

## Minutes of a Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2001 at 7.00 pm

### Present

Councillors J Fletcher, Chairman, L Groves, P Bell, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs G Greenwell. Sgt D Merritt and three members of the public also attended.

### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Imeson and R Kirk.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2001 were approved and signed.

### Police Business

Sgt Merritt reported that there had been 9 crimes in the area in the last month, of which two had been burglaries, one house burglary and one attempted house burglary. A person had been arrested in connection with the attempted burglary. There had been 17 incidents of antisocial behaviour and 14 letters had been sent parents. Operation Profile would be stepped up and foot patrols would be increased and carried out earlier in the evening. Burdons had secured the cellar at the old Edward Kitching School but had not removed the rubble. Sgt Merritt emphasised that residents should call the police if they were experiencing trouble from youths.

Two complaints had been received about the play area. Councillor Mrs Stevens had been locking the area each evening and there were no signs of youths having congregated there after the gate was locked.

In response to a comment from Councillor Mrs Greenwell, Sgt Merritt said that North Yorkshire Police were unlikely to go for uniformed wardens taking over the "village beat". This had been tried with Special Constables and had not been greatly successful.

A letter from Inspector John Fowler, in response to the Parish Council's letter, stated that the majority of calls to the police were answered within the 20 second target.

### Matters arising

High Green bylaws The police were fully aware of the existing bylaws. Publicans and off-licences were participating in preventing drinking on the green.

Arcade It was obvious that the owners had no pride in their property and had no wish to enhance it. Minute concluded.

Cemetery extension Minute continued

Sublet of playing fields Minute continued

Seat, Low Green Minute continued

Allotments – pesticide/herbicide spray course No-one had been found who was willing to take on spraying of the allotments. There were approximately 10 in need of attention. Councillor Mrs Greenwell would contact someone whom she thought may carry out the work.

Play area/cemetery extension fence Councillor Fletcher had prepared a report of a meeting held at the play area with the play area sub-committee, neighbouring residents and Sgt Merritt. Several proposals were made as a result of the meeting:- that the area be locked at night; that the roofs on the towers be modified to prevent youths sitting on them; that pig netting be installed under the hedge on the inside of the play area; that the hedge be cut as normal. The residents were opposed to the removal or significant lowering of the hedge. Suggestions for the future included revisiting the original proposal to remove the hedge, and reconsideration of use age group. It was not the intention to close the play area.

Councillor Mrs Stevens, who had locked the area each evening since the play area meeting and kept a diary, reported that she had experienced no trouble with children leaving the area at closing time and that locking the gate appeared to have solved the problem of older youths congregating there and breaking glass.

Councillor Bell suggested that the play area be "put on probation" for one year. He favoured it being moved to Low Green.

Village Hall Minute continued

Seat - Mrs Dale Minute deferred to await further suggestion from Mrs Dale

Banking arrangements Minute continued

Allotment hedge It was agreed to employ a contractor to cut it.

St George's flag The Parish Council already owns such a flag. Minute concluded.

Footpath, Station Road NYCC unable to clear whole length of path due to lack of funds. Will look at problem area.

Tree outside 62 Guisborough Road Highways had inspected tree, found it to be sound and decided no action was necessary. Mr Eardley to be so notified.

### Accounts

M L Holden (clerk)	316.40
W B Helm (Cemetery superintendent)	773.40
Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	331.63
M L Holden (reimburse paint, course fee)	24.21

Eric Harrison (grass cutting)	490.00
Roseberry Community Primary School (band fund)	276.69
Worthy Pearson News (stationery)	14.14
Shaw & Sons Ltd (receipts and payments book)	52.24
T Featherstone (planting tubs and signs)	210.00
Northumbrian Water (supply cemetery, allotments)	36.73
E K Williams (petrol, direct debit)	124.94
W B Helm (reimburse phone rental)	34.96
Atkinson Garden Machinery (mower service, parts)	94.35
<u>Receipts</u>	
R Dawson (allotment rent)	7.50
W B Helm (underpaid cemetery fee)	60.00
Cemetery fees	565.00
Mrs D Bailey (garage rent)	10.00

### Correspondence

NYCC – re Waste Management Strategy - request for comments. *Received*

HDC – Standards Committee or Sub-committee – voting paper. *Voted for Councillor Mrs Greenwell*

Rudby Parish Council – invitation to attend meeting re funding for community buses 18.7.01. *Unable to attend*

HDC – re recycling at Buck Hotel. *Suggested location at Working Men’s Club approved but noted that site is very open and close to housing. Should be run in addition to facility at Buck Hotel*

N Yorks Health Authority – consultation documents re changes to management of health services. *Received*

