

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.00 pm

### Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, J Fletcher, Mrs F Greenwell, D Conroy and G Readman. PCs G Jones and M McFarlane, and Messrs H Atkinson and P Suggitt also attended.

### Apologies

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

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were approved and signed

### Police business

Councillor Mrs Imeson had received a letter from Mrs H Neal regarding speeding traffic on Newton Road, and dog fouling. Mrs Neal praised the police for the efforts they had taken to communicate with residents at the recent Respect event. PC Jones said that a PCSO was to be in charge of speeding to gauge how big a problem it was. The results of a matrix operation should have been available. Mrs Neal would be advised of the action being taken. Councillor Mrs Greenwell asked at what time of day the matrix had been employed as the problem was worse at night. The Dog Warden and Mr G Lodge would notified of the problem of fouling, particularly at the Chapel Steps and Newton Road.

PC Jones advised the Council of a slight setback on the Dispersal Order. PC McFarlane had provided NYCC with the number of reported incidents in the Linden Grove/The Hawthorns footpath area in connection with the application to close the path.

Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that thieves had been trying to steal lead from the roof of a garage in Leven Court. Councillor Mrs Greenwell said that lead had been stolen from a roof in John Street.

The statistics for January showed that there had been a total of 28 crimes, which included 3 violent assaults, 6 autocrimes and 6 burglaries, an increase on the same period last year. There had been 98 reported incidents.

Councillor Mrs Imeson thanked the police officers for attending.

### Cemetery

Mr Atkinson reported an incident at the play area when someone had tried to set fire to the toddlers' area and damaged the safety surface. He said that there had been no further damage since the walkabout on Respect Day. The police would be notified of the improvement. Councillor Fletcher said that the police had commented that the play area would have been safer if the hedge had been removed to open up the area. The antisocial youths felt safer enclosed behind the hedge. Mr Atkinson said that residents had said much the same. It was proposed that the plan to remove the hedge be revisited.

Mrs Eardley had complained to Councillor Mrs Imeson about the state of Yatton House's hedge and grounds. Mr Atkinson said that the hedge was a work in progress. Yatton House would be asked to remove the litter from their grounds. The Parish Council arranged for the allotment hedge to be cut, but that part of the hedge outside the Skottowe estate was the responsibility of Highways.

### River

Trees at Low Green – HDC had approved the application to remove the trees from the Waterfall to Low Green.

Some Councillors did not recall discussing the trees between the Waterfall and the Stone Bridge. Councillor Fletcher said that his report had been discussed and accepted at a previous meeting. It would be brought to the next meeting for further consideration.

Mr Suggitt had removed several bags of rubbish from the river

### Matters arising from the minutes

Village Hall - *minute continued*

Highways matters - Tree Bridge junction - *minute continued*; railings Waterfall Terrace etc - *minute continued*; footpaths - rear of Cliffe Terrace – *minute continued*; Chapel steps – *Highways had responded that they had inspected the path and did not consider it to be hazardous. They would continue to monitor it. Councillor Fletcher said that the seat should not be removed because of a couple of incidents, but the salt bin, which was also a congregating point, and not used for salt, should be taken away. Highways would be asked to do this*

Memorial tree at Riverside - *the purchase and planting of the tree was in hand. Minute concluded*

Hedge at Pease Cottages - *the hedge had been further cut back. Minute concluded*

Memorial seat – Mrs McLellan – *A seat was to be sited at Low Green. Minute concluded*

Flooding Easby Lane and Newton Road - *Highways had visited the site at Easby Lane and an order had been issued to clean and jet the drains and gullies. The situation would then be monitored. Mrs Ward had responded that they hoped to isolate and repair a blockage when the water had drained away. Minute concluded*

### Accounts

M L Holden (reimburse road planings, allotments)	60.00
Farmway (rat poison)	64.40
D I Holden (reimburse phone bill)	49.69

Richard Collins (grave digging)	160.00
<u>Receipts</u>	
C Green (allotment deposit and rent)	40.00
D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00
N Waters (reimburse annual parish dinner)	40.80
G Readman “ “ “	41.00
J Fletcher “ “ “	40.96
J Imeson “ “ “	20.48
D Conroy “ “ “	20.48
S Edwards (allot deposit and rent)	40.00
M L Holden (reimburse annual parish dinner)	40.96
F Greenwell “ “ “	40.96
Great Ayton Dramatic Society (first qtr rent village hall)	130.00
Cemetery receipts	745.00

### Correspondence

Samaritans – request for funding. *Denied in accordance with Parish Council practice*

Mrs W Bass – re street cleaning. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell would check the street cleaning schedule for Station Road. HDC would be notified if it appeared that it was not being cleaned sufficiently frequently*

