

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 25th January 2000 at 7.00pm

Present

Councillors R Kirk, Chairman, Mrs F Greenwell, J Fletcher, L Groves, P Bell, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs J Imeson. PC Simon Caukwell and Christine Field, Mrs J Essex, and two members of the public also attended.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th December 1999 were approved and signed.

Youth Club

The Chairman invited Caroline Brown to speak. She said that she would like to form a youth club for children up to 12 years in the Methodist Hall on Friday evenings and requested the backing of the Parish Council. The Police and Stokesley Youth Centre were willing to help but not on a regular basis. There would be a need for equipment such as table tennis tables, footballs, tuck shop. It was suggested that Bells Stores might sponsor such a club as they had problems with youths. The Parish Council supported her intention and she was advised to apply for a grant at Stokesley.

Police Business

PC Caukwell reported that it had been quiet over the Christmas and New Year period. One local youth had been arrested on New Year's Eve for abuse to the pizza shop owner. Six more had been arrested on New Year's Day after causing damage to cars in Addison Road, having been moved on from the arcade. One had been fast tracked to court. Four arrests had been made on 14th January as a result of action by a local resident and Neighbourhood Watch.

PC Caukwell, seconded to HDC as part of the Crime and Disorder Strategy, and Christine Field, District Council Safety Officer, were part of an initiative to solve the problem of youths causing nuisance, particularly in the arcade. A meeting had been arranged for 26th January with local businesses, a representative from Mowden Park Estate Company and members of the Parish Council. Dave Goodwin from HDC had agreed to move forward by two years the youth leisure strategy for Great Ayton. Help and advice would be needed to deal with the older youths and it was hoped that problems could be spotted before they had time to develop. Councillor Fletcher pointed out the need for equipment, eg goalposts, for the Public Open Space and for it to be properly managed.

It was reported that youths were using the hedge screening the recycling bins at the Buck Hotel as cover before stealing and damaging vehicles. A petition from residents had been sent to Whitbread and it was agreed to await a response. It was felt that better lighting might solve the problem.

Matters arising

Ayton School development/lease for sports field The clerk is to press for the lease.

Whitbread bridge Minute continued

Flagpole outside library Estimates for erecting the flagpole had been received. It was agreed to accept that of C Pearson, it being the lowest.

Internet/computers Minute continued

Play area - plan for improvement Playdale had inspected the roundabout and agreed to carry out remedial work. The play area sub-committee are to meet next month to discuss new equipment.

CAPE Scheme Minute continued

Community Service jobs Community Service to be advised of storage facilities, toilets etc.

Highways matters - footbridge Low Green HDC Legal Department advised that Highways could have a duty to maintain the bridge under Section 9493 of the Highways Act 1980 as it used by the public to access two adopted roads. The Environment Agency have no record of the bridge. Clerk to contact Highways again.

Cemetery Regulations Minute continued

Telephone box, Newton Road Action for the provision of a new payphone near the post box opposite the Tiledsheds is underway. Minute concluded.

Village Hall Minute continued

Arcade See Police Business above

Replacement of trees/shrubs, boundary fence - Cemetery extension Gardening work has now been completed.

Broadacres had firmly denied ownership of the boundary fence at the rear of Oaklands. Councillor Mrs Imeson is to contact Broadacres.

Access - 2 Easby Lane Following a further request, it was agreed that a permanent right of way could be granted to the owners of 2 Easby Lane for a one off payment of £300. Ownership of the land would remain with the Parish Council.

Parking outside shops A copy of Mr Ancell's letter had been sent to NYCC for their consideration.

Tree, garage wall, High Street Minute continued

Gas governor house A letter had been sent to BG Transco re lack of protection for gas governor house. Response

awaited.

