

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 11th May 1999 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors L Groves, Chairman, J Fletcher, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs J Imeson, R Kirk, P Bell, Mrs F Greenwell. Mrs J Essex also attended.

Election of officers

Councillor Groves welcomed new Parish Councillor Mrs F Greenwell.

Councillor Mrs Imeson was proposed as Chairman by Councillor Mrs Stevens but regrettably declined. Councillor Kirk was proposed as Chairman by Councillor Mrs Imeson, seconded by Councillor Groves and was unanimously elected.

Councillor Mrs Imeson was proposed as Vice Chairman by Councillor Groves, seconded by Councillor Mrs Stevens and unanimously elected.

Councillors were appointed representatives as follows:-

Roseberry School Governors - Councillor Mrs Stevens

Marwood School Governors - Councillor Mrs Greenwell

Postgate Trust - Councillor Mrs Imeson

Captain Cook Museum - Councillors Fletcher, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Greenwell

Allotment managers - Councillors Groves and Bell

Cemetery managers - Councillors Mrs Imeson and Mrs Stevens

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum - Councillor Mrs Greenwell

The Thomas Richardson Foundation was reported to be defunct. The clerk is to contact Mr Nigel Kitching to ask if he intends to hold a meeting to wind up the trust.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th April 1999 were approved and signed.

Police Business

A letter from residents of Park Rise complaining about youngsters causing noise and nuisance in the arcade and library car park area, and a reply from Sgt McArde, were read to the Parish Council. Further reports were heard of vandalism and intimidation by a gang, some of whose members were believed to be as young as seven. The clerk was instructed to write to Sgt McArde thanking him for his detailed response and assuring the police of the support of the Parish Council in efforts to deal with the problem.

Matters arising

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field A letter from Mr Sillars on behalf of the Royal Oak Taverners was read to the meeting expressing their dismay at the continuing delay. It was pointed out that there is no money being expended at present and as soon as the lease is signed it will be "all systems go". The clerk is to contact Southalls to enquire as to the cause of the delay.

Bushes, Roseberry Cres/Ave Three new bushes have been purchased and planted. Residents had asked if a formal bed could be made. Their letter is to be forwarded to Highways for consideration.

Tree guards Rotary, trees Langbaugh corner It was reported that the tree guards had arrived and were at Mr Leslie Martin's. The clerk is to ask if he would mind storing them until the trees are planted in the autumn.

Whitbread bridge It was agreed that a contractor would need to be hired to carry out the work.

White lines, Low Green Minute continued

Twinning signs Minute continued

Flagpole outside Library Minute continued

Internet/computers A letter from Roseberry School Governors indicated their interest in Teesside University's scheme. The clerk is to contact Mr Dave Eagle to find out how to progress.

Noticeboard - Park Square This has been refurbished. The clerk has written a letter of thanks to Mr Barker.

Trees, bushes and alder saplings, Low Green Completed.

Memorial seat - Dr Dodd A memorial ceremony attended by Dr Dodd's family and members of the Parish Council was followed by coffee at the Royal Oak.

Cemetery mower Mr Winn is to be asked for the literature on the strimmer.

Play area - plan for improvement Estimates for security fencing are awaited. It was reported that there had been a tent in the play area for 4 days. HDC are to be asked how the byelaws can be enforced. The safety surface for the roundabout had been replaced but it was reported that the quality of the concrete base was poor. It was agreed that if further problems arose the contractor be contacted again. A plea for parents to help with the play area was again made. The sub-committee are to deal with the improvement plan without report.

Tree, cemetery Minute continued

CAPE Scheme - fencing Low Green A representative from HDC agreed that the scheme was feasible and meritorious but would be too expensive. Councillor Fletcher is to investigate prices.

Footbridge - Low Green To be chased up

Flower tubs/sponsorship Mr Featherstone is willing to take on two more tubs. The supplier has none in stock at present. It was agreed that the footpath by the chemist's was too narrow for troughs to be affixed to the wall. The Village Hall railings was suggested as an alternative site. Councillor Mrs Imeson is to speak to Mr Eric Kendall about filling the troughs on the toilet wall. A request was made for volunteers to help the extremely overworked people who presently look after the troughs and tubs.

Community Service jobs The cemetery railings were added to the list of jobs.

Rubbish, Romany Road It was reported that mice had been seen. The clerk is to contact HDC again.

Highways matters - fence near Suggitts, grass Newton Road, trod Linden Grove Minute continued.

