

Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 28th November 2000 at 7.00 pm

Present

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

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st October 2000 were approved and signed.

Police Business

Sgt Walls apologised for the lack of police representation at previous meetings. He reported that from 1st April to date there had been a 14% reduction in overall crime compared to last year. There was still a high rate of auto crime. One arrest had been made following theft of diesel from Pearsons. House burglaries were down and shed and garage burglaries about the same. Councillor Mrs Greenwell said that people should be extra vigilant during the dark evenings approaching Christmas. It was suggested that people leave lights and TV on when they went out. Councillor Bell asked if there had been any prosecutions of cyclists riding on pavements. There had been none. The Parish Council said that old people, the deaf and visually impaired were particularly vulnerable to cyclists on the pavement. Sgt Walls said that such cyclists were stopped when observed. He could arrange a day at school in conjunction with road safety to bring the matter to the attention of children.

It was reported that the youth club in the village hall was no longer ongoing. It had been successful but staffing was a problem. Outreach workers were currently being interviewed. Methodist Youth Club leaders were also being trained.

Matters arising

High Green bylaws etc It was suggested that big youths deterred small children from playing on the Green. Other facilities were available to older children including the new public open space. Councillor Fletcher said that people playing ball games were not the problem. It was malicious youths breaking windows deliberately who caused the problems and there was provision for dealing with them in the existing bylaws. The Council resolved by 4 votes to 3 to ban all ball games on High Green. Councillor Kirk would bring the existing bylaws up to date.

Whitbread bridge It was reported that this would be completed in 2 to 3 weeks.

Community Service jobs Work on the fencing at Waterfall Terrace would be completed the coming weekend. Work would recommence at other locations in the spring.

Highways matters - footbridges Low Green NYCC had completed the repair to the concrete bridge. The wooden bridge would be rebuilt shortly.

Village Hall Minute continued

Access - 2 Easby Lane Minute continued.

Parking outside shops/station car park Northern Spirit agreed to sign being erected directing walkers to the station car park. Mr D Ferguson asked if the Parish Council would share the cost of maintenance for the car park road, to which he contributes. As Northern Spirit had not suggested the Parish Council contribute he would be advised to dispute any increase in his costs with Northern Spirit. HDC would be asked to provide a suitable sign to be displayed in the TIC car park.

WI Tree for Millennium The Parish Council were asked if they would provide a tree guard. This request was rejected and the WI would be advised that the blacksmith at Carlton may be able to supply one.

Public toilet signs It was reported that HDC had the signs ready to install

Mr D Williams - photocall Councillor Fletcher would arrange a date. Minute concluded.

Arcade HDC reported on their inspection of the arcade. Their offer to contact Mowden Park Estate Company about the condition of the paving stones was accepted by the Parish Council.

Beehive bins These had been modified. Minute concluded.

Cemetery extension It was agreed by 4 votes to 3 that a close boarded fence be erected to protect the young trees and to protect residents and young children from witnessing funerals.

Lampposts - Pearsonville HDC would be unable to re-instate lampposts this financial year. Matter concluded.

Trees - trod at rear of Cliffe Terrace Minute continued.

Ginnel - Hall fields Smiths Gore had agreed to the Parish Council improving the ginnel. The recent heavy rain had made the path completely impassable, however, and Smiths Gore would be asked to look at rectifying the drainage problem first.

Health Centre - repeat prescriptions Minute continued.

Transfer of POS Concluded.

Sublet of playing fields Minute continued

Stile/kissing gate - cricket field Minute continued

Road name sign - Richardson Hall The misleading road name signs had been removed but two of the new

dwellings now bore the same numbers as existing properties on High Green. HDC to be contacted.

Stile - Thief Lane Minute continued.

Roseberry Crescent sign Minute continued

Computer for clerk After much debate it was agreed to defer the decision for 1 month.

Road sweeper The mechanical sweeper had been in action in the village. Addison Road had been missed and HDC would be contacted again. It was noted that the regular street cleaner did an excellent job.

Hedge, Little Ayton lane Minute continued

Allotments - hardstanding Only one tender had been received. The price was higher than anticipated and it was agreed to leave the matter for the time being.

Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	312.00	W B Helm (Cemetery
superintendent)	765.56	
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	348.95	
M L Holden (phone calls)	12.55	
E K Williams (petrol, direct debit)	86.72	
Atkinson Garden Machinery (eyelets, visor, line)	38.64	
Mr T Featherstone (planting tubs)	200.00	
Len Wilson (Steel Fabrications Ltd) (gate play area)	505.25	
Philip V Rotheram (repair to beehive bins)	51.50	
<u>Receipts</u>		
Allotment rents	1395.00	
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00	

Correspondence

HDC re village design statements. *Mr David Taylor had agreed to take part in preparing VDS.*

Mrs J Groves - request for a stall for scouts on 2nd or 9th December. *Approved*

Dr P Shelton - re. floods. *Received. Leaflet re. floods to be sent.*

Mrs M de Wardt - re. oak tree. *Councillor Mrs Imeson had responded to Mrs de Wardt's letter that her offer of an oak tree had been rejected previously as there was nowhere suitable to plant it. There was now space in the new Public Open Space.*

Concerned resident - re planning application for 62 flats

HDC - invitation to attend presentation by Yorkshire Water 29.11.00

HDC - re Local Government Act 2000 - Standards Committees

HDC - Council Tax for parishes - Revenue estimates 2001/2002. *It was resolved to precept for £30,500 for the year 2001/2002.*

Letters from Mr A Walker, Mr and Mrs D Sills, Mr M Aslin, Mr and Mrs P Morgan re proposed erection of 10 metre telephone mast in Easby Lane. *Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that the application had been rejected.*

HDC - request for collection point for recycling Christmas trees. *Yatton House to be asked if they would have recycling point near bins.*

HDC - Parish Review of Hambleton - comments invited

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau - request for donation. *Denied*

NYCC - meeting of Hambleton Area Committee 4.12.00

PC R M Bentley - re Traffic Matters A172/B1292 junction

HDC - request location for storing 200 - 400 sandbags. *Local farmers to be asked if they could store sandbags.*

The following items of information were received:

HDC - re annual inspection of playgrounds

HDC - thanks from Councillor Howey for assistance with James Cook celebrations

YRCC - re parish government conference - 2/4.3.01; Country Air - newsletter

Clerks and Councils Direct - magazine

J Toms Ltd - brochure tree care products

Wicksteed Leisure - brochure re playground safety

NYMNPA - Planning Committee Agenda 20.11.00 for information

NYMNPA - location plan for Northern Area Parish Forum meeting 22.11.00

Action Play Stations - brochure play equipment

NYCC - re footpath between Lowthers and Suggitts

Planning applications

Alterations and extensions to existing bungalow and domestic garage as amended - 18 Marwood Drive. *No representations*

Alterations and extension to 2 existing dwellinghouses and domestic garage and alterations to existing outbuilding - 1/2 High Green. *No representations*

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

Two storey extension to existing dwellinghouse - 16 Romany Road. *Recommend refusal on the grounds that proposed extension is detrimental to the street scene.*

Extension to existing dwelling - 22 Wainstones Close. *Recommend refusal on the grounds that proposed extension is too far forward of building line.*

Plans approved

Application for construction of part two storey part single storey extension at Ayton Banks Farm

Provision of dormer window - 23 Linden Avenue

Alterations and extension to existing former bank for use as dwelling - 18 High Green

Application for Listed Building Consent as above

Alterations and extensions to existing bungalow - 18 Marwood Drive

Alterations and two storey extension to existing dwellinghouse to include domestic garage - 28 Roseberry Cres

Alterations and extension to existing public house - The Royal Oak

Listed Building Consent as above

Provision of dormer windows - 26 Linden Avenue

Plans refused

Layout of land and construction of 62 flats - rear California Court, Frankfield Place, Pearsonville

Provision of dormer windows - 4 Orchard Close

Christmas - carol singing/float

Councillor Fletcher would arrange for the posters to be printed. The float would commence its tour at 5.30 from Pearsons' yard. The Parish Council would carry out the collection at the carol singing. The annual Parish Council dinner was arranged for 26th January 2001.

Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Imeson defended the NYCC and HDC set-up for dealing with the floods. There were problems throughout the district with which they had dealt very well. She suggested, and it was agreed, that a letter be sent to the Environment Agency asking for compensation for Ayton people whose houses had been flooded. It was believed that the sluice gates at Stokesley had not been opened soon enough and there was no need for Ayton to have been flooded at all. A letter would also be sent to Mr M Moore, NYCC, saying that the flooding might not have been so severe had the drains been regularly cleared.

Councillor Kirk said that he had had several complaints from people who did not know who to ring for help in the floods.

Councillor Fletcher proposed that the seat which had been stolen from the corner of Easby Lane/Cross Lane be replaced. This was agreed. The clerk would investigate the cost of insuring seats.

Councillor Mrs Greenwell remarked on the excellent quality of grass cutting this year. She reported that one of the flower tubs opposite the post office had been knocked over by a vehicle. It was agreed to write to the guilty party to ask for recompense for the tub.

Councillor Mrs Stevens reported that the gate at the play area had been lowered and the sides fenced in.

The date of the following meeting would be Wednesday 27th December 2000.