

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors N Waters, Chairman, J Fletcher, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs F Greenwell, D Conroy, G Readman and R Kirk. PC G Jones, Mr H Atkinson and Mr P Suggitt also attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Jones, who had kindly attended on his day off, reported on the previous month's events. He said that there had been fewer complaints regarding antisocial behaviour. Twelve to fifteen youths had been taken into custody for questioning regarding damage to property and four were to be prosecuted. A distraction burglary had been carried out at Church Drive by men posing as water board officials.

Councillor Fletcher said that there had been problems on High Green again, and Councillor Kirk asked if there was any evidence that the troublemakers had taken their activities elsewhere. Councillor Mrs Greenwell suggested that the play area be made a "respect area". PC Jones said that it would have to be done through 4Youth. Mr Atkinson said that there had been a 100% improvement in the play area and there had been no damage to equipment.

Councillor Waters said that he was aware that there had been a number of thefts, or attempted thefts, from farms.

PC Jones said that the police helicopter had been deployed to an incident at Kildale and the perpetrators caught.

PC Jones was thanked for attending.

Cemetery and play area - play area hedge/paved area; repairs to equipment

Mr Atkinson reported a very busy month. A new dog-waste bin in the cut between Central Way and Guisborough Road, which was being well used, had been removed. He understood that it had been taken away for use at Stokelsey.

Councillor Readman was awaiting advice from the Health and Safety people at HDC regarding repairs to play equipment. The goalposts would be relocated to allow the grass to recover.

River

Mr Suggitt had nothing to report

Matters arising from the minutes

Village Hall – a letter had been received from the Crash Bang Wallop Youth Theatre regarding the condition of the men's toilets. The writer had been advised that repairs were to be carried out on 16th March Minute continued

Highways matters - railings Waterfall Terrace - minute continued; Councillor Fletcher reported that the B1292 would reopen on 6th March.

Floodwater storage scheme – minute continued

Trees High Green – permission had been granted for work to the trees to be carried out. Mr Crombie's estimate had been accepted and he would undertake the work. Minute concluded

Building opposite Hall Fields gate, Newton Road - minute continued

Esk Valley Railway – representatives would attend Parish Council meeting on 31st March 2009

Speed matrix – minute continued

Beehive bins – Councillor Fletcher would meet HDC to discuss the bins

Clerk – draft job description and contract received from SLCC; a proposal for a computer accounts package to be purchased was approved

Accounts

D I Holden (reimburse cost of new computer)	642.04
Farmway Ltd (rat poison)	63.02
Thompson's Hardware (items for cemetery)	56.44
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (shackles, oil, gloves)	53.06
C L Prosser (hire of skip, allotments)	172.50
D I Holden (reimburse cost of registering new mower)	55.00
H Atkinson (phone card)	10.00
R Collins (grave digging)	400.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
D Conroy (reimburse annual parish dinner)	23.80
R Kirk	47.56
F Greenwell	47.56
J Fletcher	47.56
G Readman	47.56
D Robinson (grave reservation)	60.00
O Teasdale (grave reservation)	60.00
A Salvatore (grave reservation)	60.00

H Petch (cemetery fees)	88.00
Great Ayton Dramatic Society (1 st qtr's rent village hall)	130.00
Cemetery receipts	3554.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
HM Customs and Revenue (VAT refund)	888.71

Correspondence

Neil Thomas – re opening of play area. *The play area gate was no longer locked.*

Theodore Street – request for help with academic research on rural housing

P J Dobson – re possibility of Parish Council keeping public toilets open through winter months. *The Parish Council had received no information from HDC that the toilets were to be closed during the winter months. It was agreed to leave the matter until such time as HDC's intentions were known*

Great Ayton Tourist Information - request for permission to hold annual Yorkshire Day on High Green; placement of direction signs. *Approved*

Robert Holden – re website. *It was agreed that Mr Holden be paid an annual sum to cover the cost of hosting the website and renewing the domain name*

