

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

### held on Tuesday 15th February 2000 at 7.00 pm

#### Present

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

#### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2000 were approved and signed after minor alteration.

#### Police Business

PC Nick Walther reported that there had been 54 incidents in Great Ayton. There had been 3 alarms and a number of calls about suspicious circumstances from Neighbourhood Watch. Fourteen crimes had been committed, mostly by thieves from across the border. Two road accidents had been reported - one at Tree Bridge and one near Whinstone View caravan park. A youth was to be arrested after a break in at the Pizza shop, and the optician's in the arcade had also been broken into. Operation Lux, the initiative to target youngsters riding cycles without lights, had concluded. Figures were awaited but it was reported that not many children had been caught offending. Councillor Fletcher said that it was heartening to hear that Neighbourhood Watch was working. Councillor Mrs Greenwell referred to the problems with the Buck car park. Neighbouring residents had received no satisfaction from Whitbread who said they required a letter from the Parish Council. Residents would like the recycling bins moved to the other end of the car park away from the houses. It was observed that these had increased in number from 3 to 8. It was suggested that residents make a direct approach to the landlord of the Buck to cut back the hedge.

#### Matters arising

Ayton School development/lease for sports field The lease was still awaited. The Parish Council agreed that no rent would be paid until the land was in acceptable condition. It was reported that there were deep furrows on the playing fields and the POS was also damaged. A schedule of work required to bring the area up to standard is to be forwarded to Wimpey. The access road from Easby Lane was nothing more than wheel tracks at present and impossible to use. A meeting with the sports groups would be arranged once plans were in place to get the land into usable condition.

Whitbread Bridge NYCC to be reminded to submit tender.

Flagpole outside library It was agreed that Mr David Williams' offer to pay for the flagpole and its installation be gratefully accepted.

Internet/computers A change in personnel at Teesside University had caused the delay. The university was still keen for the project to go ahead.

Play area - plan for improvement Minute continued

CAPE Scheme Minute continued

Community Service jobs Minute continued

Highways matters - footbridge Low Green A letter from NYCC indicated that they at last accepted responsibility for the bridge which was designed and built by North Riding of Yorkshire County Council in or around 1947. An inspection is to be carried out and any remedial work undertaken.

Cemetery Regulations Minute continued. Cemetery fees are to be increased annually by the rate of inflation.

Village Hall Draft lease to be perused before a meeting is arranged with Drama Society.

Arcade A letter had been received from Mowden Park Estate Company suggesting a tripartite agreement between themselves, the tenants and the Parish Council. This was rejected by the Council as the land in question is privately owned. Mowden Park are to be informed of the missing fire escape handrail, the unacceptable tangle of barbed wire, and general air of dilapidation. Photographs are to be taken and forwarded with letter.

It was reported that the proposed youth club would probably go ahead. Community Education grants are to be put into Great Ayton and a scheme is being put together to target 11 - 18 year olds. It was suggested that the Village Hall could perhaps be used one night a week. It was bemoaned that money is thrown at troublesome youths whereas those behaving themselves get nothing.

Boundary fence, cemetery extension Broadacres are to repair the fence at the rear of 9 Oaklands. Minute concluded.

Access 2 Easby Lane Minute continued.

Parking outside shops Minute continued.

Tree, garage wall, High Street Minute continued.

Gas governor house Minute continued

Cherry trees Wimpey agreed to provide replacement trees and carry out the work.

Burnt fence, rubbish heap - allotments The site had been revisited and damage to fence assessed. It was agreed that the Parish Council arrange for repairs to be carried out and the allotment tenant be billed. A letter to this effect to

be sent to tenant.

WI tree for millennium Minute continued

Dog fouling, High Street It was reported that HDC were investigating the provision of a pavement sweeper. There was an excellent dog warden and spot fines of £25 were being imposed on offending dog owners.

Closure of High Green A new licence had been received extending the closure to the end of May 2000.

Weight restriction, Little Ayton Bridge Minute continued.

Temporary car park, Little Ayton Lane A letter from HDC indicated that the parking problem was created by Wimpey Homes. The car park was considered to be neither necessary nor appropriate in the suggested location. The access from Little Ayton Lane was not approved by Highways. The hard-core put down by Wimpey had subsequently been removed.

Footpath Roseberry Topping Bob Dicker of the National Trust had replied that the poor sections of path would be resurfaced. He notified the Parish Council that his area of responsibility had been changed and that Mel Cunningham would now be responsible for the management of Roseberry Topping. The clerk is to write to Bob wishing him well in his new area and thanking him for past help.

