

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council  
Held on Tuesday 08 November 2011 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

Cllrs: R Kirk (Chairman), Mrs F Greenwell, Mrs J Brown, G Readman, R Hudson, and S Jackson.  
Ms J S Cumbor (Parish Clerk). Others Present: Cllr Mrs Moorhouse, Howard Atkinson (Cemetery Superintendent), Matthew Hamer (apprentice), Insp Sarah Sanderson and 34 Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr J Fletcher.
2. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** - Cllr Jackson declared an interest in the Library, other declarations are noted with the relevant topic.
3. **Members of the Public invited to address the Council**
  - 3.1 **Library**
    - 3.1.1 Cllr Kirk advised that no decision could be made at this Meeting as a formal request regarding the Precept had not been made in time to allow three clear days notice for the item to be represented on the Agenda clearly. An Extra Ordinary Meeting would be called for one week's time. The Public were invited to speak but because no decision would be made that evening Councillors would consider any points raised at the Extra Ordinary meeting.
    - 3.1.2 Members of the Public:
      - a) Ian Pearce stated that the only realistic way to keep Great Ayton Library is to run this as a Community venture with an assured source of income, the only realistic source of income is through the Precept; he requested the Council increase the Precept By £20, on a Band D property, to fund this.
      - b) Ken Taylor considered that the survey undertaken by SGALG overwhelmingly supported the Precept increase. A 28% response of around 2,000 questionnaires showed 95% supported an increase. Statistics would confirm that this is a very significant response and would indicate that between 80% and 90% of the Village would support the increase.
      - c) Jennifer Roberts spoke about the work undertaken by SGALG and the potential evolution of the Library and its facilities and reminded the Parish Council of their prior commitment to fully support SGALG.
      - d) Richard Stainsby reminded Councillors of the statements made in their election material and requested the Parish Council support the increase in Precept.
      - e) County Councillor Mrs Moorhouse reported how the Draft Business Plan had been received at NYCC and an encouraging positive response had been received in return.
      - f) Julie Fields supported all the comments made.
  - 3.2 **Other Public Representations** – reported within the Council Services and Planning Reports.
4. **Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting for Tuesday 11 October 2011 were approved and signed.
5. **Police Business**
  - 5.1 **October Statistics and Reports.**
    - 5.1.1 The Statistics were received. Insp Sanderson advised that a lot of activity had taken place dealing with anti-social behaviour and that working with Broadacres various actions had taken place. A high level of policing would remain in the key areas where anti-social behaviour has been taking place. Cllr Jackson asked if a dispersal order was applicable; it was advised that in these particular instances it is not suitable. Insp Sanderson urged the Public to come forward and report issues to the Police and Broadacres and in areas where diary leaflets provided complete these and return to the Police as evidence.
    - 5.1.2 Insp Sanderson confirmed that they were working in partnership with Broadacres to set up a Boxing Club to reach out to those under 16 years of age.
    - 5.1.3 Cllr Kirk thanked the Police for the work they have been doing and reiterated Insp Sanderson's comments about reporting matters to the Police.
  - 5.2 Invitation to Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Meeting on 23 November at 7pm at the Hollygarth Meeting Room; purpose to reinvigorate the Scheme and share ideas. – Cllr Kirk confirmed he would attend.
  - 5.3 Various items of correspondence received, including Ringmaster Reports, response to Council letter and information concerning door step crime and distraction burglary Documentary by the BBC. – Items received.

**6. Council Services Report**

6.1 The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

6.2 Rachel Turnbull – Play Area future and suggestions for development. Mrs Turnbull advised that she was concerned about the future of the Play Area and would like to know what was happening with this and be involved and share ideas for its development. Cllr Kirk advised that the Play Area land and that where Yatton House was belonged to the Cemetery, the Cemetery was filling up and now was the time to discuss how to make changes to accommodate the issues. Cllr Mrs Brown was asked to meet with Mrs Turnbull about the Play Area.

**7. Matters arising from the minutes (for information only)**

7.1 Village Hall – Work due to start on the gutters. *Minute continued.*

7.2 S106 Projects – *Minute continued.*

8. **Planning Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept decisions made in the Report.