NYCC – review of winter maintenance policy; urban grass cutting. *Cllr Fletcher to study winter maintenance policy. Agreed that grass cutting would remain Parish Council’s responsibility.*

Bow House – re advertisement in “Come and Stay in Herriot Country 2002”. *Agreed that new photograph was required. All Saints Church suggested.*

NYCC – proposed introduction of waiting restrictions – Park Rise; Low Green. *Waiting restrictions for Park Rise approved. Restrictions at Low Green felt to be unnecessary as congestion occurs only 2 or 3 times per year.*

Mrs E Adams – re bus stop markings on Newton Road. *Highways to asked for comments.*

Mrs E Snowdon – re footpath at Low Green. *Parish Council sympathised but unable to recommend further action*

Christopher Harrison, 1<sup>st</sup> Great Ayton Scout Troop – request for support to attend World Scout Jamboree. *Councillor Groves declared a code of conduct interest. Parish Council recognised honour of representing Great Ayton. PC received many requests for help and could not give to all. Therefore unable to make direct donation but would try to identify tasks for which payment could be made.*

Wilson, Willoughby & Wetherills – re cost of exhuming cremated remains. *Costs commensurate with burial fees.*

The following items of information were received:-

NYMNP – Section 3 conservation map (2000 update) with background information; Agenda meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2001; Planning Committee Agenda 18<sup>th</sup> June 2001

Learning and Skills Council, North Yorkshire – Bite Size Courses – posters

Allianz Cornhill – information re making claims

Society of Friends – thank you letter

NYCC – Guide to Local Government Pension Scheme

NYP – re Police Authority Policing Plan for 2001/2002; PA News – newsletter

NYCC – re meeting of County Committee for Hambleton 3.7.01, agenda

NYCC – notice relating to Traffic Regulation Order

NYCC – Foot and Mouth Disease – Public Rights of Way; response to PC’s letter

Councillor Mrs Stevens left the meeting.

### Planning applications

Construction of domestic garage to replace existing outbuilding – amendments – Ayton Hall. *No representations*

Listed building consent as above. *No representations*

Construction of boundary wall – Ashcroft, Little Ayton Lane. *Parish Council concerned re lack of visibility splay*

Use of existing disused land for domestic purposes – Tourist Information Centre. *No representations but concern expressed that large cedar tree should not be damaged*

Change of use and extension to domestic double garage for use in connection with an LPG vehicle conversion business – Greenhow Hill Farm. *No representations*

Layout of land and construction of 38 dwellings – rear California Court, Frankfield Place, Pearsonville – amendments. *Councillor Mrs Greenwell declared an interest. There were no representations other than those previously made. There were no representations relating to the mini roundabout but it was thought that the pedestrian refuge was unnecessary.*

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 47 Addison Road. *No representations*

Application for listed building consent for the installation of a handrail – Richardson Hall. *No representations*

Layout of land and construction of a building to comprise 14 apartments and construction of a bin storage building – 44 Newton Road. *The Parish Council felt that the proposed development was far too big. Suggested a two storey compromise.*

Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse – 35 Byemoor Avenue. *No representations*

Plans approved

Application for consent to carry out works to a tree subject to TPO, Ayton School

Alterations and extensions to existing building as amended – Aschroft, Little Ayton Lane

Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to existing dwelling – 17 High Green

Construction of detached domestic garage – High Pastures, Stanley Houses

Application for Listed Building Consent for the re-roofing of an existing outbuilding – The Manor House

Ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse – 2 California Grove

Proposed reducing and thinning of trees as per schedule – 63 High Street

Construction of a domestic double garage – Charters Mead, Easby Lane

Proposed felling of Norway spruce tree – 8 High Green

Site visit – Monday 9.7.01, 11.35 a.m. Pearsons Yard Councillors present at meeting unable to attend. Cllr Mrs Stevens to be asked if she would be available.

**Wages increase – Cemetery Superintendent and Clerk**

An increase of 3 ½%, in line with local council pay rises, was agreed.

**Councillors' reports**

Councillor Bell reported that a resident would like to have the seat at the top of the Chapel Steps removed as it was a gathering place for youths who caused nuisance. It was felt that it provided rest for people walking up the steps and should remain in place. The resident would be thanked for her concern.

He had noticed that the penalties for dog fouling varied from notice to notice, from £1000 to £500. Hambleton District Council would be informed.

He asked about the provision of a car park at the allotments. He was advised that this had already been investigated and proved to be too expensive.

Councillor Fletcher reported that the proposed zebra crossing had been shelved to see if traffic calming measures had the desired effect.

The small slide in the play area had been damaged beyond repair. It would be removed.

The meeting was then closed. The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2001.