

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

**held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at 7.00 pm**

### Present

Councillors Mrs J Imeson, Chairman, R Kirk, P Bell, Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs M Stevens, J Fletcher, L Groves.  
PC K Aspey and three members of the public also attended.

### Election of Officers

Councillor J Fletcher was proposed as chairman by Councillor Mrs J Imeson, seconded by Councillor R Kirk. There were no other nominations and Councillor Mrs Imeson declared Councillor Fletcher Chairman. Mrs Imeson proposed that Councillor Mrs F Greenwell be elected vice chairman, seconded by Councillor L Groves. There were no other nominations and Mrs Greenwell was elected. Councillor Fletcher thanked Mrs Imeson for conducting her duties for the past 12 months in such a competent and able way. She had worked very hard for the village and her efforts were much appreciated

### Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2001 were approved and signed.

### David Shields re. new road signs

Mr David Shields described proposed new road signs for Great Ayton, the village having been chosen for the first of five schemes in the area. The Council felt that the proposed signs were too large and that there was no need for facility symbols. It was agreed that just a "welcome" sign would be adequate. Mr Shields would go back to County with the proposal on sign size and a suggestion that the County and District signs at the entrance to the village be combined.

### Police Business

PC Kate Aspey reported that there had been 20 crimes in the village since the last meeting of which 12 were thefts from motor vehicles and three incidents of interference with cars. This was a problem in the whole area and North Yorkshire Police were running an initiative with Cleveland to combat this kind of crime. The advice was to leave nothing of any value in vehicles. There had been further damage to property but it was felt that youth problems were on the decrease.

Village residents Mr and Mrs S Baxter said that people living in the vicinity of the play area were at their wits end with youths and children causing major problems. They had experienced extreme difficulty in contacting the police and had lengthy waits on the telephone before being connected. PC Aspey said that Stokesley police were unaware that the play area was again the focus of nuisance youths and she could only think that calls, which were now being handled by a call centre in York, were not being passed on. There were some teething problems with the new arrangements. She would try to ensure that there were extra foot patrols to the play area. The Parish Council would write to the Chief Constable and the Inspector at Stokesley to express their dissatisfaction with the present arrangements for dealing with calls.

The meeting also heard complaints that children were now playing in the cemetery and running riot behind the new Ayton School development.

PC Aspey said that the police would be grateful if the Parish Council could write to parents of children misbehaving.

### Matters arising from the minutes

High Green bylaws Minute continued

Arcade No response from Mowden. Bells Stores had painted their wall in the arcade and the clerk would write a letter of thanks.

Cemetery extension Minute continued

Sublet of playing fields Lease signed by Parish Council.

Bellman's Bell The bell was formally handed over to the Parish Council by Mrs Ruth Bennison, Jack Readman's daughter, at a ceremony in the library. The Parish Council expressed gratitude to Derek Barker for making the very handsome oak case in which the bell is now housed in the library. The clerk would also thank the library for allowing the premises to be used for the ceremony.

Grass verge – Addison Road NYCC confirmed that it was illegal to place stones or other obstructions on the grass verge. It was suggested that residents contact the County Council if they wanted marker posts installed to prevent parking. The clerk would write to the tap dancing teacher asking her to request parents not to park on the verge when dropping off and picking up their children.

Gap in cemetery wall It was agreed that it would prove too costly to build a wall to bridge the gap. The cemetery Superintendent would be asked to erect paling fencing and plant hedging.

Trod Councillor Mrs Greenwell would inspect the trod

Seat – Low Green If no response was received from the person who had demolished the fence the legal department at HDC would be asked for assistance.

Grant, Junior Drama Society Councillor Mrs Imeson declared a code of conduct interest and left the chamber. It was agreed that a grant of £300 towards the cost of lighting be made. Mrs Imeson rejoined the meeting and the

Council agreed to precept for £500 per annum for future requests, the sum to be ring fenced for benefit of youth organisations in the village, each case to be assessed on merit.

Allotments – pesticide spray course The Cemetery Superintendent did not wish to attend a course. It was agreed to ask Mr W Hutchinson if he had any gear and would be able to spray overgrown allotments.

Play area It was agreed that the security fencing be lengthened in an attempt to keep children out of the cemetery and away from the neighbours' fence. The cost would be about £300 - £350. The gate to the play area would be locked each evening at about 7.00 pm.

#### Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	316.40
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	776.91
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	327.16
M L Holden (reimburse padlock, wine)	18.26
CPRE (renew subscription)	17.50
Cornhill Insurance (insurance premium)	990.51
North Yorkshire County Council (underpayt. Superann)	5.00
Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	264.00
Wimpey Homes (rent for playing fields/pavilion)	125.00
North Yorkshire County Council (refurbish bridge)	3721.89
1 <sup>st</sup> Great Ayton Scouts (donation for delivery of leaflets)	50.00
Great Ayton District Guides “ “ “ “	50.00
E K Williams (petrol) (direct debit)	40.17
Thompsons Hardware (calor gas, bolt, nut, washer)	20.58
Cornhill Insurance (motor insurance)	192.15
<u>Receipts</u>	
D Brown (allotment deposit)	20.00
J Mayfield (tub sponsorship)	15.00
Cemetery reservations	120.00
D Bailey (garage rent, April)	10.00
Cemetery receipts	536.50
Cemetery reservations	80.00
Northern Electric plc (wayleaves)	17.50
HDC (precept)	15,250.00
D Bailey (garage rent, May)	10.00
Bank of England (sale of conversion stock)	518.38

