

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 28th April 2009 at 7.00 pm

Present

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

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2009 were approved and signed.

Councillors Waters invited the members of the public to state their business. They had attended to complain about the antisocial behaviour of youths in the play area, which was having a severe effect on their quality of life. They wanted the towers to be removed from the toddlers play area as the youths were climbing on them and throwing missiles into their gardens. They also requested that the security fencing be extended to enclose the whole play area. Councillors agreed to hold a site meeting at the play area the following evening.

A letter would be sent to the Chief Constable expressing the Parish Council's dismay and concern that the antisocial youths appeared to be getting away with their appalling behaviour.

Police Business

Nothing to report

Cemetery, allotments and play area

Cemetery - Mr Atkinson had nothing to report. Councillors had received compliments on the tidy condition of the cemetery.

Allotments – the broken drain had been repaired. Mr Atkinson had received the paperwork relating to the letting of allotments from the previous letting manager.

Play area - repairs to equipment - minute continued. Youths had again caused damaged to the safety surface in the toddlers play area. Image Playgrounds would be asked to inspect the damage and estimate the cost of repair; dog waste bin – the waste bin had been replaced – minute concluded; hedge Yatton House – Yatton House approved the suggestion to extend the laying of the hedge along their boundary and asked if the stretch in front of their building on Guisborough Road could be included. They offered to pay £600 towards the cost of the work. Councillors agreed to the proposal but would advise Yatton House that work could not start until autumn – minute continued.

River

Mr Suggitt had strimed the river banks and took rubbish from the river each week. He reported that the banks were still collapsing, and that there was evidence of rats on the stretch of river opposite the village hall. Mr Atkinson would deploy some rat poison bags.

Matters arising from the minutes

Village Hall – trees – *the work to the trees had been done but there were still 4 trees left, 3 of which were thought to belong to the Parish Council. An estimate would be obtained for the removal of the remaining 3 trees, and for treatment to the stumps – minute continued;* work to hall – *Councillor Kirk had arranged for specialists to inspect the hall and was awaiting further estimates – minute continued.*

Councillor Mrs Imeson had received comment from a resident that the hall was a disgrace.

Highways matters - railings Waterfall Terrace etc – *minute continued;* Station Road – *NYCC had responded that an assessment would be carried out to establish whether it would be possible to move the 30 mph sign. Highways routinely carried out maintenance to the verges adjacent to the footway and weed-killing was currently underway – minute concluded.*

Floodwater storage scheme – *NWL had responded that it remained with HDC to take up the matter of run-off in Roseberry Crescent with the landowner; Mary Taylor from Environment Agency requested a site meeting at Riverside. Councillors suggested 7.5.09 – minute continued*

Trees High Green – *minute continued*

Building opposite Hall Fields gate, Newton Road - *although the site looked untidy Councillors believed there was not further action to be taken. Minute concluded*

Beehive bins - *Councillor Fletcher was in discussion with Mr Rotheram regarding the refurbishment of the bins. It had been observed that there were smart new bins at Newton-under-Roseberry. Enquiries would be made as to the source of these bins - minute continued*

Cemetery fees – *it was agreed that the fees be increased by 2%. Minute concluded*

Archiving of cemetery books, receipt and payment books, and minute books – *minute continued*

Darlington and Stockton Times – *minute continued*

Accounts

Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (mower parts)	3.44
W Eves & Co Ltd (petrol (direct debit))	7.55
Farmway Ltd (rat poison, gloves)	0.47
Teesside Insurance (annual premium for mower)	62.92
Hambleton District Council (salaries Jan, Feb Mar 2009)	383.40

North Yorkshire Police Authority (boarding up village hall)	161.00
Image Playgrounds (seesaw seats)	63.25
Think Interiors (paint etc for railings)	71.08
G A Marwood (half year allotment rent)	250.00
CPRE (subscription renewal)	29.00
Quiescent (website hosting)	138.00
Alan Bradshaw (half year honorarium Allot. Letting Manager)	125.00
P Suggitt (River Warden Contractor duties Nov, Dec 08, Jan, Feb Mar, Apr 09)	375.00
J Snowdon (refund allot deposit 49B)	20.00
L R Taylor (refund allot deposit 81)	20.00
P H Greenwell (repair tap allotments)	198.89
Richard Collins (drainage repair allotments, grave digging)	240.00
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	645.00
O B Joinery (work at village hall)	467.50
P Suggitt (work at village hall)	610.00
Bilsdale Landscapes (tree work at village hall)	950.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Northumbrian Water (allotment supply (direct debit)) refund	59.19
D Tanfield (grave reservation)	60.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
Cemetery receipts	144.00
P Ancell (flower tub sponsor)	15.00
Hambleton District Council (precept)	15500.00
NEDL (wayleave)	17.25

