

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 28th February 2006 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs M Stevens, Chairman, Mrs J Imeson, Mrs F Greenwell, J Fletcher and P Bell. PCs P Snowden and M McFarlane also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Kirk and N Waters

Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Mr N Waters

Mr Waters had signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2006 were approved and signed.

Police Business

The January statistics and Newsletter had been received. There had been a total of 10 crimes including 8 autocrimes and 2 burglaries. Forty incidents had been reported, of which 39 involved antisocial behaviour. These figures represented a decrease on those for the same time last year.

PC Snowden reported that, as a result of regular patrols, Friday evenings in the village were getting progressively quieter. A meeting had been held with Bells Stores which had resulted in various measures being tried to discourage youths from gathering. Councillor Mrs Stevens said that there had been drinking and antisocial behaviour in the play area and PCSO Lloyd had been provided with a key to the gate. The police had identified the source of the drink – it was not from the village. A gang of 40 or 50 youths had intimidated a lady leaving the village hall. They had dispersed by the time the police arrived. PC McFarlane said that the youths split into several groups making it difficult to deal with them all. Specials would be allocated to Great Ayton on Friday evenings. It was believed that the gatherings were planned at Stokesley School and a meeting had been arranged with teachers to discuss the problem. Councillor Mrs Greenwell observed that RTAs at Tree Bridge were being allocated to Stokesley statistics when they should show on Great Ayton's. This would be rectified.

A letter would be sent to Inspector Richardson, with a copy to the Chief Constable, praising the enthusiasm of the two police constables and its effect on unruly behaviour in the village. The Council hoped that the officers would remain assigned to Great Ayton as continuity was both desirable and beneficial.

An email had been received from Sgt Sanderson advising of her new position at Bedale. The Parish Council regretted her departure from Stokesley office.

Cemetery

Mr Atkinson was unable to attend. It was agreed that the cemetery fees be increased by 3% with effect from 1.4.06.

River

Mr Suggitt was unable to attend.

Matters arising

Footpaths – Riverside *Minute continued*

Village Hall *Minute continued*

Alders, Low Green *Minute continued*

Frontage of Bells Store *Minute continued*

Highways matters - barrier for footpath, Chapel Steps – *NYCC would see what improvements could be made.*

Parish Councillors felt that it would be easy to achieve. NYCC would be asked to provide the same sort of barrier at the top as that at the bottom; Tree Bridge junction – minute continued

Play area safety inspection report *Minute continued*

Siting of post boxes *There had been no reply to the letter regarding the siting of post boxes. Royal Mail would also be asked to explain the new system of retrieving mail which was incorrectly stamped, and to advise regarding the proposal to charge postage on the size of envelope rather than weight*

Dog fouling – *HDC was having a purge in Great Ayton which it hoped would result in a prosecution. A letter was received from M Wilson regarding the state of the footpath near Rosehill Theatre*

Arcade – *HDC would look into matter*

Proposed closure of TIP – *Mr D Shields of HDC had confirmed that Great Ayton Tourist Information Point would close unless funding from another source could be found. The Parish Council agreed that it would fund the office for 12 months only, until other arrangements could be made. The volunteers would be advised to apply for a grant from Yorkshire Rural Community Council. A letter from Ms L Johnson would be forwarded to D Shields for his attention.*

Antisocial behaviour at Chapel *A letter of apology was received from Mr Stainsby. A suggestion had been made that a youth club, like that at Stokesley, should be provided for 11 – 14 year olds. Councillors felt that the minority who caused trouble were not interested in existing facilities and would not attend a youth club.*

Section 106 monies *HDC would forward £15,000 which was destined for repairs/refurbishment of the village hall. The other £15,000 had to be used for providing facilities or equipment on existing public open space. Much of the*

money could be reclaimed for improvements already carried out. Councillor Bell suggested, that rather than spend any more money on the existing play area, which would eventually be claimed for the cemetery, a new site be purchased. This would be considered. Councillor Mrs Stevens asked if the money could be used to provide a security gate at the play area as youths were able to climb over the existing gate. Councillor Fletcher said that he did not wish the play area to look like a concentration camp. A price would be obtained for a security gate and the matter considered further..

Fete A letter had been received from a local farmer regretting that he would not be able to use his tractors in the fete procession because of regulations regarding red diesel. HM Customs and Excise would be asked if there were any special dispensations for such use. The Working Men's Club would be asked if they would contribute to fete expenses as they had so kindly done in the past.

