

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 6th January 2004 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs F Greenwell, J Fletcher, R Kirk, P Bell

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Groves

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2003 were approved and signed.

Police Business

There was no police representative in attendance. Councillor Bell reported that there had been an attempted burglary at his home. The police had responded promptly.

Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported that a headstone had fallen over. The relatives of the deceased would be advised and asked to reinstate it. Several headstones were leaning. Mr Atkinson would list them and the clerk would send letters indicating the Council's concern. Mr Atkinson said that memorial stones were being put up before the ground had had time to settle. Monumental masons would be asked to delay the erection of headstones until 6 months after interment, and to check stones already in place.

Matters arising

Footpaths - Thief Lane; Riverside Minute continued

Village Hall Some projects were being looked at later in the month

Highways matters - junction A172/B1292 Councillor Fletcher had arranged a meeting with Mr M Moore of NYCC Highways for the end of the month

Dog waste bin, Chapel steps, beehive bin High Green A new dog waste bin had been installed and already knocked over. HDC would be asked if it could be concreted in place. Instructions had been given for the repair or replacement of the damaged beehive bin.

Potholes, High Green, surface dressing/repair Quote still awaited

Beech hedge, Little Ayton Lane Minute continued

Ambulance Hall Minute continued

Christmas - report on events The weather had been poor for the carols round the Christmas tree and the collection down as a result. The float, however, had been very successful and the collection up on last year. It was agreed that the donation of the carol singing collection to Yatton House be increased to £300, in line with previous years' collections, and that a further sum of £100 be donated from the float collection to the Margaret Bradley School of Dance to aid them with their dance trip to Disneyland. It was agreed that future float collections, minus expenses, could be ring-fenced for one-off donations to children's organisations for special events. Such a Christmas gift might vary from year to year and would need to be flexible.

Councillors commented on how nice it was that the shopkeepers had responded to the lights competition and the village looked much brighter as a result. Prizes were awarded, in order, to Swans Jewellers, The Royal Oak and The Tile Sheds. Thompsons Hardware was highly commended for its internal display. Householders, too, were praised for their efforts.

Repair to pavilion Minute continued

Flooding on Roseberry estate Minute continued

Urban foxes The RSPCA had responded that they did not operate a policy of trapping urban foxes and releasing them in the countryside.

Councillor Bell left the meeting.

Accounts

Swans Jewellers (1st prize Xmas display)	50.00
The Royal Oak (2nd prize Xmas display)	25.00
The Tile Sheds (3rd prize Xmas display)	10.00
M L Holden (reimburse Christmas cards and postage £22.61, gift for D I Holden £19.96)	42.57
The Royal Oak (drinks for carol service bandmen)	15.32
P H Greenwell (Christmas expenses)	200.00
Northumbrian Water (cemetery £5.30, allotments £34.60)	39.90
A Hill & Sons Ltd (beech tree)	23.87
Bow House (tourist advertisement)	292.58
The Royal Oak (float supper)	85.30
Mrs F Greenwell (materials for float costumes)	13.75
The Snilesworth Trust (Christmas tree)	88.13
P H Greenwell (lights and fencing for Xmas tree)	1601.96

Richard Collins (grave digging)	70.00
Yatton House (carol singing and part float collection)	300.00
The Bradley School of Dance (part float collection)	100.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
D Bailey (garage rent Dec)	10.00
Carol singing collection	215.70
D Bailey (garage rent Jan)	10.00
Float collection	263.16

Correspondence

HDC - Comprehensive Performance Assessment - invitation to clerk to attend briefing session and focus group meeting 14th and 21st January 2004. *The clerk would attend*

CPRE - request to write to Minister of Housing re amendments to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill. *A letter of support for the amendments would be sent*

Saulet and Co - re porch on Richardson Hall. *The Parish Council accepted no responsibility for the porch. HDC Legal Department were dealing with the matter on behalf of the Parish Council*

NYCC - consultation re North York Moors Cycle Plan

HDC - proposals for referendum on regional assemblies and review of local government - request for views.

Invitation to Parish Council Liaison meeting 28.1.04 at which the above will be discussed. *Councillor Mrs Stevens and Clerk to attend*

NYMNP - National Park Management Plan review - publication of "State of the Park Report 2003". Request for thoughts and comments

Welfare Benefits Unit - pension credit leaflet

The following items of information were received:

defra - Equine issues

Poppleston Allen - notice of application to transfer justices' licence - Bells Stores

Usher Foster Partners - notification of merger with Teesside Insurance Consultants Ltd

Action for Market Towns - seminar 30.1.04

NYCC - Hambleton Area Committee newsletter; invitation to public consultation meeting 13.1.04; notice for meeting

Bow House - copy of Come and Stay in Herriot Country 2004

YRCC - letter introducing Rural Housing Enabler

HDC - re draft charter for Quality Parish Council Scheme

Ian Holden - thank you for gift of whisky

HDC - minutes of Flood Forum meeting 26.11.03

HDC - register of electors

Planning applications

Additional window to reception building and extension to existing aviary at existing animal centre, as amended - Great Ayton Animal Centre. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and construction of detached double garage - 5 Rowan Drive. *No representations*

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

Alterations and external ramp to existing church - Great Ayton Methodist Church. *Councillor Kirk declared an interest. No representations*

Plans approved

Single storey extension to existing dwelling plus conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation - 4 Yarm Lane

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a porch - 35 Byemoor Ave

Single storey extension to existing dwelling - 8 Pearson Ville

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 41 Newton Road

Alterations and two storey extension to existing dwelling - 5 High Street

Construction of a replacement domestic garage and conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 3 Wheatlands

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Greenwell had received a complaint from the Headmistress of Marwood School about problems with parking outside the school. She would like signs "staff parking only" painted on road. Councillor Fletcher asked if the Parish Council was not awaiting a scheme to be implemented. It would be wrong to support change whilst a scheme was in progress. Investigation would be made into the current position.

Councillor Fletcher had received correspondence regarding safety of children along Yarm Lane. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal for a new footway along Yarm Lane, nor to the possibility of extending the field footpath.

Councillors commented that they disliked the design of the new bus shelters which were felt to be inappropriate for a country location. They felt that the village was being turned into a town. A letter would be sent to Highways.

Councillor Mrs Imeson asked if there had been any complaints about lorries at the rear of the Co-op. When lorries unloaded at the front of the shop there had been complaints about parking spaces being taken up. It was felt that the rear of the shop was the proper place to unload.

The date of the following meeting would be Tuesday 3rd February 2004.