

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th October 1999 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors R Kirk, Chairman, J Fletcher, Mrs J Imeson, L Groves. Mrs J Essex also attended. Councillors Mrs F Greenwell and Mrs M Stevens arrived shortly after the start of the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Bell.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th September 1999 were approved and signed.

Police Business

A letter from Sgt McArdle was read to the meeting. No officer was available to attend as they were committed to targeting nuisance youths in Great Ayton and Stokesley. The police were dealing with two youngsters, one for graffiti and the other for discharging a firework. Cyclists riding without lights or on footpaths were to be targeted as a priority. Operation Neighbour would commence on 3rd November and was to be emulated by forces in several other towns in North Yorkshire.

The Parish Council was pleased that the police were attending to problems in the Library car park. It was reported that the hairdresser's window in the arcade had been broken and a litter bin set alight. The fire was attended by the fire brigade. The bin would cost £282 to replace.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that she had received a report that two young people had been caught in a compromising position in the play area. They were under age and had been reported to the police. Older children were beginning to congregate in the play area again and the police are to be asked to keep an eye on the area.

Matters arising

Ayton School development/lease for sports field It was reported that Wimpey were causing the hold up with the lease. The clerk is to contact HDC's Legal Department to ascertain the current position.

It was reported that a new bridge had been erected across the river and some refurbishment done to the footpaths in the public area. More work would be necessary before it would be usable. Councillor Fletcher would draw up a list of what needed to be done.

Whitbread Bridge The Clerk is to request a tender for the work from NYCC

Flagpole outside Library Estimates for installing the flagpole are to be obtained from local contractors.

Internet/computers It was suggested that a "drop in" facility would be useful. The two clubs were mentioned as the sort of venues needed. Mr Kirby is to be asked for his ideas.

Play area- plan for improvement A meeting had been held with a play equipment manufacturer who would provide a plan for a fenced play area for small children. He said that the roundabout and its safety surface were in an unacceptable state and advised writing to the manufacturer. The belt and clutch which had a 5 year guarantee needed to be replaced. RoSPA had identified shortage of safety surfacing under several pieces of equipment. It was agreed that the improvement plan should provide for protective surfacing under all the equipment. Children of all ages were using the play area and a request for larger goalposts had been received.

It was reported that the gate was hanging off its hinges and should be repaired. A suggestion that it should be locked at dusk was dismissed as being impracticable.

CAPE Scheme - fencing Low Green Minute continued

Flower tubs/sponsorship It was reported that no volunteers had been forthcoming from the Allotment Association. A notice asking for volunteers to adopt a tub is to be displayed at the rent collection.

Community Service jobs The clerk reported that a meeting had been held with an officer from the Probation Service who was most helpful and said that the jobs outlined were exactly what the service was looking for. Councillor Fletcher is to inspect the jobs with the clerk and draw up a schedule of what is to be done in order of priority.

Highways matters - footbridge Low Green It was observed that Highways painted the bridge last time and they are to be contacted again re ownership.

Grass cutting, verges It was agreed to accept the cheapest tender which offered good value. Highways are to be asked if they will increase their grant offer. Mr Harrison's offer to prune the cherry trees on High Green was accepted.

Cemetery regulations Revised regulations were circulated for comments. The clerk and Councillor Mrs Greenwell are to liaise to finalise the regulations. The Cemetery Superintendent reported that a resident had asked permission to concrete a curbed grave and put in green stones. This was approved. A request had also been made for a photograph to be allowed on a headstone. This also was approved with the stipulation that the photograph be no larger than postcard size (15cm x 10cm).

Cliff Rigg Wood The Councillors reiterated their reluctance to see imported stone used in the repair of the

Liverick. Concern was expressed about the state of the path and the National Trust are to be asked for a timetable of when they anticipate repairs will be done.

Telephone box, Newton Road Minute continued

Auditor's report, consolidated stock, standing orders Draft standing orders had been circulated for perusal and were formally adopted. The sale of the consolidated stock is in hand.

Christmas float/dates Carols on High Green are to take place on Saturday 18th December at 7.00 pm. The band and other helpers are to be contacted.

Village Hall Councillors Groves and Kirk had met with the Chairman of the Dramatic Society to discuss the lease. It was agreed that a new lease should be drawn up and HDC Legal Department are to be asked to assist. A maintenance plan was needed and jobs prioritised. It was felt a pity that Drama had not applied for a grant for the village hall at the roadshow as they were now difficult to come by. The Parish Council needed their own plan for internal decoration.

Mini roundabout, Station Road Highways had advised that cobbles were possible but that a white centre was still required. The clerk is to progress the request for cobbles. It was thought that heaps of concrete at the bases of sign posts should be removed. It was reported that the posts themselves would be removed shortly.

