

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

**held on Tuesday 4th January 2005 at 7.00 pm**

### Present

Councillors L Groves, Chairman, Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, P Bell, J Fletcher and R Kirk. PC G Jones and Mr H Atkinson, Cemetery Superintendent, also attended.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 2004 were approved and signed.

### Police Business

Copies of Stokesley Lap Police Report and Community Beat November 2004 had been received from Inspector Richardson.

PC Jones was happy to report that there had been no burglaries in Great Ayton during December and crime in the village was one of the lowest in the Lap. Someone had been arrested and dealt with for the assault on the girls during the disturbance in August. All those involved had been from outside the village.

Inspector Richardson had replied to Councillor Bell's query that unlicensed vehicles were not specifically targeted unless the police were doing joint operations with the Department of Transport. However, offenders were reported when officers came across them in the course of their duties.

Councillor Kirk was assured that the roadside surveillance was still ongoing.

Thanks were expressed to the police for their support during Santa's tour of the village. There was a special commendation for the woman police officer who had done a first class job.

### Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported that the new wheelie bin was very successful. He expressed concern about the new part of the cemetery as he had come across a sewage pipe when digging a grave. He was reassured that the site had been surveyed by HDC and location plans had been obtained from the utility companies.

The Cemetery Managers approved the new safety inspection procedure.

### River

Councillor Fletcher had attended a Flood Forum meeting where he had advised Thirsk Council about Great Ayton's river warden scheme.

### Matters arising

Footpaths – Riverside; stile Glebe field - minute continued

Village Hall. Minute continued

Repair to pavilion No progress had been made with Wimpey. Advice would be sought from a builder as to the extent of the problem and likely costs

Street name sign Roseberry Drive - Minute continued

Alders, Low Green - Minute continued

Christmas - report It was agreed that both the carol singing and the Father Christmas float had been a great success. Councillor Bell said that the donation collectors should wear identification badges in future. The standard of Christmas lights around the village had been excellent. Councillor Mrs Imeson suggested that the proceeds of the float collection be sent to the Asian tsunami disaster fund. Councillor Mrs Greenwell proposed that the amount be made up to £500. This was unanimously agreed.

Lay-by B1292 -HDC and NYCC had agreed to carry out works to improve situation. Minute concluded

### Accounts

M L Holden (reimburse Christmas cards £17.50, inkjet cartridges £39, drinks for band £41.75)	98.25
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (items for cemetery)	119.72
C L Prosser Ltd (skip for allotments)	105.75
Coopers Pharmacy (1st prize Xmas competition)	30.00
The Royal Oak (2nd prize)	20.00
Thompsons Hardware (3rd prize)	10.00
South Cleveland Heart Fund (carol singing collection)	367.36
Sollet Bros Ltd (repairs to village hall roof)	287.88
Northumbrian Water (allotments £57.39, cemetery £5.78)	63.17
Society of Local Council Clerks (annual subscription)	82.00
D I Holden (reimburse computer upgrade)	51.69
Richard Collins (grave digging)	70.00
Margaret Stevens (reimburse sweets for float)	46.88
P H Greenwell (Christmas expenses)	200.00
R Hindle (reimburse Xmas lights)	12.00
Disasters Emergency Committee (float collection plus £194.20 donation to Asian tsunami disaster fund)	500.00

Receipts

Cemetery receipts	700.00
Mums and Toddlers (donation for loan of Santa suit)	5.00
Cemetery receipts	75.00
Allotment rent (S Morgan)	25.75
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Carol singing collection	367.36
Float collection	305.80

**Correspondence**

HDC - Preliminary Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) - comments invited. *Councillor Fletcher to comment.*

Eric Harrison - offer of two horse chestnut trees; quotation for grass cutting for 2005 and 2006. *Mr Harrison would be thanked for the offer of trees and advised that they could be planted alongside the fence between the Riverside and the Friends School development. His costs for grass cutting were accepted.*

Mr and Mrs S Kendall - re campervan parked on High Green. *A letter would be sent to the owner advising him of residents' and visitors' concerns and asking him to make alternative arrangements for parking his vehicle*

The following items of information were received:-

Land Registry - re registration of Captain Cook Memorial garden

NYCC Pension Fund - notification of proposed individual employer contribution rates from 1.4.05; Pensions Focus newsletter; re consultation on ODPM Green Paper "Facing the Future";

HDC - re Christmas tree recycling free prize draw - poster

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau - re suspension of outreach services

Action for Market Towns - information pack

NYMNP - Planning Committee agenda for meeting 6.1.05

YRCC - Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Training Partnership - training update for local councils; North

Yorkshire Police - Community Brief newsletter

HDC - Flood Forum minutes and attachments from meeting of 6.12.04

NYCC - re closure of C25 Easby Lane for approx 3 days from 11.1.05

**Planning applications**

Demolition of existing ambulance station and construction of 4 apartments as amended. This application has now been **withdrawn**

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form porch - 61 Skottowe Crescent. *No representations*

Proposed felling of silver birch and trimming of 2 rowan trees and 1 fir tree - Riverside, Low Green. *Councillors objected to the proposed felling of the silver birch as they could not see how attractive trees in that location could cause any damage*

Plans approved

Proposed works to 1 weeping willow tree - 2 Low Green

Proposed felling of 2 elm trees - Firbeck House, Easby Lane

Construction of single storey rear extension to existing pavilion for storage use as amended - Great Ayton Cricket and Football Club, Easby Lane

Single storey extension to existing dwelling as amended - 14 Roseberry Crescent

Plans withdrawn

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**Councillors' reports**

Councillor Fletcher had received a postcard of Captain Cook's cottage from Melbourne. A postcard of the James Cook statue would be sent in response, and the card from Australia passed on to the Historical Society.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell had met Highways Inspector George Megson at Dump Corner and pointed out the flooding problem. He agreed that there was road edge deterioration and said that a letter from the Parish Council would set in motion actions to rectify the situation.

Rainbow Nurseries were still displaying retail signs on the highway verge despite not being allowed retail sales. A new tarmac drive into Strawberry Field had been observed. Councillors wondered if anything was being done about the agricultural building on the B1292, which had been erected without planning permission. An avenue of trees was being planted and several hundred tons of stone had been delivered. A very strong letter would be sent for the attention of Mr S Quartermain saying that the Parish Council was losing faith in the Planning Department and that it believed things were being allowed to slide.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 1st February 2005.