NYCC – request for comments on proposal to close footway between Central Way and Linden Grove. *The Parish Council would respond that it was in favour of closure to get rid of problems that residents were experiencing*

NYMNPA – parish survey; agenda for Northern Area Parish Forum 19.2.08

Government Office for the North East – North East Regional Spatial Strategy further Proposed Changes – comments invited

HDC – Stakeholder Consultation on Car Park Charging 25.2.08, Stokesley Town Hall 7.30 pm; questionnaire. *The Council had no objection to car park charging but felt that it should be uniform throughout the district*

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – selection of nominees for a parish member to the NYMNPA Northern Area Forum

Middlesbrough Council – Local Development Framework Submission Regeneration Development Plan Document Consultation

HDC – advice re standards

The Rotary Club of Guisborough and Great Ayton – request for permission to erect tent or trailer on High Green for Stroke Awareness Day 26.4.08. *Approved*

John Proud HDC – re condition of beehive bins. *The Parish Council did not like the design of the new bin suggested by HDC. Enquiries would be made to find a source of new beehive bins*

Ray Speed – re dog fouling; re extension of lease. *Mr Speed would be advised that the lease could not be extended. He would be asked if the Cricket and Football Club had considered using the bottom field where no lease applied. He would be advised to apply for funds to the County Committee for Hambleton. Extra dog fouling signs would be provided.*

#### The following items of information were received:-

NYCC – County Committee for Hambleton agenda for meeting 27.2.08; notification of adoption of Rights of Way Improvement Plan for North Yorkshire; North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Submission of Minerals and Waste Core Strategies

HDC – street naming and numbering – 1 – 6 Hollygarth Grove

Fairtrade Fortnight – A Flavour of Fairtrade 5.3.08

External Environment – brochure

NYMNPA – agenda for meeting 14.2.08

HDC – questionnaire re Planning Enforcement Service – *completed by Councillor Mrs Imeson, to meet deadline*

CPRE – newsletter

Mr and Mrs A Stephenson – thank you for annual parish dinner

Charity Commission – newsletter and magazine

Audit Commission – notice of appointment of external auditor

Enjoy England – brochure

HDC – notice of District/Parish Councils’ Liaison Meeting 3 .3.08

RAF Linton on Ouse – night flying notice 25 – 27.2.08; graduation flypasts 7.3.08

Clerk to Roseberry Primary School Governors – advertisement for Community Governor vacancy

David Williams – re accident at Tree Bridge 27.1.08

Amanda Madden RHE – re Annual Parish Government Conference, Scarborough, March

HDC – Hambleton Area Committee meeting 27.2.08 notices; re changes to system of validation of planning applications

NYCC Pension Fund – newsletter; re banded contributions; NYPFOG meeting 25.4.08

### Planning applications

\*Application for Listed Building Consent to install handrail and external letter box – Friends Meeting House, High Green

\*Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling as amended – 4 Linden Road

Extension to existing agricultural building – OS Field 5890 and 6300 Great Ayton – *The Parish Council had no objection to the extension to the existing agricultural building but was most concerned that twice in the application reference was made to an agricultural worker's dwelling. The Council would be vehemently opposed to the construction of a dwelling on this site*

Proposed works to a weeping willow tree – 2 Low Green. *No representations*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 31 Roseberry Avenue. *No representations*

First floor extension to existing dormer bungalow – 157 Newton Road. *No representations*

Replace 8 windows and 1 door – Great Ayton Methodist Church. *No representations*

Alterations to existing domestic garage, gazebo and conservatory and construction of a detached domestic garage – Ayton Hall. *No representations*

Application for Listed Building Consent as above. *No representations*

Single storey extension to existing dwelling – 66 Roseberry Crescent. *No representations*

Two storey and single storey extension to existing dwelling – 7 Mill Terrace. *No representations*

\*Delegated decision – date for comment passed

#### Applications approved

Proposed works to cherry and fir trees – Ayton House

Proposed works to trees Low Green and High Street – Great Ayton Parish Council

Two storey extension to existing dwelling – 7 Roseberry Drive

First floor extension to existing dwelling – 81 Roseberry Crescent

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – Airdbreck, Station Road

#### Development Control Committee Meeting

Invitation to attend re Retrospective planning application for the siting of a residential caravan and construction of a dog kennel – Chapel View Pony Stud, Tunstall Lane, Nunthorpe

#### **Fete**

It was decided that the theme of the fancy dress parade would be changed to “Great Ayton – Past, Present and Future”. Marske Brass Band had agreed to play at the fete. The menu for the buffet lunch was agreed

#### **Cemetery fees**

It was agreed that the fees be increased by 3%, rounded up or down as appropriate. Funeral directors would be notified.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008