

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 9th December 2003 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, R Kirk, L Groves, P Bell, Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs M Stevens, J Fletcher. Ms A Houghton also attended.

Ms Houghton wished to comment on the planning application for no. 3 Low Green. The Chairman agreed that this item would be dealt with at the start of the meeting. See "Planning Applications" for decision.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2003 were approved and signed.

Police business

A letter from Inspector Richardson indicated that there would be no police presence at December meetings because of staff commitments to an operation targeting travelling criminals.

Councillor Groves said that he had received a report about graffiti on the new wall at Frankfield Mews. This had been reported to the police.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that there was evidence of another accident at Tree Bridge junction. This would be brought to the attention of the Police and Highways.

Councillor Bell had been handed a letter by Mr C Tanfield concerning traffic problems in Great Ayton. As it was not addressed to the Parish Council it was agreed that copies be forwarded to Highways and the Police for their attention.

Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported a busy month. There had been a problem with a double grave which had collapsed when the shuttering was removed. Enquiries would be made as to a safer way to deal with shuttering. In the meantime, because of safety implications, Mr Atkinson was instructed to make sure there was someone with him when he was preparing a grave for a burial. The Council reiterated the regulation that graves could be reserved for spouses only. There was further discussion about the proposed new seat for the cemetery. It was decided to stay with the three-cornered seat as previously agreed.

Matters arising

Footpaths – Thief Lane, Riverside - C/F

Village Hall *This item was discussed in camera at the end of the meeting due to possible financial implications*

Highways matters - Junction A172/B1292 C/F

Dog waste bin, Linden Avenue *HDC would provide a litter bin at this location. They would be advised that the dog waste bin at the top of the Chapel Steps had still not been repaired following firework damage. The damaged beehive bin on High Green would be repaired or replaced by the Parish Council.*

Potholes, High Green, surface dressing/repair C/F

Beech hedge, Little Ayton Lane *A letter had been received from Persimmon indicating that they did not feel they had any responsibility for the hedge. The Council agreed to have the hedge tidied up.*

Village website *A letter had been received from HDC regarding a parish database. Ian Holden had studied the options available and advised that the "Local Channel" would require a great deal of managing and was too commercial. It would be difficult to control the content of items posted on it. It was therefore agreed that the HDC option be taken up. Ian Holden had offered to manage the website if the Council so wished. This was agreed and the council expressed its gratitude to him.*

Ambulance hall C/F

Signs - Roseberry Crescent, village name signs *The Roseberry Crescent sign had been replaced and the village name signs had been cleaned by the rain. Minute concluded*

Christmas *A shopkeeper had suggested stringing lights across the High Street from the shops to the trees on High Green. The new Christmas tree lights had been much admired.*

Revenue estimates for 2004/5 *The Council studied the prepared budget and accepted the figures but added a sum for possible expense on the village hall. It was agreed to precept for £32,500.00. Ian Holden was thanked for his work on preparing the budget and it was agreed that a gift be made to him.*

Repair to pavilion C/F

Accounts

Thompsons Hardware (items for cemetery)	26.74
M L Holden (reimburse sweets for Xmas float £35.25, photocopying £3.00, postage £64.00)	102.25
S Wilson (refund allotment deposit)	20.00
D I Holden (reimburse telephone account)	54.63
H Atkinson (phone card)	10.00
Richard Collins (grave digging)	220.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Allotment rent S Wilson	10.75

D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
VAT refund	1034.08
NYCC grass cutting payment	1455.38
Cemetery receipts	1000.00

Correspondence

Mrs J Roberts - telephoned to express her satisfaction with bus stop sign outside her house

Northumbrian Water - re flooding on Roseberry estate. *The Council was still not satisfied with explanation from Northumbrian Water and a further letter would be sent to them*

HDC - invitation to meeting on 28.1.04 re Boundary Committee recommendations. *Councillor Groves to attend*

Fire and Rescue Service - questionnaire re service. *Councillor Kirk to complete*

The Countryside Agency - Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 - provisional map issue for North East England

