

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd August 1999 at 7.00 pm

Present

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

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 1999 were approved and signed.

Police Business

There was no police attendance.

Matters arising

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field A letter from Great Ayton Cricket and Football Club expressing concern about the lack of parking facilities and the restriction on vehicle access was read to the meeting. The Parish Council shared the concerns but the terms and conditions set by Ayton Firs would have to be accepted. The clerk was instructed to inform HDC of the Parish Council's readiness to sign the lease. It was agreed that a further meeting would be held with the sports groups when the document had been signed.

Whitbread Bridge Minute continued.

Flagpole outside library The clerk reported that an offer to pay for the flagpole had been received from a resident. He is to be contacted when the cost is known.

Internet/computers Minute continued

Cemetery mower The cemetery superintendent is satisfied with his existing strimmer. It was agreed that the possibility of purchasing a new mower should be investigated in the autumn.

Play area - plan for improvement Minute continued

CAPE Scheme - fencing Low Green Minute continued

Footbridge Low Green It was reported that NYCC have painted the bridges over a number of years and therefore have assumed responsibility for them. NYCC are to be informed that the Parish Council believes NYCC are responsible for maintenance and repairs.

Flower tubs/sponsorship It was noted that the troughs on the toilet wall had not been replaced. Councillor Kirk is to ask Mr Winn if he would be willing to plant them.

Community Service jobs Minute continued

Highways matters - fence near Suggitts, trod Linden Grove, weeds chemist's wall Highways are to be reminded. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Mike Woods of Highways to wish him well on his retirement.

Grass cutting verges Tenders have been requested.

Seats, various To be left until September, then Cemetery Superintendent to refurbish them.

Memorial seat, cemetery No further action unless requested by Mrs Morrow.

Grants Roadshow Councillor Mrs Imeson had chaired the meeting which had been attended by the clerk and fourteen other people. It was reported that it had been an interesting meeting.

Burial of ashes A further letter from Mrs Neville-Smith was read to the meeting. It was agreed that existing policy should not be changed as it would cause upset to people who had been refused permission in the past. There is no shortage of space in the garden of remembrance. The cemetery superintendent is to be instructed to refer unusual requests to the Parish Council via the clerk.

Meeting of Cliff Ridge Group This was deferred until 12th August.

Street naming and numbering, Newcroft Farm The Parish Council was not satisfied with HDC's response to their concern. The clerk is to write again reiterating the Council's suspicions.

Grass cutting High Green, tidying of kerbs It was reported that the work had been done and the Green was improved and tidy.

Fence Holme Field The owner of the property had agreed to carry out repairs to the fence.

Overhanging trees, Low Green and Marwood Drive, dead tree near cemetery The tree in Marwood Drive has been cut back. It was believed that the dead tree was not near the cemetery but in the field belonging to Langbaugh Hall. The clerk is to contact Mr Scrope. NYCC had informed the clerk that roads should allow the passage of vehicles up to 16 foot 6 inches high. The contractor used by NYCC for cutting back overhanging trees is to be contacted to assess the trees on Low Green.

Footpath, rear of Cliffe Terrace Ryedale Housing are to inspect their trees. It was reported that a street light was hidden by foliage. Mr E Hayward is to inspect it.

Telephone box, Newton Road There had been no response from BT. The clerk is to write again pointing out that the phone box had been well used and that there was a need for one at the top end of the village. It was suggested that a site near the post box on the grass verge at Woodbine Close might be more suitable.

Bellman's bell The clerk had contacted Mr Howard Atkinson, Jack Readman's grandson, who is to consult other family members about a ceremony to hand over the bell. He will try to find photographs of the Bellman.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	295.66
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	744.27
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	345.23
Worthy Pearson News (photocopying)	24.62
M L Holden (reimburse stationery)	19.61
Thompsons Hardware (padlock, compost, etc)	18.08
Ayton Grass Maintenance (grass cutting)	88.12
Northumbrian Water (allotment water supply)	41.14
Thomas Fattorini Ltd (bars for Chairman's chain)	76.88
Atkinsons Garden Machinery (belt for mower)	16.26
Prontaprint (allotment receipt books)	92.25
<u>Receipts</u>	
Consolidated stock	1.79

Correspondence

CPRE - request for donation. Rejected.

K O Productions Ltd - re hire of local venues. Received

David Williams - re road safety A172. The clerk is to reply that the Parish Council shares his concerns. The police are to be asked to monitor the situation.

Peter Godbold, NYMNPA Parish Member, "thank you" letter

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum - meeting 5th October, request for agenda items, Councillor Mrs Greenwell to attend. Notes of meeting 27th May 1999.

David Cook - dates of events for Millennium. Approved

CPRE - request for subscription. Subscription already paid in May 1999. The clerk is to query additional request

HDC - re contributions from housing developers towards education facilities.

