

**Minutes of the Great Ayton Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 19:00**

Present: - Cllr Ron Kirk, Cllr Angela Taylor, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr John Robinson, Cllr Tessa Snowdon, Cllr Judith Brown
Cllr Richard Hudson (HDC)
Andrew Snowdon (Clerk)

No members of the public

| No. | Business |
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| 1 | <p><u>NY Police Report.</u></p> <p>There had been; 13 reports of anti-social behaviour (inc 8 x COVID related, 1 x kids bike track, 2 X personal, 2 X neighbour issues) 0 reports of auto crime, 0 reports of burglary, 2 reports of criminal damage (inc Egg thrown at house, stone thrown at window), 2 reports of theft (Tools from farm, item from car), 4 reports of violence against person, 3 other crimes (1 X stop & search, 1 X report of fake £5 notes, 1 X fraud).</p> <p>Cllrs expressed their disappointment that the NY Police reports were in the form of brief statistics and did not give expanded details of local issues. The 8 covid related ASB items were of specific concern at a time when the levels of incidence of the disease in the community were relatively high. Noted</p> |
| 2 | <p><u>NYCC Councillor Report.</u></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC Highways to report the blocked gulley's on the A173 Guisborough Road at the corner opposite Skottowe & adjacent to the cemetery. Agreed</p> <p><u>HDC Councillor Report.</u></p> <p>Cllr Hudson confirmed that Hambleton District Council's Waste & Street scene team had some issues with the heavy snow and consequently they were unable to collect some resident's bins. Cllr Robinson confirmed that bins along Dikes Lane had not been collected but road conditions were unsafe, so this was very understandable. Cllrs noted that the HDC bin collection team were doing an excellent job in very trying circumstances. Noted</p> <p>Cllr Hudson confirmed his endorsement of the Parish Councils proposed 'Making a Difference' grant application which will contribute to the refurbishment project to be undertaken on the public conveniences. Noted</p> |
| 3 | <p><u>Apologies for Absence.</u></p> <p>Cllr Heather Moorhouse (NYCC)</p> |
| 4 | <p><u>Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda.</u></p> <p>Cllr Snowdon confirmed a non-pecuniary interest in a planning item due to a family connection. Noted</p> |
| 5 | <p><u>Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 1st December 2020 & the Extraordinary Meeting held on 15th December were approved. Agreed.</p> |

6 **To Consider Planning & Licensing Applications Received.**

PLANNING

Following discussion, it was agreed that formal response to planning applications should be as follows;

NYM/2020/0912/FL - Aireyholme Farm, Aireyholme Lane, Great Ayton

Application for conversion of barn to 1 no. open market dwelling with associated parking and amenity space (resubmission following refusal of NYM/2020/0387/FL) at Aireyholme Farm, Aireyholme Lane, Great Ayton

No material objection, though GAPC requests that any approval ensures that the property is in keeping with others in the rural setting of the North York's Moors & that the nature of the development is respectful towards the historically important heritage site which is located nearby

20/02879/FUL - Greenhow Hill Farm Pannierman Lane Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6QF

Demolition of existing utility and conservatory extensions and internal alterations, reroofing works and two single storey extensions to existing dwelling.

No objections / no observations

20/02844/FUL - 34 Linden Avenue Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6AJ

Single storey rear extension and erection of timber canopy to front

No objections / no observations

20/02758/FUL - 65 Newton Road Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6DT

Delegated Decision - Bedroom Loft Conversion with front and rear dormers

Great Ayton Parish Council has no material objection to the conversion or the rear dormer as it is in keeping with other properties in the area. Great Ayton Parish Council objects to the proposed dormer to the front of the premises as it is not in keeping with others in the block of houses.

20/02747/FUL - 62 Wheatlands Great Ayton North Yorkshire TS9 6EF

Delegated Decision - Single storey side extension, including removing pitched roof of existing property, replacing all with flat roof and roof lights and sedum.

No objections / no observations

LICENSING

No licensing applications had been forwarded for GAPC representation / review.

7 **Correspondence and Information:**

HDC/GAPC - Confirmation of potential availability of funding from the HDC 'Making a Difference' fund with closing date for applications as 31/01/21.

See Council Services.

Resident / GAPC / NYCC - Request for improvement to green space between Byemoor Ave & Wainstones Drive, this area being NYCC property. (Brambles and overgrowth covering resident's garage.)

The parish council is responsible for cutting the grass on behalf of NYCC on the various verges & splays, but this scope does not extend to clearance of overgrowth. The Clerk would continue to negotiate with NYCC for clearance works to be completed on behalf of our resident. **Noted**

NYCC/GAPC – There parish council had received a request to notify allotment tenants that control measures were required in accordance with DEFRA regulations in relation to Avian Flu.