Correspondence

NYCC – re urban grass cutting – *NYCC would make a payment to the Parish Council based on 7 cuts for the current year. This would be reduced to 6 cuts for 2010*

Local Works – request for support for “Reviving Communities” – *the Parish Council would ask William Hague MP to support the Early Day Motions*

Farmway – invitation to join Spend and Save Reward Scheme – *the Parish Council agreed to join the scheme*

Stokesley Police – Safer Neighbourhoods Award

HDC – re bonfires on allotments – *the clerk had responded that allotment tenants had been warned about having bonfires which annoyed neighbours and had been given leaflets advising sensible procedures for having bonfires.*

Children’s Society – cake bake 15.5.09, carols 23.12.09 - *approved*

R Lappin – re roundabout at Tree Bridge - view of oncoming vehicles from Poole roundabout was obstructed by a hedge – *Councillor Fletcher said that Highways had inspected the junction and found visibility to be acceptable. Councillor Readman had received a complaint that the roundabout was too high and obstructed the view of cars approaching from Nunthorpe village. Other Councillors did not see this as a problem.*

C Dennis – re communication between village websites. *The Parish Council did not wish to be involved*

Joanne Hodgson – re Odin’s Glow meeting 13.5.09. *Councillors Waters and Fletcher would attend the meeting*

The following items of information were received:-

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council – LDF: Consultation on Communities DPD Preferred Options and Draft Amendments Proposals Map and Great Eston Design Code SPD

Equality and Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Duties

District and County Councils of North Yorkshire – Newsline newsletter

Playscheme – brochure

Information Commissioner’s Office – instructional DVD

Redcar and Cleveland LDF Annual Monitoring Report 2007/8

Hambleton Local Development Agencies – Community News newsletter

NYMNPA – Parish and Community Newsletter

Queensbury – shelter brochure

Sandra Pearson – thank you for donation

NYMNPA – Planning Committee agenda 16.4.09

York and North Yorkshire Waste Partnership – newsletter

Stokesley and Villages Community Regeneration Group meeting 8.4.09

National Training Resources Ltd – Funding Maze or Opportunity? Conference 21.5.09, Birmingham

NYCC Pension Fund – ill health certificates; NYPFOG minutes

Carol Morgan – invitation to poetry reading in memory of Margaret Mawston

Rural Services Community – weekly rural focus x 2

Playground Inspections Ltd – brochure

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council – Community Development Plan Document available for view

CPRE – offer to send newsletter by email

Ian McWilliam – re signage for rolling road 23.4.09

HDC street collections – Save the Children 1.5.09
 NYCC – temporary road closure High Street 27.4.09 to 11.5.09
 NYCC – Library and Information Service launched
 HDC – notices for combined elections for NYCC and European Parliament

Planning applications

Dismantling and re-constructing pillars at entrance – Hunters Lodge, 3 Station Road – *no representations*
 *Single storey extension to existing dwelling – 6 Sunnyfield Nurseries
 *Application for Listed Building Consent for the fitting of a handrail – 6 Richardson Hall
 Alterations and second floor extension to existing dwelling – 39 Addison Road - *no representations*
 Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage – Angrove House - *no representations*
 * date for comment passed

Plans approved

Proposed works to several trees – Great Ayton Village Hall
 Application for advertisement consent for the retention of an internally illuminated sign – 115 High Street
 The retention of an Automated Teller Machine – 115 High Street
 Single storey extension to rear of property as amended – 41 Skottowe Crescent
 Application for consent to fell 2 trees and undertake works to 11 trees subject to TPO – Friends School
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling as amended – 99 Wheatlands
 Change of use of tattoo studio to shop – 7 Arthur Street
 Application to carry out works to 4 trees the subject of TPO – Holmlea, Great Ayton
 Application for advertisement consent to display 2 illuminated signs as amended – 117 High Street
 Single storey extensions to existing dwelling – 35 Station Road
 Application for advertisement consent to display 3 non illuminated signs – 115 High Street
 Application to carry out works to a tree the subject of TPO – 8 California Grove

Flower tubs

Mcolls would be invited to take on sponsorship of the tub previously sponsored by Bells Stores

Annual accounts for audit

The accounts were approved. Mr Beeforth would be asked to audit them

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that the Conservative Club should be congratulated on flying the flag on St George's Day. It appeared to be the only one in the village, though Councillor Waters said that the Football and Cricket Club had flown theirs.

Councillor Mrs Imeson asked about the seats outside the library and the responsibility for the cost of replacing them. Councillor Fletcher said he believed that memorial seats donated to the village became the property of the village, the Parish Council maintained them and insured them. Not all Councillors agreed with this view and the matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell asked that the Parish Council send a letter of thanks to Crighton Steeplejacks and Restoration who had welded the lid onto the time capsule for the new roundabout at Tree Bridge. This was agreed. Councillors also wished to thank Peter Greenwell who had assisted with the time capsule.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 26th May 2009