Remembrance Day Parade The vicar would attend well before the start of the parade to organise it. It was thought that some service people would wish to sit with their families. Seating would be reserved if necessary. Notices would be displayed in the library and post office inviting ex and current service men and women to assemble in the Parochial Hall to take part in the parade.

Traffic calming, Easby Lane Minute continued

Roseberry Topping - reconstructed path A letter from the National Trust indicated that the two unpaved sections of the route were under review and would probably be paved. The path will be monitored for the next 12 months to identify any weak spots.

Arcade Enquiries are to be made to establish responsibility for the graffiti afflicted wall.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	295.66		
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	744.27		
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	345.23		
Ayton Ground Maintenance (grass cutting)	88.12		
E K Williams Ltd (petrol) (direct debit)	80.73		
Joe Cornish (Millennium photograph)	176.25		
Brian T Taylor (repair footbridge)	35.00		
Northumbrian Water (water supply allots./cemetery)	18.98		
G A Marwood (allotment rental)	250.00		
<u>Receipts</u>			
Consolidated stock	1.79	Cemetery	352.00

The donation for fireworks was withdrawn as the scouts had been unable to find a venue. The Parish Council were disappointed to hear of the cancellation and asked if all possibilities had been explored. Mr B Winn was known to be very community minded and might be able to suggest a venue.

Correspondence

Rev Paul Peverell re All Saints Carol Service, and stained glass window

Mrs Morrow re seat in cemetery

NYCC - Police Community Liaison Meeting 1st November 1999

Roy Hogben - thanks for assistance with finding grave

Mrs C Helm - re village photo

Mrs J Dale - ditto

NYCC - changes to library opening hours. The clerk is to reply that the Parish Council are most concerned at the reduction in opening hours. It was asked how the service could be expanded, and what was the point of installing computers, when hours were being cut. It was agreed that the village needed a well resourced centre for rural people who come into the village to shop

Mrs J Roberts re colour and opening hours of shop at 1 High Street

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership - introduction and newsletter

NYCC - local transport plan for N Yorks, policy development

The following items of information were received:

Cleanaway - brochure for safety surfacing

HDC - permission to remove cherry tree, High Green

REVOLT - re AGM, Chairman's report

The Children's Society - request to carol sing outside Heagneys on 18th December

NYMNPA - Agenda for info.
 CPRE Voice - newsletter
 Stokesley Badger Group - request to have stall outside Heagneys on 6th November
 HDC - confirmation of TPOs nos. 15 and 16

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Application for construction of a double span conservatory - Tall Trees, Aireyholme Lane. No representations

Extension to existing dwellinghouse, amendments - 43 Roseberry Cres. No representations

Extension to existing dwelling - 33 Station Road. No representations

Alterations and extensions to include a domestic garage - 30 Linden Grove. HDC asked to ensure that enough space had been left for rainwater and melting snow to miss adjoining drive.

Construction of a domestic storage building - Ayton Hall. No representations.

Revised application for extensions to existing dwellinghouse - 21 Addison Road. Neighbours to be notified of window in side elevation.

Plans approved

Extension to existing dwellinghouse - 16 Farm Garth

Alterations and extension to existing ground floor studio for use as domestic living accommodation in conjunction with existing first and second floor living accommodation - 43 High Street

Plans withdrawn

Alterations and extension to 2 existing dwellings - 1/2 High Green

Millennium

Domesday Book

Mrs Essex reported that the photograph posters were available but more would need to be sold. The census was going well. She had applied for grants to make the book bigger but had so far received no response. She asked if photographs of the carol services at All Saints and High Green, and the service at the Cenotaph could be included in the book. The Parish Council had no objections.

Ball

The clerk is to enquire of Fletchers when they will be taking down the marquee after the ball.

Fireworks Minute continued

Millennium programme It was thought that ideas for float themes for the Millennium fete should be considered.

Councillor Kirk suggested "Yesterday, today and tomorrow", which was thought to be a good idea.

Half -yearly accounts

The half -yearly accounts were examined and approved.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Fletcher reported that the tree guards supplied by the Rotarians were still in storage. He will liaise with Brian Helm to move trees from Easby Lane to Langbaugh corner.

He reported that NYMNPA Chief Executive was to take up a new position with English Nature and would be leaving next year.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that the cut from Guisborough Road to Central Way was littered with dog dirt.

HDC are to be asked to see if a dog waste bin could be sited nearby.

Trees and bushes along the new fence in the play area had died or been removed. They are to be replaced. Two sides of the cemetery extension are very overgrown and the area is being used as a dump. Arrangements are to be made to clear it out and replace missing trees.

Councillor Kirk reported that there had been complaints about quantities of leaves. It was agreed that it was inevitable at this time of year.

The next meeting will be on 30th November and the one following on Wednesday 29th December.