

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 2nd December 2008 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors N Waters, Chairman, Mrs F Greenwell, J Fletcher, D Conroy, G Readman. Mr H Atkinson, Mr P Suggitt, PC M McFarlane, PCSO T Rogerson, three representatives from Fairtrade, and one member of the public also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Imeson and R Kirk

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2008 were approved and signed

Fair Trade Presentation

Mrs B Hawkins told the meeting that she and her colleagues, Mrs K Harvie and Mrs J Chapman, had been trying to reach the criteria for Great Ayton to become a Fairtrade village since January 2007. There had already been movement towards Fairtrade status, they had written to schools and businesses in the village, and finally succeeded in the summer. Great Ayton was the first village in North Yorkshire to achieve Fairtrade status. Councillor D Conroy received a plaque from Mrs Hawkins on behalf of the Parish Council.

Police Business

Edward Kitching Terrace – PC McFarlane said that there had been few complaints but there were now similar problems in Romany Road; dispersal order evaluation and stats – PC McFarlane said that although questionnaires had been sent to all the people in the dispersal order area only 99 replies had been received. Councillor Mrs Greenwell was disappointed that only 6% of the respondents expressed willingness to help with youth activities. Councillor Readman reported that there had been damage to property in the cemetery and at Yatton House and asked if there had been any progress on identifying the perpetrators. PC McFarlane said that so far they had no concrete evidence and the matter was unlikely to go any further.

Cemetery

Play area hedge/paved area – *minute continued*; cemetery hedge - *minute continued*; beech tree for Riverside - *minute continued*.

Mr Atkinson said that most of the damage caused by vandals had been put right. The stonemason had acted promptly to clean the headstone. A letter of thanks would be sent. Mr Atkinson had installed a padlocked gate to prevent easy access from Yatton House to the cemetery.

There had been no further problem with the drains since they had been attended to.

The play area was again shut to facilitate repairs. Children as young as 5 or 6 had got into the area whilst the gate was locked and dismantled the seesaw with a socket set.

River

Mr Suggitt said that he had removed some traffic cones. Councillor Fletcher said that the alders growing out of the wall near the stone bridge required attention. Mr Suggitt and Mr Atkinson would deal with them.

Matters arising from the minutes

Village Hall - a grant of £5000 had been received from the County Committee for Hambleton. *Minute continued*

Highways matters - railings Waterfall Terrace – *minute continued*; Bridge Street pedestrian improvement scheme – a letter would be sent to Highways expressing the Council's disappointment that its views had been disregarded.

Library seats - *minute continued*

Floodwater storage scheme - HDC had responded that the Environment Agency would not be progressing any flood alleviation works in Great Ayton. They had investigated the possibility of flood storage on the Riverside but concluded that the cost/benefit was insufficient for a viable scheme. The Parish Council was extremely surprised as it was thought that the scheme would not involve a great deal of work and most of the materials required were already available on site. The EA would be asked to provide a copy of their report and costings.

Trees High Green - *minute continued*

Christmas – cards. There were no new names to add to the list

RoSPA report on play equipment – Councillors Conroy and Readman would prepare a job-list from the report. *Minute continued*

Replacement seat opposite Hookstone garage – a seat had been ordered from Robert Ward, blacksmith. *Minute concluded*

Planning matters – Mr M Cann from HDC would attend the January meeting

Accounts

M L Holden (reimburse sweets for Father Christmas float (£28.15)	
stationery (£24.06)	52.21
Thompson's Hardware (items for cemetery)	29.99
Society of Local Council Clerks (annual subscription)	105.00
Peter Thompson (grass cutting Riverside)	352.50

P Bell (refund allotment deposit)	20.00
Richard Collins (grave digging)	160.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Cemetery receipts	1381.00

Correspondence

HDC – Council Tax for Parishes – Revenue Estimates 2009/10. *Ian Holden had prepared a budget which Councillors had checked and approved. It was agreed to precept for thirty-one thousand pounds*

Mr E Harrison – re hedge at Leven Court. *A letter would be sent to the management committee asking if they would consider undertaking works to the hedge before it turned into a row of trees.*

NYCC – Budget and Council Plan Consultation – feedback invited

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council – Feasibility Study Consultations for “Odin’s Glow” outdoor event, Roseberry Topping - invitation to take part – *the Parish Council would like to be consulted*

HDC – invitation to “From Ideas to Implementation” event 3.12.08

Mike Newton – request to add link to Parish Council website. *Councillor Waters would look at Mr Newton’s website to decide if a link should be added*

Information Commissioner’s Office – Freedom of Information – fulfilling your obligation to disclose information.

A new model publication scheme had been produced which all public sector organisations must adopt by 31st December 2008. There was no requirement to return any paperwork to ICO, nor to create any new information.

The clerk believed that the Parish Council already complied with the requirements of the Act by publishing all relevant documents on the noticeboard or Council website

The following items of information were received:-

NYCC – NYPFOG meeting 22.10.08 minutes; Employer’s newsletter; minutes of NYPFOG meeting

YRCC – “Empowering your Rural Community” conference and AGM 29.11.08

CE Electric UK – preparing for mother nature – information leaflets and posters

York and North Yorkshire Waste Partnership – newsletter

rekk – advertisement

NYMNP – LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies Document – adoption

Hambleton and Richmondshire NHS PCT – re public review events 25.11.08/26.11.08

Hambleton Local Development Agencies – Community News

Glasdon - brochure

Planning applications

Application for listed building consent for alterations to existing attached garage, garden room and garden wall – Ayton Hall, Low Green. *No representations*

Application for alterations to outbuildings including new roof together with construction of a new livestock/machinery building at Aireyholme Farm. *No representations*

Plans approved

Proposed change of use of land to the keeping of horses – Langbaugh Ridge. *This would be added to the list of queries for Mr Cann at the next meeting.*

Construction of a single storey extension to existing dwelling – 23 Easby Lane

First floor extension to existing dwelling as amended – 120 Newton Road

Front access ramps with handrail – 26 Greenacre Close

Construction of a conservatory to existing dwelling – 4 Easby Lane

Councillors’ Reports

Councillor Readman said that the road at Tree Bridge was to be closed in February. He expressed the hope that transport issues would be communicated to the village in good time. Letters would be sent Highways and Arriva asking them to ensure that adequate notification was given of changes to bus services

Councillor Conroy had received a letter complaining about hedges overhanging pavements at Skottowe and the High Street. Highways would be asked to investigate

Councillor Waters was awaiting a quotation for drainage works to the allotments

A resident had complained that a streetlight had been installed on top of the stop-tap for one of the bungalows at the bottom of Roseberry Crescent. The resident would be advised to contact Hambleton District Council.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 6th January 2009