

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 29th January 2008 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, J Fletcher, Mrs F Greenwell, R Kirk, N Waters, D Conroy. Sgt Neil Foster and Mr H Atkinson also attended

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Readman

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2008 were approved and signed

Police business

PC M McFarlane had sent a report detailing recent and proposed actions with regard to youth antisocial behaviour. This was gratefully received by the Parish Council, and PC McFarlane would be thanked for her efforts. Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that Broadacres was happy for the footpath between The Hawthorns and Linden Grove to be closed and the matter was being progressed.

Sgt Foster said that he had just been transferred to Stokesley but he was familiar with the area and aware of the issues. There was an inspector, 3 sergeants, 10 PCs and 3 PCSOs assigned to Stokesley, which should be sufficient to deal with most problems. Foot patrols had been reinstated and it should be possible to stamp out antisocial behaviour. Councillor Mrs Imeson asked if he would support Great Ayton in asking for the return of the CCTV camera.

Sgt Foster said that there had been 5 incidents of damage, 4 of violence, 3 autocrimes and 6 burglaries in the previous month.

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that there had been an accident at Tree Bridge involving 4 vehicles. She had received a complaint about vans which caused obstruction parked outside 7 Newton Road.

Mr Atkinson reported that 10 to 12 underage youths had been drinking in the Central Way footpath. They ran off when the police appeared but returned when the police left and stayed there causing a nuisance and intimidating residents until late at night. Mr Atkinson had cleared up a bucketful of broken glass the next day.

The clerk would respond to a letter from a resident expressing concerns regarding antisocial youth behaviour, the siting of the seat half way up the chapel steps, non-functioning street lights, and the metal fencing at the rear of the Chapel.

Cemetery

Councillor Mrs Imeson had visited the cemetery and found it to be nice and tidy.

River

Trees at Low Green – *a site visit would be made on 4.2.08*

Matters arising from the minutes

Village Hall – *the planning application had been approved. Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported that at the last police meeting the suggestion that the hall be handed over to the youth had been very well received. There was a good chance of getting grants, but nothing could be done until the fabric of the building was sorted out.*

Highways matters - Tree Bridge junction; railings Waterfall Terrace etc – *Community Service was making a good job of the cemetery railings – minute continued*; footpaths - rear of Cliffe Terrace – *minute continued*; Chapel steps – *minute continued*

Planning matters - tree planting to rear of 15 Easby Lane. *No further action appropriate. Minute concluded*

Memorial tree at Riverside – *clerk to meet applicant on site 1.2.08*

Frankfield Place – further communication from Ms S Jackson – *Ms Jackson would be informed that there was nothing that the Parish Council could do. Minute concluded*

Hedges at Pease Cottages and Cleveland Street – *the hedge at Cleveland Street had been cut. A further letter had been sent to Endeavour Housing Association regarding the hedge at Pease Cottages – minute continued*

Memorial seat– *Mrs McLellan had asked to have a memorial seat in the Garden of Remembrance but there was no room for any more there. She would be offered a space in the main cemetery or at Low Green.*

Accounts

The Royal Oak (annual parish dinner)	360.98
M L Holden (reimburse gifts for Christmas helpers £45.39; gift for D I Holden for work on website £18.72)	64.11
R Hindle (reimburse Xmas expenses)	35.24
Thompson's Hardware (items for cemetery)	70.40
D I Holden (reimburse domain renewal)	6.56
P Suggitt (River Warden contractor duties Nov, Dec 07 , Jan 08)	187.50
H Atkinson (reimburse phone card)	10.00
<u>Receipts</u>	

Yatton House (balance of rent to end Dec 2008)	366.67
Cemetery receipts	85.00

Correspondence

Dept for Communities and Local Government – Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England
 NYCC – North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Core Strategy Submissions – comments invited
 Commission for Rural Communities – Participation Inquiry Launch Event 31.1.08 – invitation
 Bag it up Limited – request for permission to site textile bank in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance – *it was suggested that the car park at the Buck Hotel could be a suitable location*
 Mrs M Rogers – request for bollards to be installed at end of footpath. *Mrs Rogers would be advised to contact the Public Rights of Way Officer at Highways*
 NYMNPA – Parish Member Elections and Hustings
 HDC – District/Parish Liaison Meeting 3 .3.08 – request for agenda items
The following items of information were received:-
 Camilla Govan – Richmond Study Tour – invitation 29.1.08 (Town centre renewal)
 David Lowther – enquiry re allotments
 Wicksteed – newsheet re play equipment
 NYMNPA – invitation to “Transition Villages” workshop 8.12.07; Post Office “Network Change Programme” – Area Plan Proposal for North Yorkshire with Yorkshire East and Keithley; Planning Committee agenda 24.1.08
 D I Holden – thanks for gift
 Local Works – notification of victory re Sustainable Communities Bill
 NYCC – agenda for County Committee for Hambleton 28.1.08
 Citizens Advice Bureau – poster advertising appointment dates
 NYCC – notification of road closures for repairs – Newton Road – two days any time after 21.1.08; High Street at junction with Guisborough Road – Sunday 3rd Feb
 NYCC Pension Fund – NYPF Secondary Panel meeting; Group Scheduled Bodies Contribution Rate
 NYCC – Winter Service Leaflet 2007/8
 NYCC – temporary closure of High Street 3.2.08

Planning applications

Single storey extension to existing dwelling – 5 John Street – *the plan was incomplete and did not show the garage, for which the Parish Council thought there was insufficient room*
 Revised application for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling 78 Wheatlands – *the Parish Council would object on the grounds that it was over-development of the site*
 Siting of a gazebo – 47 Addison Road – *no representations*
Plans approved
 External alterations to existing building – Great Ayton Village Hall
 Proposed felling of a weeping beech tree – Friends Meeting House
 Proposed felling of several trees as amended – Great Ayton Tennis Club, Mill Terrace
 Single storey extension to existing dwelling to form a sun room – 106 Newton Road
Letter – copy of letter from Mr and Mrs Wakefield to HDC re construction at Hollygarth
Enforcement Appeal – appeal withdrawn – Mr Kitching OS field 4116
Planning appeal – by Country Retreats and Estates at land adjacent to Angrove Plantation, Yarm Lane

Fete

It was decided that prizes would be £30, £20 and £15 for the floats and £5, £3.50 and £2 for the fancy dress. Various tasks were allocated to the Councillors. A buffet lunch would be arranged. The Working Men’s Club would be asked if they would be kind enough to make a financial contribution to the cost of the band. Mr R Pinder would be asked to manage the movement of the floats at Low Green

Date for annual parish meeting

The annual parish meeting would be held on Wednesday 19th March 2008 at 7.00 pm.

Councillors’ reports

Councillor Waters reported cracks in the concrete of a footbridge off Little Ayton Lane. He was advised that the Chairman of Little Ayton Parish Meeting should deal with the matter. He commented on flooding in Easby Lane which had affected two houses. Highways would be asked to inspect the drains.

Councillor Fletcher had reported to Highways water flowing from the Hall Fields footpath onto Newton Road. Mr and Mrs Ward would be asked to check if the cause was a broken field drain

Councillor Mrs Imeson had received a request from a student for financial assistance with the cost of a trip abroad on which she had been chosen to go. She would be advised that the Parish Council was unable to help, and be given the names and address of various possible sources of funding.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 26th February 2008