NYCC - re street lighting maintenance

M C and K M Phalp - copy of letter sent to Wimpeys re Station Road. Received

Bow House Publishing - re advertising space in Come and Stay in Herriot Country. It was agreed that a different photograph be included in the advertisement this year. A copy is to be sent to Capt. Cook Schoolroom Museum.

Request from Margaret Simpson to sell raffle tickets for Coronary Care 4th, 5th, 6th August. Approved

NSPCC - request for stall outside Heagneys, 30th October 1999. Approved

Phone call - Jane Longthorne, Radio Cleveland re hunting of rabbits with lurchers

H Petch - request for permission for brass band to play on High Green on 19.9.99 in aid of Cancer Research. Approved.

G Hetherington - re. traffic problems Low Green. It was suggested that Mr Hetherington monitor commercial traffic using Yarm Lane and make note of names. Letter to be forwarded to Highways for consideration.

The following items of information were received:-

Clerks and Councils Direct - magazine

Glasdon - brochure

Electricity Consumers' Committee - newsletter

YRCC - Country Air newsletter

NYMNPA - Planning Committee Agenda for information

Northallerton District Community Health Council - annual report 98/99

HDC - street collection permits August 1999

NYCC - ill health retirement procedures

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Extension to existing dwellinghouse - 32 Roseberry Crescent. No representations

Extension to existing dwellinghouse as amended- Field House. No representations

Plans approved

Construction of domestic garage to replace existing - 7 Angrove Close

Extension - Low Green House, Low Green

Construction of 20m telecommunications tower and associated equipment cabins - Langbaugh Hall

Formation of vehicular access as amended OS Field 2160 Guisborough Road

Provision of dormer window - 64 Wheatlands

Millennium

Domesday Book Photographs of the Parish Council had been taken. It was suggested that photographs of Mrs Coles and Mr Featherstone and the flower tubs/beds should be included. The clerk is to contact Mrs Essex.

Ball Ticket price was agreed at £17.50. A seating plan was suggested. A tombola and/or raffle will be held.

Fireworks Minute continued.

General celebrations/programme A letter is to be sent to all village organisations asking for dates of anything planned for 2000 to go in the programme. It was resolved that chairmen of all organisations be invited to meet at Roseberry School for a photograph to go in the programme.

Auditor's report

It was agreed to postpone discussion until written report had been received.

Mandate for new bank account

The mandate to open a new capital reserve account for public open space money was signed by all councillors.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that complaints had been received about speeding traffic on Stokesley Road and Guisborough Road.

She presented a picture to the meeting which was a gift from Wimpey. The view of the rear of the school in the nineteenth century will be displayed in the council chamber. The clerk is to write a letter of thanks.

Mrs Dodd had been most grateful for the photographs of the memorial seat dedication.

It was agreed that arrangements for the Christmas float needed to be made. Councillor Mrs Imeson suggested that top hats and tails might be borrowed from the drama group and that long skirts and capes should be made which could then be used each year. Councillor Mrs Stevens is to speak to a local seamstress. Councillor Mrs Greenwell felt that the Edwardian theme would not match the float which is in the shape of Santa's sleigh.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that dates for Christmas events should be set. These are to be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Bell reported that there was no litter bin at the bottom end of Low Green and people were putting litter under the seats. The corner of the pavement near the Conservative Club was broken up and dangerous. It was noted that Highways had been asked to inspect it on several occasions and found it satisfactory. The condition of the Chapel Steps was a disgrace and it was thought that the street cleaner had not been near. HDC are to be contacted.

A new wall which juts out into the pavement near the new Wimpey development in Newton Road was felt to be hazardous to blind persons or people with prams. It was said that Highways had approved it and that previously there had been no pavement on that side of the road. It was agreed that nothing could be done to widen it as it would involve private property.

Councillor Groves reported that the Great Ayton sign on Newton Road was missing and the plants had been stolen from the bed. A rock had been rolled into the road. A new sign is to be ordered.

Councillor Fletcher was concerned about the condition of the village hall, though it was recognised that the Drama Society had improved the kitchen and toilets. It was agreed that a maintenance plan was needed. The Drama Society are to be invited to a meeting to discuss the deterioration of the hall. Grants are available for improvements. The lease is to be taken to the next meeting.

Councillor Fletcher said that he felt the new mini roundabout in Station Road was not in keeping with the conservation area. It would have been preferable to have had it constructed from cobbles or York stone. It was reported that there were 6 new signs in Little Ayton Lane and that little thought had been given to sharing of signposts or the siting of finger posts. He thought that whinstone sets should have been used in the gutters in Station Road. It was resolved by 4 votes to 3 that Highways be approached for their comments.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that hedges on Little Ayton Lane were growing in and making the lane very narrow.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported that a street light was out in Frankfield Place. It had been reported to HDC.

Councillor Kirk proposed that significant items in Councillors' Reports be listed as agenda items.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 31st August 1999.