#### Correspondence

Mr D Whittaker re noise and nuisance from recycling bins at Buck Hotel

HDC re replacement of post-mounted dog waste bins with floor-mounted bins

Mrs I Suggitt – request for permission to have memorial seat. *The Parish Council agreed to the request for a seat but wished to inspect the suggested location.*

WRVS – request for donation. *Denied*

Northallerton and District Diabetic Club – request for area opposite chemist to be coned off to enable vehicle to be parked for street collection 30.06.01. *Agreed*

HDC – re Standards Committee – Responsibility for Parish Councils. *The Council nominated Councillor Mrs Greenwell to be considered as the parish representative*

Winged Fellowship Trust – request for financial help to support volunteer. *Denied*

Hambleton Community Safety Partnership – request for assistance with promotion of organisation; request for venue. *The Village Hall would be offered as venue*

NYCC – re grass cutting. *The Council would request that the contribution from NYCC be increased by at least the rate of inflation for next year.*

NYCC – re foot and mouth disease – re-opening of rights of way. *The Council felt that until all risk of the disease had passed it would be unwise to re-open any footpaths.*

Scouts – request to sell tickets for duck race on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. *Agreed*

NYMNP – Northern Area Parish Forum meeting 23.5.01, request for agenda items

HDC – schedule for mechanical road sweeper

Mr and Mrs Baxter re play area. *See above – Police Business, Play area*

The following items of information were received:

Glasdon – brochure

HDC – tree preservation order – trees at Catholic Church

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership – minutes of meeting 13.3.01

NYCC – decision sheet for meeting of Pension Fund Officers' Group meeting 20.3.01; statement of investment principles

NYCC – Valuation Day 7.5.01 – poster

Sgt Bright – notification of transfer  
 NYMNPA – planning committee agenda 30.04.01 for information  
 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Yorkshire Electricity – conservation awards  
 Country Air – newsletter  
 NYCC – erratum for Best Value Performance Plan  
 HDC – leaflets re grant aid  
 John Gaunt & Partners – licence transfer application – The Buck Hotel  
 HDC – street collection permits  
 NYMNPA – re revised Moorsbus Service  
 NYCC – recruitment posters for Specialist Fostering Scheme

### Planning applications

Alterations and extensions and new pitched roof over existing bungalow – Charters Mead. *No representations*  
 Construction of a domestic double garage – Charters Mead, Easby Lane. *No representations*  
 Application for consent to carry out works to a tree subject to TPO – Friends Meeting House. *No representations*  
 Alterations and extension to existing dwelling – Seaton Cottage, Station Road. *The Council was concerned that the building was too large for the site and was out of keeping in Conservation Area. They were very concerned as to where the garage would be.*  
 Application for Listed Building Consent as above  
 Alterations and extension to existing building – Ashcroft, Little Ayton Lane. *No representations.*  
 Extension to existing dwelling to form a domestic garage – Ashcroft, Little Ayton Lane. *Council concerned re access to Little Ayton Lane. It was thought that there should be a visibility splay.*  
 Ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse – 2 California Grove. *No representations*  
 Application for Listed Building Consent for the re-roofing of an existing outbuilding – The Manor House. *No representations*  
 Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to existing dwelling – 17 High Green. *Councillor Kirk declared a code of conduct interest. There were no representations.*

#### Plans approved

Construction of extension to side of existing dwelling – 16 Roseberry Crescent  
 Layout of land and construction of a church with associated facilities as amended – St Margaret's Church, Race Terrace  
 Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse – 134 Roseberry Crescent  
 Conservatory extension to existing dwelling as amended – 28 Marwood Drive  
 Formation of horse manege with associated fencing as amended – Ayton Hall Farm  
 Construction of a building with associated facilities to provide scout group accommodation to replace existing building – Christ Church  
Application withdrawn  
 Application for consent to fell a tree subject to TPO – 1 Old Mill Wynd

### Councillors' reports

Councillor Mrs Greenwell reported that a resident had expressed concern about the reinstatement of the footpath surface after the new lights had been installed. Councillor Mrs Imeson replied that HDC were aware and would do their best. Lights for Pearsonville would be looked when HDC could but as it was an unadopted road they had no obligation to do anything.

Councillor Groves had received a request that the Silver Band funds be used to provide musical instruments for Roseberry School. Councillors Fletcher, Kirk and Mrs Stevens declared code of conduct interest. Councillor Mrs Greenwell expressed reservations about the money being given all in one go. It was agreed that a formal request from the school was required before any decision could be made.

Councillor Bell had received many complaints about the state of the footpath on the river side opposite the Methodist Chapel. Councillor Fletcher pointed out that the concrete blocks had replaced a muddy, wandering bank with something which looked green but was durable. It was felt that NYCC should not have directed people to walk there as it was not a footpath. B Helm would be asked to fill hollows and reseed.

Councillor Mrs Imeson had received complaints about dog fouling on Low Green. Councillor Fletcher would prepare notices reminding owners that children played on the Green and that they should clean up after their dogs. Councillor Mrs Imeson reported that Mrs Dale of Easby Lane would like to donate a seat to the village to be sited near the bus stop opposite Lowthers. Councillor Fletcher would look at the proposed site and permission would be granted if there was sufficient room.

A survey of the Village Hall had shown it to be in very poor condition. It was not worth spending a lot of money on and a multi-organisation hall would be of more use to the village. It was thought that there were too many small halls and not one big enough. Councillor Mrs Imeson would organise for a feasibility study to be carried out by HDC.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2001.