

# **Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 at 7.00 pm**

## **Business**

Chairman's welcome and report  
Minutes of the 2003 Public Meeting  
Matters arising from those minutes  
Councillors' attendance  
Council Report  
Any other business

## **Present**

Councillors Mrs. June Imeson, Chairman L. Groves, J. Fletcher, Mrs. M. Stevens, P. Bell, R. Kirk, Mrs. F. Greenwell and 12 electors

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. L. Holden.

Councillor Mrs. Imeson welcomed the electors to the meeting and introduced the Councillors. She expressed her appreciation for their work during the year and especially the work done by the Clerk, Mrs. Holden. Her report covered the attendance of Police at Parish Council meetings, cycle routes between Great Ayton and Stokesley, the day of sail to commemorate James Cook's birthday and the carol singing and float at Christmas. Parish Council elections were held in May, with no change in membership.

## **Minutes**

In the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Mrs. Imeson read the minutes of the Annual Public Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003, which were approved and signed.

## **Matters arising**

Public Open Space The bottom field at the former Friends School is to be named as Riverside. There is a 17 year lease on the top field for the junior cricket and football clubs.

Hall Fields Mrs Ward said that a dog bin had not been provided and she was advised to liaise with Gary Brown at Hambleton District Council. It was difficult to cut grass in the first field and stock could not be kept there. The problem of litter in the shelter belt seemed to be improving.

Traffic problems West Terrace, Race Terrace Mr. Blackmore said that a farm vehicle had demolished a wall and a pillar had been broken by road contractor vehicles. These roads are not suitable for large or heavy vehicles.

## **Councillors' attendance**

At the fourteen meetings since the last Annual Public Meeting, Councillors' attendance was as follows:- Councillors Mrs Imeson, Mrs. Greenwell, Mrs. Stevens and J. Fletcher 14, Councillor Kirk 12, and Councillors Groves and Bell 11.

### **Any other business**

Mrs. Hopper complained about the dog mess by the almshouses on Newton Road. The dog warden had been notified about the problem.

### Traffic matters

Mrs Ward reported problems with motorbikes at Gribdale Gate and also riders speeding into the village. Motorbikes are not allowed around Gribdale Gate and any activity should be reported.

Mr. Greenwell said that a roundabout was needed at Pannierman Lane end. A small estate had been built in Poole Hospital grounds and a roundabout provided, even though there was much less traffic there. Councillor Fletcher had met Mr. Moore, County Highways Director, and reported that the "ball bearing" surface was to be replaced, and the road markings and signing were to be looked at. Improvements to the junction may arise from the results of a traffic survey which had been carried out.

As regards the Black Swan crossroads on the A19, the Highways Agency were responsible for the proposed closure of the crossing.

Mr. Winn observed that the new roundabout on Newton Road has slowed down the traffic.

Mrs. Beveridge complained that Romany Road was crowded with parked cars, some of them on double yellow lines. Councillor Mrs. Imeson said that Ayton was not designed for cars, and the police should be informed if an obstruction was being caused.

Mr. Winn was worried about the condition of the Plantation wall along Newton Road. The Parish Council had had the wall checked in the past, when it was considered safe. Mrs. Ward said that road salt was eroding the sandstone blocks.

The proposal to have a premium rate phone line for calls to the police had been rejected by the Police Committee.

Mr. Winn asked if the Parish Council supported the Esk Valley railway line. Councillor Fletcher said that a company had been formed and that the Parish Council supported it on behalf of the community.

Mr. Winn thanked the Councillors for their work during the year and the meeting was then closed.