

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 4th July 2000 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, Mrs M Stevens, J Fletcher, Mrs F Greenwell, L Groves. PC Simon Caukwell and Mrs J Essex also attended.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bell and R Kirk.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2000 were approved and signed after minor alteration.

Police Business

See below - no other matters raised.

Address by PC Caukwell re youths on High Green

PC Caukwell reported that Community Education had agreed a programme to use the Village Hall on Saturday evenings between 7 pm and 10 pm as a "drop in" centre. Initially it would be a six to eight week project and a range of activities would be available. Youngsters had already been canvassed for ideas as to what they wanted from the centre.

PC Caukwell's role was to look at trouble spots and he anticipated more complaints about youths on High Green once the apartments in the Ayton School development were occupied. His suggestion that flower beds be used as a barrier on the school side of the green was rejected. A further suggestion that the road at the back of the green be blocked off was also dismissed as being impracticable once the flats were occupied. However, it was thought that temporary closure might accustom youths in cars to not using it, and the provision of barriers would be investigated. Sandstone blocks or flower tubs were suggested as possibilities. The bylaws relating to the High Green would be examined and the possibility of reducing to 10 or 11 years the age of those allowed to play ball games, and the banning of alcohol consumption on the green, considered. A copy of the bylaws would be posted where they could be seen.

A letter would be written to the Chief Constable expressing concern that bylaws were not being enforced by the Police.

The local off licences would be reminded of their duties with regard to the sale of alcohol. Drink purchased from an off licence should not be consumed within view of the licensed premises. Councillors expressed concern that young girls had been observed drinking. PC Caukwell reported that a large grant had been made to deal with drug and alcohol abuse and it was hoped that when the new "drop in" centre was open someone would come and talk to the youngsters.

In response to questions PC Caukwell said that noisy car radios were not police business, and that the police needed to witness antisocial behaviour before action could be taken.

Councillor Mrs Imeson thanked PC Caukwell for attending.

Matters arising

Ayton School Development/lease for sports field It was reported that outstanding matters would be sorted out within three weeks and that play on the fields could start immediately.

Whitbread Bridge NYCC to be chased up for a start date

Play area - plan for improvement Minute continued

Community Service jobs Work had commenced and was progressing slowly

Highways matters - footbridge Low Green NYCC agreed that work was required on both bridges and would be carried out in due course. They did not regard their condition as dangerous.

Village Hall Comments still awaited from Drama.

Access - 2 Easby Lane Minute continued

Parking outside shops/station car park Minute continued

Gas governor house, Yarm Lane Minute continued

WI Tree for Millennium NYCC reported great difficulty in obtaining details of utilities in proposed location. Search to be allowed to continue but WI to be asked if they would like to consider alternative site.

Railway gates, Hall fields It was reported that the gates had been replaced but did not self-shut. Railtrack would investigate. Smiths Gore would inspect metal kissing gate on Newton Road and carry out necessary remedial work. HDC would be approached about the possibility of a grant to repair fencing and kissing gate along public path from Newton Road to the first field.

Public toilet signs HDC to be chased up.

Traffic calming The Chairman of the Highways sub-committee had been unable to attend arranged meetings and the matter was no further forward. The police were unable to supply details of accidents for past 5 years as records were kept only for 2 years.

Arcade A further letter from Mowden Park Estate Company had been received which confirmed the company's lack of interest in taking any action to improve the state of the arcade. The Parish Council would write again expressing outrage at their stance.

Bank account It was agreed to transfer business to HSBC who would give 12 months' free banking.

Local Agenda 21 plan Councillor Fletcher would study and bring to August meeting.

Mr D Williams - photocall Minute continued

Tree in garage wall Minute continued

Trod - Wheatlands/Newton Road Minute continued

Footpath - Guisborough Road/Central Way - dog fouling HDC would monitor and replace signs.

Accounts

Mr I Walker (reimburse equipment for youth club)	289.00	
Amoebachem (band for Millennium Ball)	470.00	
James Fletcher (marquee for Millennium Ball)	3297.49	
The Royal Oak (fete lunch)	194.35	
Peter Lillie's (catering Millennium Ball)	1452.00	
Great Ayton Junior Cricket and Football Club (donation)	700.00	
M L Holden (clerk)	303.68	
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	746.61	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)
	332.51	
M L Holden (reimburse phone calls, flowers fete)	61.81	
Worthy Pearson News (photocopying, stationery)	24.94	
Harrison Flagpoles (flag of St. George)	35.25	
Len Wilson (Steel Fabrications) Ltd (tub sponsor signs)	35.25	
T Featherstone (planting tubs)	120.00	
Mrs M Stevens (reimburse concert supper, banquet roll)	41.29	
Great Ayton Parish Church (hire of parochial hall)	100.00	
E Coles (planting flower tubs)	70.51	
Atkinson Garden Machinery (lighting kit - mower)	619.52	
Great Ayton Scottish Country Dance (reimburse cost of hall)	6.75	
J Fletcher (reimburse hose fittings, bolts)	5.69	
M Heaton (reimburse photocopying)	2.75	
Northumbrian Water (supply allotments/cemetery)	36.67	
Wimpey Homes (rental for playing fields)	125.00	
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	355.00	
The Great Ayton Millennium Book (gift)	26.00	
<u>Receipts</u>		
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent, June and July)	20.00	
Great Ayton Working Men's Club (donation for fete)	100.00	
Ball tickets	4120.00	
Fete	452.73	
Revue and concert	1065.00	
Mrs J Imeson (refund of overpayment)	.11	
P Bell (Millennium Ball auction)	150.00	