HDC - re money available from Clarion Homes under Section 106 agreement. *A sum of £15,000 had been made available. There were conditions attached to its use and until the Parish Council identified a project it would be retained by HDC but would not attract interest. A representative from HDC Leisure Department would attend the January meeting to discuss options*

Sally Dent - re affordable housing at Bridge Street. *She would be advised to contact the developer*

Historical Research Committee - re visit of model T Ford cars to Great Ayton 4.6.04. *Approved. The Chairman would greet them*

The Boundary Committee - draft recommendations for unitary local government

The following items of information were received:

CPRE - Rural Matters newsletter

Clerks and Councils Direct - magazine

HDC - Best Value Performance Plan 2003/4 addendum

NYCC - notification of infrastructure improvements to Stokesley to Middlesbrough corridor. *It was noted that the Parish Council's bush shelter had been demolished without permission. NYCC to be informed.*

NYCC - re temporary closure of Battersby Avenue

NYCC - County Issues - round up of key developments across North Yorkshire

NYCC - agenda and notices for County Committee for Hambleton 1.12.03

NYCC - winter service leaflets

Yorkshire and Humber Assembly - invitation to information sessions

NYMNPA - Moors Messenger - newsletter; Northern Area Parish Forum - notes of meeting 22.10.03 and agenda for meeting 21.1.04

HDC - notification of street collections - Children's Society 20.12.03

Esk Valley Railway - timetable and railcard leaflet; poster re steam event on 6.12.03. *Councillor Fletcher had seen the train and expressed regret that it did not stop at Great Ayton. Esk Valley Railway would be asked if specials could stop at Great Ayton in future*

NYCC - re payment of contributions to Pension Fund

NYMNPA - Agenda for meeting 15.12.03; Planning Committee agenda meeting 11.12.03

HDC - Dog Warden Service - information pack. *Councillors said that the pavement in Newton Road was in a disgusting state and should be reported to the Dog Warden. Strong methods must be used to deal with the problem and residents were asked to report people whose dogs fouled the footpath.*

Planning applications

Single storey extension to existing dwelling - 8 Pearson Ville. *Councillor Greenwell declared a non-personal interest. No representations*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a porch - 35 Byemoor Ave. *No representations*

Single storey extension to existing dwelling plus conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation - 4 Yarm Lane. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing garage and outbuildings for use as 8 dwellings, alteration of existing dwelling to form 3 dwellings and formation of car park amended - 18-22 Bridge Street. *No representations but the Council wished it to be noted that, notwithstanding there was a visitor car park, there was no designated parking space for no. 8*

Extension to existing aviary at existing animal centre - RSPCA Centre, Yarm Lane. *No representations*

Construction of replacement domestic garage and conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 3 Wheatlands. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 41 Newton Road. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell declared a personal interest. No representations*

Replace single storey extension with 2 storey extension to rear of existing dwelling - Holly Rise, 19 Addison Road. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 25 Angrove Close. *It was understood that there might be a problem with right of light. The Parish Council could not see that and requested a site visit*

Application for consent under schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 - access road outside 5 and 6 High Green. *Application refused by the Parish Council. An alternative route would have to be found*

Alterations and two storey rear extension to existing dwelling - 4 High Street. *No representations*

Installation of roller shutter door to main entrance of existing shop - 39 High Street. *The Council expressed strong objections to external shutters. Any security measures should be inside, not outside, the shop.*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling - 3 Low Green. *The Council had no objections but asked if the neighbours had been consulted and their views taken into account. It was felt that there were a number of concerns as the building was listed and in a conservation area. The application should be carefully considered and a site visit was suggested.*

Application for listed building consent as above. *As above*

Plans approved

Change of use of bistro to domestic accommodation with an existing dwelling - 5-9 Bridge Street

Plans withdrawn

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 4 Station Road

Councillors' reports

The Council had heard rumours that urban foxes were being released in the country. There had been reports of poultry being killed on the allotments. A letter would be sent to the RSPCA asking them to comment.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 6th January 2004.