Cherry trees, High Green Wykeham Estates had quoted a price of £450 for 2 mature cherry trees, plus £120 each for planting. They advised that soil around the roots of the dead trees should be replaced to prevent disease being passed on to the new trees. It was suggested that Wimpey Homes be asked to assist with replacement of soil and invited to provide the new trees. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

Burnt fence, rubbish heap - allotments Councillor Groves declared an interest and left the chamber. It was reported that it was difficult to see any evidence of fire. There appeared to be some replacement panels in the fence but these were weathered. One allotment owner had had a fire which had possibly been left unattended. Allotment tenants to be reminded not to leave fires unattended. Of the two heaps of rubbish, one is to be removed. The other larger heap is soil which does not present a hazard. There is no evidence of vermin.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	295.66
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	744.27
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	345.23
E K Williams Ltd (petrol) (direct debit)	23.04
M L Holden (reimburse phone calls, Xmas gifts)	16.43
Eric Harrison (work in cemetery extension)	96.00
Thompsons Hardware (gas, drills)	18.19
The Royal Oak (drinks for bandmen)	21.50
Northumbrian Water (supply allotments/cemetery)	67.78
Lord Ingleby (Christmas tree)	40.00
F Greenwell (reimburse float materials)	44.08
P H Greenwell Contractors (Christmas lights)	129.25
<u>Receipts</u>	
Allotment rents	40.00
Cossey (garage rent)	10.00
Cemetery receipts - December	474.00
- January	792.00

Correspondence

NYCC - request for permission to install marker posts, Low Green. *The Parish Council was unaware of any problem with cars parking in the location indicated and felt that marker posts were unnecessary*

H W Carter - request for approval of text style for memorial plaques. *The Parish Council approved the style requested*

Mrs B Breckon, WI - re planting of tree for Millennium. *Clerk to contact NYCC for permission.*

HDC - questionnaire re public lighting services. *To be completed by clerk*

HDC - Draft Economic Development Strategy - consultation questionnaire. *To be completed by Councillor Fletcher*

R Lappin - letter re Parish Council comments on traffic calming as reported in D & S. *In response to various points raised by Mr Lappin the Parish Council said that they had not requested the plan but had been asked for comments. It was observed that people from Great Ayton had been killed at Tree Bridge but there had been no fatalities in the village. Highways' money would therefore be better spent at Tree Bridge.*

Mrs J Scrivenor - re danger to pedestrians on corner near alms cottages. *The Parish Council said that they had tried to get the wall set back when the development of Rosehill Theatre was under discussion but had lost on appeal.*

Telephone calls from several residents had been received concerning dog dirt and vomit on the High Street. Mrs J Roberts had asked if a mechanised sweeper could be provided for the street cleaner. *It was observed that the condition of the pavements, which had been improving, was now deteriorating again, through no fault of the street cleaner. It was reported that there was talk of a motorised cleaner being shared between Great Ayton and Stokesley. Environmental Health at HDC are to be notified of the problem. Mrs Clough-Smith of HDC had been contacted and would provide leaflets etc. Residents were urged to report anyone guilty of allowing their dogs to foul the footpath.*

The following items of information were received:

Order form for book "How to stop & influence planning permission"

NYCC - re payment of contributions to NY Pension Fund

NYCC - re personal benefit statements

NYMNPA - Northern Area Parish Forum agenda 19th January 2000

- Planning Committee Agenda for info. 24th January 2000

HDC - reminder re. Hambleton District Wide Local Plan Users Survey

Mrs B Hodgson - "thank you" for firework display on NYE

HDC - Street naming and numbering - 41 Station Road
 Clerks and Councils Direct - magazine, suppliers guide and yearbook
 Yorkshire Planning Aid - re training programme
 North Yorkshire Police - "thank you" for bicycle light scheme donation and support
 NCH Action for Children - "thank you" for donation
 YRCC - re Village of the year competition
 Country Air - newsletter
 Local Council Bulletin, including Ethical Framework, Best Value
 advance notice of seminars
 Village Halls Conference 2000 - Helperby Sat. 29th April
 brochures - gas heaters, play equipment
 Mrs and Mrs Greaves - "thank you" for firework display
 Mr and Mrs Hopper - ditto

Planning Applications

Construction of a double span conservatory with patio, amended - Tall Trees, Aireyholme Lane. *No representations*
 Listed Building Consent for part re-roofing of and remedial work to existing dwelling - 6 Bridge Street. *No representations*
 Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse - 54 Wheatlands. *No representations*
 Alterations to existing meeting house - Friends Meeting House, High Green. *No representations*
 Listed Building Consent for above. *No representations*
 Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse - 31 Wheatlands. *No representations*
 Installation of a ground floor window in existing dwelling - 20 Easby Lane. *Parish Council asked that neighbours views be taken into consideration as permission had been refused in the past.*
 Extension to existing dwellinghouse, amendments - 85 Wheatlands. *Councillor Mrs Imeson declared an interest and left the chamber. The Parish Council made no representations.*