Accounts

The Royal Oak (annual parish dinner)	265.78
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd (service and repair strimmer)	157.72
Carphone Warehouse (insurance for phone)	19.99
Thompson's Hardware (items for cemetery)	100.73
D I Holden (reimburse phone bill)	87.45
Richard Collins (grave digging)	80.00
Roseberry Decorating (removal of rubbish from allotments)	20.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
Mums and Toddlers (donation for loan of Santa outfit)	5.00
Guisborough and Great Ayton Rotary Club (donation for upkeep of flower tubs)	273.40
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
W Wilson, H Featherstone (grave reservations)	120.00
Great Ayton Dramatic Society (village hall rent 1 st quarter 06)	130.00
E Garbutt, E Storey, S Mason (grave reservations)	180.00
Cemetery receipts	1077.90
P Swales (grave reservation A Hepworth)	60.00

Correspondence

HDC – Stokesley and Villages Community Regeneration Group – invitation to AGM 22.3.06

The Rotary Club of Guisborough and Great Ayton - request for permission to erect trailer tent on High Green for Stroke Awareness Day 10.00 am to 2.00 pm 8.4.06. *Approved*

Hambleton Community Safety Partnership – invitation to conference “Are We Delivering Community Reassurance” – 24.3.06. *Councillor Fletcher would be attending the conference*

HDC – Hambleton Local Development Framework: Submission Core Strategy Development Plan Document – formal representations on Core Strategy invited

HDC District/Parish Liaison Meeting 13.3.06 – draft agenda; request for agenda items. *Councillor Mrs Stevens and the Clerk would attend. Hambleton would be asked why it was necessary to send out so much documentation when consulting on various policies*

Middlesbrough Council – Local Development Framework – Regeneration Development Plan Document Preferred Options – comments invited

The following items of information were received:-

NYCC Pension Fund – employer satisfaction survey

Carol Morgan – request for article on fete for Stream – *Councillor Mrs Imeson to provide*

NYCC –Hambleton Area Committee Newsletter

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum – notice advertising meeting 23.2.06; invitation to apply for membership of the Forum

Northern Area Parish Forum – agenda for meeting 23.2.06; Meetings for Farmers - notice

NYMPA – Planning Committee agenda 16.2.06

YRCC – Country Air newsletter; The Playing Field – newsletter

Middlesbrough Council – acknowledgment of receipt of comments on LDF

NYCC – Scrutiny News

A Hill & Sons Ltd – questionnaire

CPRE – update on campaigns

Planning applications

Construction of a boundary wall at existing dwelling – 35 Addison Road. *No representations*

Creation of a vehicular access to existing dwelling – 96 Guisborough Road. *No representations*

Construction of a domestic garage – 70 Marwood Drive. *No representations*

Insertion of two dormer windows – 13 Addison Road. *No representations*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a conservatory as amended – 9 Wheatlands. *The Council was of the opinion that this extension was still too close to the neighbour's property*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling – 15 Easby Lane. *The Council would ask that HDC look carefully at this application. It is an extremely large extension and the footprint exceeds the norm*

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form rear porch – 80 Wheatlands. *No representations*
Plans approved

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a conservatory – 3 Linden Road

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a conservatory – 13 Marwood Drive

Application for the change of use and conversion of Chapel of Rest workshop and office to two flats and extension of existing building as amended – 15 Station Road

Application for Listed Building Consent to demolish existing workshop and conversion and extension of Chapel of Rest to form two flats as amended – 15 Station Road. *The Council would write that the condition requiring the retention of the undertaker's board was ridiculous. No-one would want to live in a flat advertising an undertaker. The applicant could store the board until, and if, the Parish Council had somewhere to keep it, eg a museum.*

Application for Listed Building Consent for replacement roof to existing museum – 101 High Street

Application to carry out works to two trees and fell two trees the subject of TPO 1998/1 – 5 Richardson Hall

Application for Conservation Area consent to demolish existing warehouse and dwelling – 11 and 13 Bridge Street
Plans refused

Construction of two agricultural buildings – Langbaugh Farm

Appeal Decision

OS1499, Tunstall Lane, Great Ayton – appeal allowed

Date for Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 29th March 2006 at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

Councillors reports

Councillor Fletcher reported that Roseberry School had had a very good Ofsted report.

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that there was a lot of litter along the Trod. Hambleton would be asked to deal with it. Blue bags had not been collected because Yorwaste's lorries had broken down. The next collection would be on 9.3.06. A resident had phoned regretting the change of name of the Tile Sheds – another bit of history had gone.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that Tom Featherstone was no longer able to look after the flower tubs and village signs. He would be thanked for all his hard work. Councillor Bell would ask for volunteers amongst the allotment holders.

Councillor Mrs Stevens had been asked by Mr and Mrs Scrope for any comments about a proposed wind turbine on their land.

She had received and replied to a letter from a small boy complaining that the play area had been closed.

The date of the following meeting would be Tuesday 28th March 2006