allotment rents	1687.50
Yatton House (annual rent Sept 03 - Aug 04)	200.00
J Trenholme (grave reservation)	60.00
Allotment rent	28.00
HDC - Precept	17,250.00
Allotment rents	34.00
Cemetery receipts	275.00

Correspondence

Mr G Hetherington - re tree on Low Green. *Mr J Crombie, tree surgeon, would be asked to inspect the tree*

Esk Valley Railway Development - invitation to meeting on 15.10.03, Castleton village hall

Margaret Simpson - request to have tombola on High Street in aid of coronary care. *Agreed*

Society of Local Council Clerks - invitation to conference on Quality Councils, 21.11.03

Crimestoppers - request for donation. *Denied in accordance with Parish Council policy*

Ken Nicholson - notification that there will be no Scout bonfire this year due to lack of venue. *It was regretted that this well supported family affair could not take place and the hope was expressed that this did not mean the end of a much appreciated village event*

NYCC - submission to the Boundary Committee on a Unitary North Yorkshire - comments invited. *The Council would respond that it did not believe that residents interests would be best served by a unitary authority*

HDC - invitation to attend meeting re local government review 11.11.03

NYCC - infrastructure improvements to Stokesley - Middlesbrough bus corridor - comments invited. *The Council would comment in detail on the proposals*

Unite - information re trained mediators and referral form

HDC - Code of Member Conduct - request for councillors to update information on register

Hambleton and Richmondshire Nightstop - publicity material and request for support in developing scheme

The following items of information were received:

HDC - notes on local government review in North Yorkshire

NYMNPA - agenda for meeting 29.9.03; Planning Committee agenda 9.10.03

Glasdon - brochures

HDC - invitation to attend Challenge Event on best value review of street cleaning, 8.10.03

Community Care - newsletter

NYCC - agenda for County Committee for Hambleton - 6.10.03

HDC - firework safety leaflets and poster

DCE Publications - equipment brochure

Planning applications

Construction of domestic garage to replace existing garage - 11 Addison Road. *No representations*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling - 4 Rosehill. *Councillor Kirk expressed a personal interest. No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 4 Station Road. *No representations*

Construction of 2 self-contained flats as amended - land adjoining 49 Romany Road. *No representations.*

Change of use of bistro to domestic accommodation with an existing dwelling - 5 - 9 Bridge Street. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling - 41 Addison Road. *The Council felt that the design was rather top heavy*

Application for prior approval for installation of cable to gable end of property and connection box - 5 High Green. *The Council felt that there was no need to the existing route to be changed. They objected to any excavation work on Parish Council property*

Application for prior approval of details for installation of 1 wooden pole with associated wire/attachments - rear of 1B Station Road. *Refusal recommended on the grounds that the Council did not like poles in a conservation area*

Plans approved

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and construction of double garage as amended - LangbaughFarmhouse
 Provision of dormer window on existing dwelling - Rainbow Nurseries
 Application for Listed Building Consent for conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 6 High Green
 Revised application for Listed Building Consent for part demolition of and alterations and extensions to existing dwelling as amended - 6 High Green
 Construction of 2 self-contained flats as amended - land adjoining 49 Romany Road
 Porch extension to existing dwellinghouse - 27 Byemoor Avenue
 Extensions to existing scout hut
 Extension to existing dwelling to form conservatory - 10 Roseberry Crescent

Auditor's report

The Auditor commented that, in his opinion, the internal control and record keeping was of a high standard. He had completed the Annual Return form. His only observations were that whilst there was evidence that major risks had been considered, a formal risk assessment should be carried out annually and the results minuted. Risk assessment had now been carried out by Councillors Kirk and Groves. He also suggested that the interest rates on the Council's bank balances were very low and could easily be bettered. This would be investigated.

Half yearly accounts for approval

The accounts were approved and Ian Holden thanked for his efforts.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Groves reported that the road sign at the end of Roseberry Crescent had been defaced. HDC would be notified. He also observed that the village name signs on the approach from Guisborough were very dirty. He would check all the village signs and Mr Atkinson would be asked to clean them if necessary.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell had received a letter from a resident complaining that Yarm Lane was becoming dangerous because the hedges had not been cut. Mr Roberts of Highways had been informed. The 30 mph signs were obscured by foliage and street lights were on all day because they were hidden in the trees. Highways would be notified. A request had been made for a litter bin to be installed near Manor House and Low Green House. The Council thought this was unnecessary.

Christmas lights Mr Greenwell had said that because the trees at the front of the Green were very brittle it would be too difficult to decorate them with small lights. It was suggested that they could be put on the cherry trees, one of which was dead, at the rear of the Green. The purchase of small, modern lights was approved and Mr Greenwell would be asked to do his best with them

Great Ayton 1st cricket team had been promoted to the North Yorkshire and South Durham League. A letter of congratulation would be sent.

Councillor Fletcher reported on two significant events which had occurred since the last meeting. There had been a dedication ceremony on Easby Moor for a memorial to the crew of a RAF bomber which had crashed there in 1940. There had also been a memorial service for John Reader who had been very well known in the village and to the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that Thompsons Hardware had the loveliest Father Christmas grotto and it was well worth taking children in to see it.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 11th November 2003.