

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.00 pm

### Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, Mrs F Greenwell, N Waters, D Conroy, R Kirk, G Readman and J Fletcher. PC M McFarlane, Mr H Atkinson, Mr P Suggitt and two members of the public also attended.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were approved and signed.

### Police Business

The statistics for November showed that there had been a total of 36 crimes including 1 violent crime, 5 autocrimes and 8 burglaries. There had been 5 non-injury road traffic accidents. Councillor Readman queried the increase in the number of burglaries and was told that it was a county-wide problem.

PC McFarlane said that she had asked for a meeting with Broadacres' site supervisor regarding the problems at James Court. She did not think that the police would have an issue with closing the footpath between The Hawthorns and Linden Grove. Youth provision was coming on slowly due to staff problems. The proposed dispersal order would not be effective until there was something else on offer. Mr Ridsdale listed the number of times he had had to contact the police regarding the antisocial behaviour and his frustration at the apparent lack of progress. Councillor Conroy said that he could not think of a situation where it would be appropriate to shut off a public right of way. It had been reported that bins and seats had been set on fire in the play area. The police would keep an eye on the area.

A strongly worded letter would be sent to Inspector Richardson pointing out that residents and the Parish Council were beside themselves because of the vandalism and harassment caused by the youths. It was not acceptable that residents were living in fear and having their quality of life ruined. Councillor Fletcher would speak to the Chief Constable.

### Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported that the allotment hedge had been cut. Gravel had been spread on the cemetery paths. The equipment had been away for servicing. He would ask Yatton House to move their stacks of wood away from the play area so that it was not so readily available for the youths to use to start fires. The manufacture of the grave shoring was in progress.

### River

Mr Petch said that the manhole cover on the river side near the sewage works was still lifting from time to time. Northumbrian Water would be notified of the problem. He worried what would happen if another 50 houses were to be built in Great Ayton. He was concerned about trees just upstream of the footbridge at the west end of Low Green and said that they would take the bridge away if flooding levels of 1976 were repeated. Councillors Kirk and Waters had inspected the trees. They did not belong to Highways.

Trees at Low Green – *a letter would be sent to Mr Hetherington informing him that as the Environment Agency had not changed its view on the removal of the trees there was no point in having a meeting which included the Agency. It was up to the Parish Council to make a decision. Councillor Mrs Imeson proposed that the trees be removed. This was seconded by Councillor Kirk and agreed by all but Councillor Mrs Greenwell who did not want to see all the trees taken out. Planning permission would be sought. The Council agreed with Mr Hetherington that the footbridge needed attention; rats/litter bins – arrangements had been made for the bins to be repaired or replaced; flood forum meeting – the various agencies were aware of flooding problems and work was ongoing to lessen the risk; fisheries officer – Councillor Readman would speak to Mr W Harbottle regarding the re-formation of the angling club.*

Councillor Fletcher said that the litter/dog waste bin could not stay attached to the sluice gate. The possibility of chaining it to the kissing gate, or fixing it to a post would be investigated.

### Matters arising from the minutes

Village Hall – *Councillor Kirk had attended a grants seminar. Some small grants may be available. Minute continued.*

Highways matters - *Tree Bridge junction; railings Waterfall Terrace etc; footpaths - Easby Lane to Hollygarth; rear of Cliffe Terrace – Minute continued*

Planning matters - *tree planting to rear of 15 Easby Lane - Minute continued*

Memorial tree at Riverside – *It was agreed that this item be removed from the agenda until such time as the applicant renewed contact.*

Frankfield Place - *Minute continued*

#### Christmas

Street cleaning – *footpath Central Way to Guisborough Road – The footpath would be included on the street cleaner's weekly schedule. Minute concluded*

Play area safety inspection – *Councillor Conroy had read the report and concluded that only the tyre swings were in urgent need of attention. Mr Atkinson would be asked to carry out repairs. Minute concluded*

**Accounts**

Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (mower parts)	73.81
Thompson's Hardware (items for cemetery)	76.47
M L Holden (reimburse poppy wreath £16.50, stationery £8.28)	24.78
J C Pearson (repairs at playground)	23.50
G Ward & Son (steel railings at Capt. Cook Memorial Garden)	710.88
Farmway Ltd (items for cemetery, rat poison)	88.18
Society of Local Council Clerks (annual subscription)	102.00
H Atkinson (reimburse phone card)	10.00
Peter Thompson (grass cutting)	141.00
G Nichols (refund allotment deposits nos. 1 and 50A)	40.00
D I Holden (reimburse phone bill)	31.90
<u>Receipts</u>	
Great Ayton Dramatic Society (village hall rent, final quarter 07)	130.00
Allotment deposits (L Walker 50A, J Lance 47B)	40.00
Allotment rent (L Walker)	10.00
North Yorkshire County Council (grass cutting)	2611.15
Hambleton District Council (refund part planning fee)	243.00
J Porritt (grave reservation)	60.00
Cemetery receipts	450.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00

