

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 13th April 1999 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors L Groves, Chairman, B Winn, J Fletcher, P Bell, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs M Stevens, R Kirk. PC P Williams, Mrs J Essex, and Messrs Dave Eagle and Steve Kirby also attended.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th March were approved and signed.

Police Business

PC Williams reported that there had been no house burglaries in the previous month. A spate of shed burglaries had taken place and 3 local youths had been arrested and a large amount of property recovered. There had been 6 drugs arrests including 2 locals. The problem of young footballers in Roseberry Crescent and the theft of shrubs from the grassy area was raised. A resident had replaced two of the stolen shrubs and the footballers appeared to have moved on. Other areas of trouble were identified - vandalism along the High Street involving stones being thrown at windows; verbally abusive footballers at Linden Grove Court; inconsiderate parking at Farm Garth/Roseberry Crescent, Romany Road/Rosehill, top end of Roseberry Crescent, and near the Captain Cook Museum. The Police will keep an eye on these areas.

Presentation re. internet

Mr Dave Eagle, head of Community Informatics Research and Applications Unit (CIRA) at Teesside University gave an interesting and informative presentation on computers and the internet. His department was set up to combat information exclusion and to this end they arrange courses in local learning centres and provide hardware and lecturers to help educate people in the various ways of using technology. The Parish Council expressed interest in taking advantage of CIRA's expertise. The setting up of such a course could result in the village acquiring a number of computers on a permanent basis. The clerk is to write to the Chairman of Governors, Roseberry School, asking him to raise the possibility of the school hosting a course.

Matters arising

Ayton School development/lease for sports field It was reported that there was still a hold up with access. Disquiet was expressed at the lack of contact from the sports groups. The clerk is to contact Mr T Sillars to ascertain that the cricketers are still interested.

Bushes, Roseberry Cres/Ave More shrubs are to be purchased to replace the ones stolen.

Tree guards Rotary, trees Langbaugh corner Minute continued.

Whitbread bridge Minute continued

White lines, Low Green It was agreed that urgent action was required. Councillor Fletcher is to contact Highways again.

Twining signs Minute continued.

Flagpole outside Library Further discussion took place following representations at the Annual Parish Meeting. A majority vote decided in favour of the library site.

Internet/computers A letter from NYCC Education and Library Services indicated that libraries would act as hosts to the government-funded Childcare database. An internet-linked computer would be placed in each library for local people to access a database of facilities available to people with young children. When not required for that purpose, the computer would be available for other use by members of the local community. Though welcome, this provision was felt to be inadequate and it was agreed to pursue the line offered by CIRA.

Noticeboard, Park Square Minute continued.

Trees, bushes and alder saplings, Low Green Minute continued

Litter, play area, street cleaning The clerk was instructed to write to Mr S Quartermain at HDC to thank him for having the litter bins emptied over the Easter weekend, and also to thank him for providing a man to clean up the path alongside the play area.

Memorial seat, Dr Dodd Minute continued

Cemetery mower/trimmer Decision deferred for demonstration

Play area - plan for improvement It was agreed that a security fence should be provided. Planning

permission is to be sought. A sub-committee of Councillors J Fletcher, R Kirk and Mrs M Stevens was established to get on with plans to refurbish the play area.

Tree, cemetery Minute continued

CAPE Scheme - fencing Low Green Minute continued

CPRE - donation It was agreed to renew the subscription to CPRE

Footbridge - Low Green Highways will mend the bridge and provide paint. It was reported that the railings near Suggitts were in need of repair. Highways are to be contacted.

Flower tubs/sponsorship Contributions have been received from all existing sponsors. Two more local businessmen have asked to sponsor tubs. Mrs Coles and Mr Featherstone are to be asked if they are willing to take on additional tubs which could be sited on Hollygarth bridge or at the end of the Whitbread bridge. It was reported that a tub which had been thrown in the river from Hollygarth bridge had been rescued and re-potted. Councillor Winn said that troughs purchased last year would be fixed on the chemist's wall and that they and the troughs on the public toilets and village hall would be planted. It was thought that the ones on the toilet wall would be planted by HDC. Councillor Groves is to investigate.

Accounts

Northumbrian Water (cemetery & allotments)	26.65
NYCC (superannuation)	2471.03
Ayton Ground Maintenance (grass cutting)	29.37
Cornhill Insurance (motor mower ins.)	88.40
HDC (cemetery rates)	84.00
M L Holden (clerk)	273.76
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	721.08
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	324.46
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (work clothing)	58.72
M L Holden (reimburse compost, shrub)	6.79
E K Williams Ltd (petrol - direct debit)	37.61
G A Marwood (allotment rent)	250.00
Hambleton Sports Council (subscription)	6.00

Correspondence

NYPA - Policing Plan 1999/2000

HDC - Crime and Disorder Strategy document

York and N. Yorkshire Playing Fields Assoc. - invitation to join. It was agreed to put this on ice for 6 months.