9. **Correspondence and Information Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

10. **Clerk's Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

11. **Accounts Report** - The Report was received; it was resolved to accept the decisions made in the Report.

**12. Councillors' Report**

12.1 Cllr Jackson commented that there wasn't a D&S Time Correspondent present again and that Great Ayton did not appear to be getting much representation in the D&S at the moment, most that was reported was instigated by Residents themselves. Councillors expressed concern and decided that the Clerk should contact the Correspondent about attendance.

The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 6 December 2011 to be held at 7pm in the Children's Room at the Friends Meeting House.

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**COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Cemetery	Cutting back of all hedges.	Older part of Cemetery outstanding.	Open.
	Cemetery Regulation Draft Update.	Defer to a later Meeting.	Open.
	Scots Pine Tree - Communications received from 2 residents and Broadacres requesting the removal of the tree. Report from Tree Surgeon recommending the tree is removed; it is in a dangerous condition. Planning Department at HDC contacted and given information from Tree Surgeon as a courtesy.	Cost £530 with £240 to build wood box to protect 4 headstones.  The Clerk was asked to write to Yuill and Broadacres to request a contribution towards the cost of the work to the trees.	Open.
	Wasp Nest close to fence at back of Linden Close. Essential repairs to fence can't be completed for Broadacres until wasps killed.	Howard dealt with accordingly.	Closed.
Allotments	Changes to car park behind Skottowe Drive Letters from Allotment Association and Pigeon Club supporting the retention of the car park.	Details noted.	Closed.
	On site meeting held with interested parties to discuss situation, no decision made deferred to this meeting. Cllr Hudson advised that the Allotment Users would like car park to remain but the Residents adjacent to the area would like it to be converted back to a garden. It was noted that significant costs would be incurred to change back to a garden.	Cllr Hudson proposed dividing half of the car park to stop cars parking close to the Residents and leaving the remainder for a car park area. Cllr Mrs Greenwell seconded the proposal. The proposal was unanimously agreed.  Cllr Hudson would liaise with the Cemetery Superintendent about the work to be carried out.	Closed.  Open.
	Planings on order for delivery when available.	Delivered.	Closed.
	Land available for additional allotments, Yarm Lane and Stokesley Road.	It was agreed to review after the October Allotment Renewal Date when the size of the waiting list would be clear.	C/F
	Cllr Hudson reported that the area near the bollards was untidy, possibly due to fly tipping.	Items removed.	Closed.
	Fly Tipping vehicle access off B1292, the items tipped were heavy and would need specialist equipment to lift.	HDC visited, put up No Fly Tipping signs. Cllr Hudson was asked to liaise with the Cemetery Superintendent concerning the safe removal of items.	Open.
	Police to start an Allotment Watch and put up signs.	Contact Details for Holders shared with the Police.	Closed.

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**COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT cont.**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Allotments, cont.	Request for ramped access through the entrance opposite Yatton House for wheelchair user of Yatton House to attend the garden.	Cllr Readman declared an interest. It was noted that the path has a large drop on entering through the gate and that it is worn, a more suitable entrance would be directly through the hedge into the Yatton House garden. Cllr Hudson was asked to meet and discuss with the Cemetery Superintendent and explore opportunities for a joint venture approach with Yatton House.	Open.
	Possible contender for £400 grant from Hambleton Area Partnership	Item to be placed on the list for consideration and closed in this section.	Closed.
Play Area	RoSPA Report – repair/maintenance requirements.	On going.	Open.
Low Green	Himalayan Balsam Weed requiring eradication. Cemetery Superintendent has strimmed the area.	Digging up of roots outstanding.	Open.
	Wild flowers planting - Stokesley Road side.	It was agreed to review this in spring.	C/F
	Storm damage Willow Trees near the Bus Stop.	Work outstanding with Highways who will remove and make safe.	Open.
	Possible bench around Willow Tree for people to purchase a seat for future “In Memory Donations”.	Bench will be £860 plus £220 for galvanizing. It was agreed to purchase the bench. Shares (6 in total) would be offered to people wishing to donate benches in memory of Residents.	Open.
	Bench request for Allan Russell.	The Clerk was asked to offer a share of the above bench.	Open.
High Green	Trimming of Cherry Trees on the High Green. Planning consent outstanding.	It was noted that work to the trees may not be possibly now until next year otherwise there would be a potential risk to the trees.	Open.
	Lime Tree and Bench replacement. Tree Surgeon asked to report on suitable alternative and planting.	Repair costs would be £240; this was under the Insurance Excess limit. The quote was approved and the Clerk asked to organize.	Open.
	The Rotary Club may consider a contribution towards a new tree or some other low cost item for the Village.	The offer was welcomed. Other opportunities for such funds would be the Station Project.	Open.
	Communication from Dave Collins regarding the Lime Tree. Dave involved with the original planting of the Lime Tree for VE Day,  Discuss Fete collection being for the benefit of the replacement tree and bench works.	Dave would like to be involved with the arrangements of the new tree and may be able to make a contribution.	Open.  C/F.

