

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 17th September at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs F Greenwell, Chairman, Mrs J Imeson, P Bell, Mrs M Stevens, L Groves, R Kirk, J Fletcher. Sgt D Merritt also attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th August 2002 were approved and signed.

Police Business

Sgt Merritt reported that there had been 128 incidents, a slight increase on the previous month's figures. There had been 18 recorded crimes of which 13 related to children creating nuisance. There were 3 house burglaries and 3 cars broken into.

The youth action form scheme, which generated letters to parents, was still ongoing and had made a difference on the street.

A youth had been sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment. It was hoped this would send a strong message to the nuisance youth fraternity.

Councillor Mrs Stevens said that the problem had moved back to the top end of the village and youngsters were riding round the cemetery and taking flowers. Broadacres would be contacted and asked to secure the fencing at the rear of their properties.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported problems in Cliffe Terrace after closing time.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell said that the notices advising residents to contact the police at the first sign of trouble were now printed and awaiting delivery. She was thanked by the Council for her hard work.

Cemetery

Mr Atkinson said that he had employed a mechanical digger to dig a double grave. It had taken 2 hours instead of 2 days by hand. It was agreed that in the interests of health and safety the digger be used on a regular basis and Mr Atkinson should employ the lowest priced contractor.

He reported flooding in the main gateway. Councillor Fletcher would ask Highways to look at the problem.

Weeds were again growing on the paths and needed to be treated. Mr Atkinson agreed to attend a course so that he would be qualified to do the weedkilling in future.

Yatton House would be asked if they would agree to their water supply being tapped into for an additional tap in the cemetery.

The Play Area Committee would decide on the provision of new swings for the play area.

Matters arising

Bus stop – Newton Road Highways had agreed to move the bus stop. Minute concluded.

Public open space Minute continued

Village name plinth, Yarm Lane Minute continued

Pavilion roof Minute continued

Appointment of internal auditor for annual audit of accounts It was agreed that Mr M Beeforth be appointed to carry out this year's internal audit. He would be asked to submit an account for his work. Councillor Mrs Imeson declined to take part in the discussion.

Highways matters Hedge Guisborough Road – Highways had agreed to cut it though they were not certain that it was their responsibility. Councillors reported that it had been cut but it needed topping as it was 15 feet high.

Pavement, Linden Road – Highways had inspected it and although they agreed that its condition was far from ideal, no current safety defects were found to exist and funding was not available. The Parish Council disagreed and said something should be done about it. Walnut tree – Councillor Fletcher would meet Mr Roberts from Highways to discuss a suitable location. Highways would be asked to revisit the above matters.

Mower repair A response had been received from Sam Turner & Sons explaining the delay and expressing concern at the report in the Darlington & Stockton Times. The Clerk would write again explaining that the press report had overstated the case and expressing the hope that good relations could be maintained.

Yatton House allotment Yatton House wished to retain their allotment and had engaged a contractor to sort it out.

Flood defences Councillor Greenwell reported that it had been a very interesting and informative meeting. It was noted that the overflow channel was very overgrown.

Kerbside paper collection HDC would investigate why some areas not included in scheme.

Accounts

E Harrison (grass cutting – August)	320.00
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (mower parts)	87.78
W Eves & Co Ltd (petrol) (direct debit)	91.57
Thompsons Hardware (paint)	49.98
D I Holden (reimburse phone bill)	34.08
M L Holden (reimburse overpayment for fete lunch, see Receipts in minutes 159 and 160)	10.00

H Atkinson (reimburse phone card)	10.00
D Brown (refund allotment deposit)	20.00
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (repair and parts for mower)	173.50
Robert Alderson (digging grave)	131.60
Great Ayton Parochial Church Council (copying police notices)	69.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Cemetery receipts	290.00
M Pearson (tub sponsorship)	15.00
B Pumphrey (base for seat)	75.20
Cemetery receipts	40.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00

Correspondence

NYCC – request for PC’s views on NYCC Cultural Strategy. *Received*

D Weller, Tourism Services – re information panel for Low Green

NYMNPA – Northern Area Parish Forum, request for agenda items for meeting 30.10.02; notes of meeting 24.7.02; notices; re Review of English National Park Authorities

Hambleton Community Safety Partnership – re problem solving group, Great Ayton; invitation to attend meeting 20th September, 10.30 am. *Councillors Mrs Greenwell and Mrs Stevens to attend.*

Mrs J Trotter – re Peace Vigil to be held outside Friends Meeting House 21.9.02

Yorkshire Cancer Research – thank you letter for loan of gazebo. *It was agreed that donations for the loan of the gazebo would be welcome in future.*

1st Great Ayton Scouts – request to sell raffle tickets on High Green on 9.11.02. *Date already booked. Alternative to be offered.*