Plans approved

Application for consent to fell 2 trees subject to TPO 1998/1
 Listed Building consent for replacement window at Aireyholme Farm
 Extensions to existing dwellinghouse and domestic garage - Long Meadow, Stanley Grove
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse to include domestic garage - 30 Linden Grove
 Construction of 3 horticultural polytunnels - Cooks View Nursery
 Listed building consent for the provision of replacement entrance gates - 7 Low Green
 Provision of replacement entrance gates - 7 Low Green
 Removal of personal occupancy condition relating to the approved use of a disused school as a light engineering workshop - Frankfield Road
 Extension to existing dwelling - 56 Wainstones Close
 Formation of a pitched roof on part of existing dwelling - 34 Langbaugh Close
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling - 11 Station Road
 Formation of a pitched roof on existing dormer window - 18 Skottowe Drive
 Extension to existing dwellinghouse - 1 California Grove
 Construction of 3 polytunnels - Rainbow Nurseries
 Alterations to existing former agricultural building to form ancillary living accommodation - Mill Farm

Plans refused

Variation of a condition to permit revised working hours in connection with the approved use of a disused school as a light engineering workshop - Frankfield Road
 Application to carry out works to trees in Group G103 subject to TPO 1998/1

Millennium

Domesday Book Mrs Essex reported good progress with the book but needed help to find the youngest baby in the village on 31st December. An aerial photograph of the village had been taken.

Ball Minute continued

Fireworks It was agreed that the firework display had been excellent and several letters of appreciation had been received. There had been one letter of complaint. There had been requests that it become an annual event. It was suggested that a similar display be staged on 31.12.2000, along with amplified Big Ben chimes and/or Handel's Music for Fireworks, as this was another special date. Thanks were extended to Ian Holden, Michael Conlon and Councillor Fletcher for putting on the display.

Millennium Programme Printing was now in hand. The programme is to be distributed free to all households.

Millennium Entertainment Mrs Mary Brown is to be asked if she would be willing to produce the show. More

entertainers were needed - anyone who would be willing to do a "spot" should contact the clerk.

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported on the mess caused by Kebbell in Easby Lane. NYCC had been notified and had made immediate representations to the builders.

Councillor Fletcher reported that Wimpey's licence to have High Green closed had expired. The work was not completed and Wimpey are to be told that the scaffolding must be removed before the village fete.

Residents of Little Ayton wish to have the weight restriction removed from the iron bridge as it is affecting their businesses. Little Ayton Parish Meeting requested the support of Great Ayton PC. This was agreed. Lorries are presently going through Great Ayton to reach Little Ayton. The clerk is to write to NYCC.

Wimpey's car park in Little Ayton is unusable due to lack of planning approval. The Parish Council agreed that the car park would solve the parking problems in Station Road and around High Green. HDC are to be asked to allow Wimpey to get on and use the car park.

One of the flower tubs on High Green had been hit by a car. B Helm had made a splendid job of repairing the tub and replanting the pansies.

Councillor Groves reminded the meeting that the restoration of the footpath up Roseberry Topping had left two areas unpaved. These were now extremely muddy and slippery. The clerk is to write to the National Trust to ask them to inspect the path and perhaps put down some aggregate.

Councillor Bell reported that the builders waste dumped on land near Tree Bridge was an eyesore.

A tree overhanging 23 Easby Lane was causing problems. Highways are to be asked to inspect it.

Trees near the footbridge at the far end of Low Green were beginning to grow into Yarm Lane. B Helm is to inspect and cut back as necessary.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that seminars were being held on Village Design Statement. Hutton Rudby had already completed their scheme. The clerk is to notify Rosemary Kidd that 3 Great Ayton Parish Councillors would be interested in attending.

The clerk reported that Mrs Gill Perks had kindly donated 80 new song sheets for the annual carol service. A letter of thanks is to be sent to her.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th February 2000.