The Clerk confirmed that NYCC's Enviro team had provided poster templates, and these would be affixed in due course. By now most allotment tenants had been notified verbally of the need to keep their birds undercover.

Noted

8 Council Services / Working Group Reports

NB: Previously agreed or outstanding matters can be found in the Council Services report and any additional formal actions or decisions requiring the Parish Council's attention appear below.

Cemetery

- Cllr Taylor noted that our new team member was doing an excellent job towards improving the cemetery.
- The Clerk advised that the drains were still a problem due to the ingress of tree roots and that there was a lot of water backing up due to heavy rain/snow/meltwater. It was agreed that remedial works should be undertaken in the Spring or when the weather had improved. **Agreed**
- The repairs to the cemetery wall requires the employment of the contractor. **Noted**

Cook Family Memorial Garden

- It was suggested that a Working Group meeting should take place before the February GAPC meeting to discuss the trust deed & proposed constitution for consideration (RK/JR/AT/Clerk). **Noted**

Memorial Bridge

- It was hoped that the terms for the Impetus funding would be met soon and the order for the bridge could then be placed. **Noted**

Public WC's

- It was agreed that the parish council should make an application for £7.5k funding from the HDC Making a Difference grant which would need to be submitted before the 31/01/21 deadline. **Agreed**
- Cllr Robinson confirmed that the Buildings Working Group would meet to discuss a general specification for the WC's which should then be formalised via a specialist Architect. **Noted**

Allotments

- The Clerk was asked to modify the wording of the Allotment Regulations to clarify that dogs must not be housed on the allotments and should only visit alongside a tenant who is actively tending their plot. The change to regulations would come into effect in October 2021. **Agreed**

Yatton House / Village Hall / Invalid WC Lease

- The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Towler (Solicitor) to request updates in respect of the outstanding lease items. **Agreed**

ExTIC Building

- Cllr Fletcher confirmed that the works to the ExTIC could start as the ExTIC was no longer being used to store foodstuffs. Henry Thompson would be asked to carry out repair works to make the building inhabitable for informal meetings. **Noted**

High Green

- Concerns were expressed by councillors that seven players from the Great Ayton Silver Band had congregated on the High Green to play carols during the period of Covid restriction. **Noted**

Parish Council Website

- The new website is close to completion however the various blocks of text within the new site require approval. The Clerk was asked to request a document of all text items from Studio Botez to be circulated to councillors for review. **Agreed**

Xmas items

- Cllr Fletcher advised that Covid restrictions meant a delay in taking down the Xmas tree & decorations. **Noted**
- Following Cllr Taylor's reminder, it was agreed that additional cabling would be added to the High Green to facilitate the lighting of the James Cook statue and the large central tree. **Agreed**

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| 9 | <p><u>Councillors Actions & Reports</u></p> <p>Endeavour Way Cycleway – Cllr Fletcher confirmed that NYCC had adopted the project in principle and were currently studying feasibility of incorporating the Stokesley Business park, Leisure Centre, and other local sports facilities. The full extent of the Endeavour Way had also seen Redcar & Cleveland Council become interested/involved. Noted</p> <p>BUGS Volunteer Group – Cllr Taylor confirmed that the pollinator volunteer group were ‘on hold’ due to the Covid lockdown. The posts for the Pollinator Trail had been completed but were not due to be installed until it was safe to do so in case of attracting additional visitor attention. Noted</p> |
| 10 | <p><u>Clerk’s Report</u></p> <p>Whitbread Memorial Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk confirmed that the 10% 3rd Party donations had not yet been received by Highfield Environmental and as such the Impetus funding terms meant that the order to Beaver Bridges could not yet be placed. Noted - It was agreed that a deposit payment ‘on account’ should not be considered to be made to Beaver Bridges at this time since permission had not been given by Impetus and no action should be taken that might jeopardise funding. Agreed - Cllr Robinson felt that the current financial soundness of Beaver Bridges should be confirmed before the "on account " (advance) payment be made. Noted - Cllr Fletcher confirmed that Beaver Bridges had been selected (as part of a formal approval process) and they were of reputable standing with other local councils for the supply of similar structures. Noted <p>Public WC’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the very sad death of Mr Peter Dobson who had serviced the public WCs for 10 years it was unanimously agreed that Paul Wood should take on the duties on a permanent basis thus increasing his contractual hours to 30 per week. Agreed |
| 11 | <p><u>Accounts Report</u></p> <p>The total payments made were £2,461.57 The total income received was £620.00</p> |
| 12 | <p><u>Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.</u></p> |
| 13 | <p><u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.</p> |