Tree, Easby Lane The resident is to be advised to apply directly to NYCC.

Trees, Low Green Minute continued.

Village Design Statement A copy of Hutton Rudby's presentation had been received for information.

## 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)	15.37
The Royal Oak (annual dinner)	239.45
M L Holden (reimburse post and phone calls)	52.87
P H Greenwell (repair allotment tap)	23.74
<u>Receipts</u>	
Allotment rent	20.00
Cossey (garage rent)	10.00
J Imeson, M Stevens, L Groves, R Kirk, J Fletcher	
F Greenwell, L Holden (reimburse annual dinner)	177.00

## Correspondence

Hambleton Sports Council - invitation to meeting 16th February. *Councillors Kirk and Mrs Stevens to attend*

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership - invitation to meeting 29.2.00

HDC - notification of business rates revaluation - cemetery. *A fourfold increase was notified against which appeal may be made. The clerk to contact*

*other similar Parish Councils to ascertain their level of increase.*

HDC - re Parish Council Training - Planning - 9th March. *Councillor Mrs Stevens and clerk to attend.*

NYMNP - Northern Area Parish Forum - meeting 23rd May. Request for agenda items

NYCC - Parish Council News - consultation leaflet and questionnaire re improving decision making and working with local people. *Councillor Kirk to complete.*

HDC - Performance Plan consultation document, response form. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell to peruse*

HDC - District/Parish liaison meeting 22.3.00 Two representatives invited. *Councillors Kirk and Mrs Greenwell to attend.*

Telephone request from Mrs Carr of Marske to plant tree in memory of grandmother. *Mrs Carr to be advised to apply to Mr Suggitt*

Telephone request from Julie Hewison of Scorton for info. re landfill sites. *Mrs Hewison requested advice on rejecting landfill site. Parish Council had supported land fill site so could offer no advice.*

Great Ayton Scouts Supporters - request for permission to hold shoe shine on May 13th. *Approved.*

Yorkshire Cancer Research - request for permission to hold stalls on 7th and 27th October 2000. *Approved*

The following items of information were received:

HDC - renewal of public entertainment licence, Village Hall

NYCC - request for pension fund contribution details

HDC - re. inspection of Village Hall for renewal of public entertainment licence

CPRE - AGM 14.4.00. New Hon Secretary and committee members needed

HDC - notification of precept £32,000

NYCC - re temporary closure of A173 at Great Ayton bridge

HDC - register of electors 2000

NYMNP - Planning Committee Agenda 21.2.00 for information

## Planning

Two storey extension to existing dwelling - Firbeck House. *The Parish Council expressed the hope that no trees would be affected. Trees affecting Hollygarth had already been removed. Planners would be asked to be consistent regarding development and ensure that parkland should not be further encroached upon.*

Extension to existing club building to form a lift shaft - 5 Low Green . *Councillor Groves declared an interest and took no part in discussion. There were no representations.*

### Plans approved

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 54 Wheatlands

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling - 31 Wheatlands

Installation of ground floor window in existing dwelling as amended - 29 Easby Lane

### Plans refused

Extension to existing dwellinghouse as amended - 85 Wheatlands

### Planning appeals

Mr C Wood - appeal withdrawn

## Millennium

Domesday Book Minute continued

Ball Time of ball agreed at 8 pm to midnight

Millennium programme Councillors P Bell and J Fletcher were thanked for their work in producing the programme. The Post Office is to be asked to deliver the programmes.

Millennium entertainment Mrs Mary Brown kindly agreed to produce the show. Anyone willing to contribute should contact her.

Fete The theme for the floats was agreed - "The Millennium - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". All village organisations would be contacted and encouraged to enter a float.

## Councillors' reports

Councillor L Groves suggested that it might be appropriate to bury a time capsule on High Green to mark the Millennium. Enquiries are to be made as to cost.

Councillor P Bell reported that new flower tubs were now available. Mr B Winn is to be asked if he would be willing to help maintain additional tubs. It was suggested that a renewal fund should be established.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell enquired as to the whereabouts of the minute books and was advised that they were being microfilmed at HDC. It was suggested that the library be asked if the books, to be stored in the Parish Council's filing cabinet, could be accommodated there to avoid damage by the damp atmosphere in the Council chamber.

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