Correspondence

Mr K Nicholson - re overhanging cemetery trees. *Trees to be inspected by tree surgeon.*

HDC - Hambleton District Wide Local Plan - consultation on issues and options paper. *Cllr Mrs Imeson to peruse*

UK Day Trips - invitation to advertise on web site

Mrs Y Clarke - request to sell herbs for Syrian Sunday School Appeal on 15 or 22.7.00. *Approved*

HDC - re affordable housing

Bow House Publishing - re advertising space in Come and Stay in Herriot Country. *It was agreed to advertise.*

Mrs K Bland - re nuisance youths at Chapel Steps. *PC shared Mrs Bland's concerns. NYCC to be contacted.*

NYCC - re grass clippings Linden Close. *Broadacres responsible for cutting grass in Linden Close and had been informed of problem.*

Hambleton Sports Council - AGM 20.7.00

Mr J Allanson - telephone call re grave reservation. *Mr Allanson informed that grave reservation can be maintained despite his leaving village. Cemetery regulations to be amended accordingly at next review.*

The following items of information were received:

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership - re election of user representatives to steering cttee.

NYMNP - Planning Committee agenda for information 19.6.00; agenda for information 26.6.00; notice re military

aircraft crash sites
HDC - street collections for July - British Diabetic Society 1.7.00

Planning

The following planning applications were received:-

Construction of a detached dwellinghouse - land off Easby Lane - minor amendments. *No representations*
Revised application for the construction of a detached dwellinghouse - 65 Marwood Drive. *No representations*
Extension to existing club building to form a lift shaft - amended - 5 Low Green. *Councillor Groves declared a code of conduct interest. No representations*
Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse - amendments - 25 Roseberry Crescent. *No representations*
Application for consent to fell 2 trees and carry out work to 6 trees subject to TPO - Ashcroft, Little Ayton Lane. *No representations*
Construction of a boundary wall with gate - 1 Levenside. *PC had no objections but noted that trees had been planted around remainder of boundary. Whilst there were no objections to these either, the Council hoped that visibility would remain unimpaired.*
Proposed retention of a Vic Hallam prefabricated classroom unit (no. 2) at Roseberry School. *Councillors Mrs M Stevens and J Fletcher declared a code of conduct interest. No representations.*

Plans approved

Alterations to existing meeting house as amended - Friends Meeting House
Listed Building Consent as above
Alterations and extensions to existing bungalow to include domestic garage - 120 Roseberry Crescent
Ground floor extension to existing dwelling - 2 Orchard Close
Provision of dormer windows - 31 Marwood Drive

Plans refused

Construction of block of 5 stables - Greenhow Moor Farm, Pannierman Lane

Millennium

Domesday Book Mrs Essex reported that sales of the book were going very well and hoped to reach target sales by Christmas. She thanked the Parish Council for having had faith in her and the Council thanked her and Joe Cornish for their hard work in producing a marvellous book.

Ball/Millennium Entertainments The concert and shows had been well attended and enjoyed, as had the ball.

Fete The fete had been successful despite problems with traffic at Low Green which had resulted in the parade being somewhat disjointed. It was agreed that in future cones should be used on both sides of the road from Ayton Hall to the bridge to prevent parking.

Fireworks Mr Suggitt had kindly agreed to another firework display in his field on New Year's Eve

Wages increase - Cemetery Superintendent, Clerk

An increase of 3%, in line with local council pay rises, was agreed.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Fletcher reported that the trees on the river side near the stone bridge needed to be clipped back. The Cemetery Superintendent would be asked to deal with them. The river bed to the South of the new footbridge near Leven Court was blocked causing the buttresses of the bridge to be undermined by the recent torrent. The Environment Agency would be asked to inspect the blockage.

Councillor Mrs Imeson asked where the two missing flower baskets were. The clerk would make enquiries and also enquire of HDC re payment for planting the troughs on the toilet block wall.

Councillor Mrs Imeson said that she had received a telephone call from the landlady of the Buck Inn, Mrs Sandra Flintoft, who was very upset at the accusations levelled by neighbours that the Buck was using the bottle bins to dispose of their empty bottles. Their bottles are returned to the depot, apart from a very few put in the bin at 10.30 am on Sundays. There had also been a complaint that tins, paper, and carrier bags of tins had been dumped outside the bins. Mr Steve Quartermain of Hambleton District Council had arranged for them to be tidied up.

Youth Drama had asked if they could use the council chamber on 18th/19th and 20th July. This was approved.

Drama are to be asked if they could arrange for their cleaner to clean the council chamber once a month, for which they would be reimbursed. It was resolved to decorate the chamber once it had been cleaned.