Information Commissioner – re Freedom of Information Act 2000 – publication schemes. *Advice would be sought from HDC.*

Mrs E Appleby – re purchase part of hexagonal seat. *Request to purchase segment of seat approved.*

Mr A Walker – re Rotary Club’s offer of memorial for Golden Jubilee. *Councillors would try to think of suitable item and Rotary would be asked to do the same*

The following items of information were received:

NYMNPA – Planning Committee agenda 12.9.02 for information

Commission for Racial Equality – Ethnic Monitoring – a guide for public authorities

Glasdon – brochure

Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine

DEFRA – re Rural Services Standard 2002

Community Care Centre – poster re introduction to community work skills

CPRE – Rural Matters newsletter

HDC – re new ethical framework, amendment to model code of conduct and repeal of surcharge; Code of Member Conduct – register of interests

DCE – brochure street, landscape and play products; notice of seminar Durham 26.9.02

Planning Applications

Display of internally illuminated fascia sign and an internally illuminated project sign – 125 High Street. *No representations*

Provision of bow window and replacement first floor window – 29 Station Road. *No representations*

Construction of a domestic double garage – 33 Roseberry Road. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling – 74 Wainstones Close. *No representations*

Construction of a detached dwellinghouse and domestic treble garage to replace existing dwellings – Stanley Houses, Yarm Lane – minor amendment. *No representations. Explanation for apparent inconsistency in planning approval given by HDC*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to use as 2 flats – The Lodge – amendments. *No representations*

Construction of block of 2 stables with hay store and tack room for use in conjunction with the use of existing agricultural land for the keeping of horses – part OS field 8386, Tunstall Lane. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse and domestic garage – 19 Roseberry Cres. *No representations*

Conservatory extension to existing dwelling – Woodend, Tunstall Lane, Nunthorpe. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic garage to replace existing garage – 94 Guisborough Road – minor amendment. *No representations*

Proposed works to 3 salix fragilis trees – 21a High Green. *No representations*

Formation of all-weather riding arena – Tree Bridge Farm. *No representations*

Alterations. to part of existing dwelling to form 2 first floor flats – Cleveland Lodge. *No representations*

Display of 2 non-illuminated fascia signs and a non-illuminated projecting sign – 107 High Street. *No representations*

Alterations to existing shop fronts – 107 High Street. *No representations*

Plans approved

Porch extension to existing animal shelter – RSPCA, Yarm Lane

Provision of 2 dormer windows – 2 Angrove Drive

Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse – 5 Roseberry Avenue

Application for Listed Building Consent for the demolition and reconstruction of part of existing wall – Church of All Saints, Low Green

Proposed works to 1 weeping beech, 2 beech, 1 Wellingtonia, 1 weeping ash and 1 Scots pine trees – Friends Meeting House – High Green

Construction of detached dwellinghouse with domestic garage as amended - land adjacent to 146 Newton Road

Alterations and 2 storey extension to existing dwellinghouse – 17 Roseberry Road

Plans refused

Use of existing potato storage building for the storage of coaches – Winley Hill Farm

Dates for Christmas, carol sheet

Friday 21st December was suggested as a possible date for carol singing, and Monday 23rd for the Father Christmas float.

The draft carol sheet produced by the vicar was approved by the Parish Council with the proviso that the 2 carols omitted from their original sheet also be included.

Yatton House lease

The current lease would expire in September 2003. It was agreed that the lease be extended for 5 years, with one year's notice on either side. There would be no rent increase. Mr N Kitching would be employed to deal with the new lease.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Groves reported that a footpath at Thief Lane near the railway line needed resurfacing. NYCC would be asked for a grant.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell had received a letter from a resident about parking on Low Green. Several points were raised and Mrs Greenwell would arrange a meeting with Mr Beighton from Highways to discuss the matter.

Councillor Bell requested permission to order two loads of gravel for the allotment car park. This was approved. Mr Atkinson would be asked to cut back the hedge at the allotment entrance.

Councillor Mrs Stevens had been asked by a resident if the proposed yellow lines for Park Rise could be extended, and if the Park Rise sign could be refurbished. Councillors agreed that the lines should go in as planned and if problems occurred they would be dealt with. HDC would be asked to inspect the road name sign. The 30 mph sign on Station Road had been altered to 80 mph.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that Captain Cook's birthday would be celebrated on 23rd October. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the lunch.

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The date of the next meeting would be 15th October 2002.

* Councillor Bell thought it unreasonable that a resident should be charged by NYCC for work to a tree outside his house. It was understood that the tree was sound but that the resident had campaigned for some time to have it limbed. Cllr Bell passed to Cllr Fletcher correspondence relating to the matter for his attention.