**Correspondence**

NYCC – North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Sites Allocations Preferred Options – comments invited

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council – LDF: Consultations begin on Emerging Options for the Communities DPD and Proposals Map DPD – comments invited

NYMNPA – Parish Member Appointment – nominations invited

Hambleton and Richmondshire Carers Centre – request for Parish Council to circulate information on support for older carers

Allan Parsons – request for support for petition on No. 10 Downing Street website regarding red tape imposed on parish councils

Amanda Madden RHE – invitation to free rural affordable housing coach tour and lunch 24.1.08; December newsletter

NYCC – invitation to comment on Winter Maintenance Review

G Hetherington – re alders on Low Green – *see River above*

HDC – Affordable Housing Draft Supplementary Planning Document – Advance notice. Invitation to meeting at Civic Centre 8.1.08, 10.00 am.

The following items of information were received:-

Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine

NYMNPA – agenda for Northern Area Parish Forum meeting 15.11.07

CPRE – Countryside Voice – magazine; CPRE Overview newsletter

Yorwoods – Woodfuel Development Service Posters

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – summary of accounts 2006/7

Hambleton LDF – Development Policies DPD - Closure of Examination – notification

YLCA – Assembly Digest – newsletter re Yorkshire and Humber Assembly

YRCC – Country Air newsletter

NYMNPA – Moors Messenger newsletter; agenda for Performance Monitoring and Management Committee 26.11.07

Hambleton Local Development Agencies – Community News

Ludus Leisure Ltd - brochure

Amanda Madden Rural Housing Enabler – newsletter; invitation to “drop-in” event 4.12.07

HDC - Street naming and numbering – Grange Mill House

External Review – product information cards

NYCC – County Committee for Hambleton – agenda for meeting 26.11.07

YLCA Admin – Hambleton and Richmondshire Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forum meeting 26.11.07

NYCC Pension Fund newsletter

rekk Ltd – product information

Shaws – brochure

Glasdon - brochure

## Planning applications

Alterations to existing detached domestic garage – Stanley House. *The Parish Council noted that there was some confusion regarding the name of the property and was very suspicious that two house names appeared on the application. The footprint of the proposed garage was larger than that of the dwelling. The Council was lost for words at the lengths to which the applicant would go to extend his living accommodation. It was over-development of an already over-developed site*

Retrospective planning application for the siting of a residential caravan and construction of a dog kennel – Chapel View Pony Stud, Tunstall Lane, Nunthorpe. *The majority of the Council objected on the grounds that accommodation could be found in the village and extra accommodation on site was not required. Councillors Mrs Imeson and Mrs Greenwell disagreed*

Alterations and extensions to existing agricultural building to form an LPG vehicle conversion centre – minor amendment – Greenhow Hill Farm, Pannierman Lane. *Councillor Kirk declared an interest. No representations*  
Single storey extension to existing dwelling to form a sun room – 106 Newton Road. *No representations*

\* Pitched roof over existing flat roof garage – 38 Roseberry Crescent

\* Installation of 3 dormer windows and alterations to windows and doors at existing dwelling. Provision of a pitched roof on existing detached garage as amended – 29 Angrove Close

\* Delegated decisions – date for comment passed

### Plans approved

Construction of two horticultural glasshouses – Cooks View Nursery, Pannierman Lane

First floor extension to existing dwelling as amended – 8 Yarm Lane

Installation of three dormer windows and alterations to windows and doors at existing dwelling. Provision of a pitched roof on an existing detached garage as amended – 29 Angrove Close

Proposed works to 3 Scotch pine trees – Ayton House East

Proposed works to a beech tree – Mill Cottage, Mill Terrace

Alterations to existing agricultural storage building to form a holiday cottage – Langbaugh Farm

Dormer extension as amended – 23 Angrove Close

### Plans withdrawn

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 78 Wheatlands

## Councillors' reports

Councillor Readman thought that the hedge around Pease Cottages had not been cut back sufficiently. He and Councillor Mrs Imeson would inspect it again. He reported that the collection of blue bags and boxes had been late, resulting in plastic bottles being blown around the roads.

Councillor Conroy said that he had no interest in the National Parks. They were not sites of special scientific interest.

Councillor Waters had called on the manager of Yatton House who had agreed to cut the hedge on the footpath between Christmas and New Year.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported an overgrown hedge at the junction of Cleveland Street and Romany Road. The owner would be asked to cut it back. She had seen a notice advising of the closure of Newton Road between 31.12.07 and 1.4.08. Highways would be asked to explain.

## Date for January meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008.