Advertisement, Wimpey Homes A letter explaining Wimpey's position was received.

Accounts

Royal Oak (coffee - Dr Dodd memorial party)	8.25
M L Holden (clerk)	273.76
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	731.23
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	314.31
Cornhill Insurance (local council insurance)	656.46
CPRE (subscription)	17.50
E K Williams (petrol) (direct debit)	116.57

Correspondence

North Yorkshire Legal Services - notice of temporary closure, High Green

NatWest - re. charge for returning vouchers. The clerk is to ask if NatWest would consider waiving the charge and enquire of Auditors if used vouchers are essential for audit.

NYCC - Highways Act 1980: Section 31(6) Notices

HDC - Rural transport partnership - invitation to join. To be considered.

British Diabetic Assoc - re. street collection 19.6.99. It was thought that suggested parking space for a large vehicle outside Heagneys was unsuitable and there had been complaints last year. The clerk is to write accordingly.

Residents, Park Rise - re. nuisance in library car park and arcade. See "police business".

NYCC - Pension Planning newsletter

Cornhill Insurance - notice re. changes in policy cover. Agreed that present cover satisfactory.

HDC - notice of nominees for Parish Council election

NYMNPA - Planning Committee agenda for information

NYCC- questionnaire re. pension fund. Completed.

NYCC- pension fund, early retirement and flexible retirement

NYCC - re. ill health retirement procedures

N Y Legal Services - re temporary closure, West Terrace

HDC - re. temporary road closure, High Street.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council - request for subs. It was agreed not to subscribe.

DETR - information re appointment of Parish members to Nat. Park Authorities

Mrs Moore - stall for Kosovo. It was reported that Mrs Moore had raised £70 for Kosovo

Mrs Morrow - request to have memorial seat in cemetery. Approved. It was suggested that Mrs Morrow employ Mr Ward to construct the seat. The cemetery managers are to inspect the site.

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Formation of vehicular access OS field 2160 Guisborough Road. No representations

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling 30 Roseberry Crescent. No representations

Revised application for construction of detached dwelling 3 Farm Garth. No representations

Revised application for alterations and extensions to existing domestic outbuildings - 7 Low Green. No representations

Alterations and extension - Angrove West Farm. No representations

Extension - 34 Langbaugh Close. No representations

Construction of porch - 5 Wainstones Drive. No representations

Application to fell 1 tree and lop 6 trees subject to TPO - Cleveland Lodge. No representations

Listed building consent for provision of replacement handrails - Schoolroom Museum. No representations

Amendments - extension and provision of additional parking facilities - Tree Bridge Hotel. No representations

Amendments - alterations and extensions to animal centre - RSPCA. No representations

Amendments - telecommunications tower, Langbaugh Hall. The amended plan did not give exact location of mast. The Parish Council asked for another site visit for the sake of the residents.

Plans approved

Extension to existing dwelling - 114 Newton Road

Application for Listed Building Consent for the re-roofing of existing dwelling - The Manor House

Construction of front porch - 14 Angrove Close

Extensions to existing dwellinghouse - 15 Skottowe Drive

Alterations and extension to existing house - 4 Byemoor Avenue

Formation of manege - Cleveland Lodge

Alterations and extensions - RSPCA Centre

Planning appeal dismissed

Mr I Sproates

Millennium

Domesday book Mrs Essex reported that good progress was being made, and more people were helping since the request had appeared in the Stream. A map is to be placed in the library highlighting areas not covered. It was suggested that a photograph be taken of the whole village population, probably in the autumn.

Ball The Dudley Arms was reported to be doing the bar. The clerk is to confirm with Jack Wood

Fireworks A short, sharp firework display to herald the New Year was suggested. Several Councillors felt that a longer display would be preferable. Councillor Fletcher is to investigate further and the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Bell proposed that Brian Winn be thanked for his years of service and conscientious approach to his work as Parish Councillor. This was unanimously agreed and the clerk is to write accordingly. He commented on the superior quality of grass cutting at Stokesley compared to that carried out in Great Ayton by NYCC. He believed that Stokesley PC arranged their own verge cutting and were paid by NYCC to do so. The clerk is to contact Stokesley PC to enquire what their arrangements are. The light in the ladies public toilet is not working. HDC are to be contacted.

Councillor Fletcher commented on the speed of traffic and heavy lorries in Guisborough Road. He reported that traffic calming measures were being considered. The clerk is to make enquiries of NYCC Highways to discover what is being proposed.