HDC - Rural Transport Partnership - meeting 21.4.99

NYMNPA - Parish member appointment process 1999. The clerk was instructed to advise Mrs C McGee of Chopgate parish council to apply.

K Coatsworth - request for use of High Green in connection with re-opening Capt. Cook Museum 14th May 1999. Agreed.

Beacon Millennium - re lighting of beacons. Mr C Phalp is to be asked if he wished to light a beacon.

NYMNPA - Agenda 29th March 1999 for information

North Yorkshire Legal Services - temporary prohibition Roseberry Topping

Chloe Arnold - request to hold cake stall 17.4.99. Agreed.

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum meeting 27.5.99. Request for agenda items. The Parish Council suggested steps should be taken to prevent cars from driving on the turf at Gribdale Gate.

NYMNPA - Planning committee - Agenda for information

YLCA - invitation to renew membership. Declined.

Clerks and Councils Direct - magazine

NYCC - Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation as at 31.3.99

Mrs de Wardt - request for permission to collect for Sight Savers 7.5.99. Agreed

Worsall Folk Group - request for permission to dance on High Green 26.6.99. Agreed

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Extension to existing dwelling - 70 Roseberry Crescent. No representations

Extension to existing hotel and provision of additional parking facilities as amended - Tree Bridge Hotel. In the absence of a copy of Hambleton's letter, the Parish Council were unable to understand the amendments. The clerk is to write asking for clarification.

Display of 3 non-illuminated signs - 101 High Street. No representations

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling - Nutshell, High Green. No representations

Listed Building Consent for above. No representations

Alterations and extensions to existing house to include domestic garage - 4 Byemoor Avenue. No representations

Formation of a manege - Cleveland Lodge. No representations.

Amendments to above. No representations

Construction of 20 metre telecommunications tower and associated equipment cabins with 6 co-polar antennae and 6 dish antennae. The plans presented were felt to be inadequate, not showing position or height of trees. Clarification was requested, or a further site visit.

Listed Building Consent for demolition of existing chimney stack - Ayton Hall. No representations.

Construction of domestic garage to replace existing garage - 7 Park Rise. No representations.

Minor amendments residential development, Sunnyfield Nurseries. The Parish Council were of the opinion that the handing of plot 4 made a nonsense of the garage and garden at plot 5.

Plans approved

Alterations and extension 47 Marwood Drive

Planning appeal

Mr P Ancell, Beck Hollow

Site visit

Tree Bridge Hotel. No councillors to attend. The Parish Council had to declare an interest as the applicant had donated playground equipment to the village 3 years ago. The clerk is to enquire of HDC how long such an interest should prevent the opinion of the Parish Council being expressed.

Millennium

Domesday Book

Mrs Essex reported a disappointing response to her notices in the post office. The main work this month has been on the map, which is to be produced similarly to that published by Ayton Neighbours. It will also be included in the book.

Millennium ball It was agreed to accept the supper menu from Peter Lillie's, Guisborough.

Fireworks Minute continued.

Matters arising from Annual Parish Meeting 23.3.99

Siting of flagpole - previously discussed under matters arising.

The clerk read out two letters from members of the Bowls Club objecting to the reference to "geriatrics" as reported in the Darlington and Stockton Times. Councillor Bell said that he had been quoting a villager.

Community service

Several jobs which could be carried out by community service were identified:-

1. Clearing the trod of rubbish etc.
2. Painting of footbridge, Low Green, when mended - white
3. Painting of railings on roadside near the Buck - white
4. Painting of railings outside Village Hall - rural green
5. Painting of railings against riverside, Little Ayton
5. Refurbishing of seats around village, particularly Gladys Bradley's seat, Newton Road.

Councillor's reports

Councillor Winn reported that the sign directing people to the toilets from the ice-cream shop was not very clear. He suggested a sign on the end of the toilet building. HDC are to be contacted.

Councillor Fletcher reported that Highways were aware of the damage caused to Little Ayton Lane as a result of increased traffic due to the weight restriction on the bridge at Little Ayton.

Councillor Bell reported that quantities of rubbish, including a mattress, had been dumped in the alley at the back of Romany Road. HDC are to be asked if they can remove it.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that the cut through from Hawthorns to James Court needed to be tidied

up, and that there was graffiti on the fence of James Court. The Clerk is to contact Highways and Broadacres respectively.

Councillor Mrs Imeson referred to a magazine advertisement for Wimpey Homes in Great Ayton which alluded to the development as Ayton Gardens. The clerk was instructed to write to Wimpey objecting most strongly as that name had been rejected by both Parish and District councils in favour of California Grove.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that Hambleton District council tax was the fourth lowest in the country.