Great Ayton Scouts – request for permission to hold cake stall 9.5.09 and duck race 17.5.09. *Approved*

Guisborough and Great Ayton Rotary Club – request for permission to erect tent on High Green on 18.4.09 for Stroke Awareness Day. *Approved*

The following items of information were received:-

Denise O'Donnell – re gas works in Easby Lane commencing 16th March 2009

NYMNP – Parish and Community Newsletter; agenda for Planning Committee meeting 12.2.09; Northern Area

Parish Forum agenda for meeting 19.2.09; request for update of records

Rural Services Community – weekly digest x 3

NY Pension Fund – re new website; NYPFOG meeting 3/4/09; new “options on leaving” form

YCLA – invitation to join

Geoff Lodge – minutes of Great Ayton Problem Solving Group

Amanda Madden – RHE newsletter

NYCC – Local Transport Plan

Marc Holland – training grants for charities

Barbara Hawkins – list of local Fairtrade events

Rural Action Yorkshire – Country Air newsletter; The Playing Field newsletter; invitation to enter Calor Village of the Year competition

ArborTech – advertisement

HDC – Update newsletter

NYCC – copy of letter to Mrs Thirling re bus stop

RAF Linton on Ouse – notification of night flying 16 – 19 March 2009

CE Electric UK – community update

Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine

The Standards Board for England – Town and Parish Standard newsletter

National Probation Service – Community Payback poster

Planning applications

Construction of single storey extension to rear of property as amended – 41 Skottowe Crescent. *Date for comment passed*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 99 Wheatlands. *No representations*

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Application for advertisement consent for the retention of an internal illuminated sign – 115 High Street. *The Parish council would like to see the size of the sign reduced. The sign urbanises the village scene and the Council would like to see signage more appropriate for the conservation area in which it is situated.*

The retention of an Automated Teller Machine – 115 High Street. *The Parish Council had no objection to the automated teller machine per se but felt that the light spill from the external light was excessive and should be directed down onto the ATM*

Application to carry out works to 4 trees the subject of TPO 1993/13 – Holmlea, Great Ayton. *No representations*

Application for advertisement consent to display 2 illuminated signs – 117 High Street. *The Parish council would like to see the size of the sign reduced. The sign urbanises the village scene and the Council would like to see signage more appropriate for the conservation area in which it is situated.*

Application for advertisement consent to display 2 non illuminated signs and 1 internally illuminated sign – 115 High Street. *The Parish council would like to see the size of the sign reduced. The sign urbanises the village scene and the Council would like to see signage more appropriate for the conservation area in which it is situated.*

Single Storey extensions to existing dwelling – 35 Station Road. *No representations*

Alterations to existing shop/house to form 2 dwellings – 17 Arthur Street. *No representations*

Change of use of tattoo studio to shop – 7 Arthur Street. *No representations*

Construction of a dwelling and detached domestic garage – Ayton House East. *The Parish Council would recommend refusal on the grounds that the proposed dwelling would encroach on the amenities of the residents of*

Hollygarth Grove. The building would be in important park land and would have influence on the setting of Ayton House, a listed building

Application for conservation area consent to demolish existing garage/outbuilding – Ayton House East. *No representations*

Application to carry out works to a tree the subject of TPO 1997/6 – 8 California Grove. *No representations*

First floor extension to existing house – 5 Old Mill Wynd. *No representations*

Revised application for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and detached domestic garage – Herdholt, Little Ayton Lane. *No representations*

Plans approved

Proposed works to several trees – High Green, Great Ayton

Letter re planning application for Ayton House East

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Mrs Imeson had received a request for a memorial seat to be installed on one of the greens. It was agreed that there was still space for a seat on Low Green

Councillor Waters had received a call from J Marsay who had been upset by the press report about his golf range lights. He had issued an invitation to meet Councillors on site if they wished to discuss the matter.

The over 60s cricket tour from Australia was due to be in Great Ayton on 11th August 2009. Councillors agreed to support the event.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 31st March 2009