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**COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT cont.**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
The Riverside	Construction of new path along the top of the “bund” and completion of stone laying to the existing paths.	Completed.	Closed.
Public Conveniences	Cllr Kirk to investigate leasing of the Public Conveniences through the Capt Cook Garden Charity.		Open.
	Insulation of pipe work.	Completed.	Closed.
	Suggestion received to close at 5pm during the winter.	It was agreed this was a good idea.	Closed.
Car Park near Stone Bridge	Report regarding gap between tarmac and grass verge.	Gap filled in - completed.	Closed.

Matthew Hamer, the new Apprentice, attended the Meeting and was introduced to the Councillors and Public Members attending. Matthew stated he was enjoying the work and felt he had assisted with a lot of tasks since joining. He confirmed he was due to attend an Induction Course at the National Park and would be going to Northumberland with the National Park and Environment Agency to learn more about the “Slow the Flow” Project he would be assisting with as part of his training. College training would be approximately 2 days per month. Cllr Kirk thanked Matthew for attending and wished him well with.

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**PLANNING REPORT**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b>PLANNING REF/ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORK</b>	<b>COUNCIL RESPONSE</b>
11/02196/FUL – Stanley House	Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to form ancillary accommodation for a disabled person.	Cllr Hudson declared an interest. No Observations.
11/02209/FUL – 9 Linden Road	Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling with demolition of existing Annex and construction of new Garage with Annex over.  Members of the Public expressed their concerns in relation to the proposed Annex which appeared to be the creation of potential living accommodation. Advice was given to register their concerns to HDC; a copy of a letter sent to the HDC was handed to the Clerk.	Cllr Kirk declared an interest. Concerns were raised. Confirmation to be sought to verify if the extension is within the 45 degree rule with relation to the property at No 7 (a bungalow). The size, nature and intentions for the Annex were questioned; Cllr Mrs Greenwell was asked to discuss with HDC to see if they would be rejecting this; if not then a Site Visit should be requested and this is brought before the Planning Committee.
11/02227/LBC – 10 High Green	Application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of 16 PV panels.	All Cllrs declared an interest - No Observations.
11/01720/FUL – 18 High Street	Proposed extension to existing dwelling. Amendments now show height of roof line in comparison to those in close proximity.	No Observations.
11/02278/FUL – 47 Addison Road	Provision of carport.	No Observations.
11/02320/FUL – 54 Wainstones Close	Single storey rear extension.	Cllr Hudson declared an interest. Concerns were raised about the impact to No 56.

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

<b>PLANNING REF/ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORK</b>
11/01548/FUL – 14 Yarm Lane	Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling.
11/01752/TPO – 5 Old Mill Wynd	Application for works to 4 trees subject to TPO No 1998/01.
11/01787/FUL – 4 Old Mill Wynd	Proposed conservatory to rear of existing dwelling.
11/01759/FUL – 85 High Street	Proposed alterations to existing dwelling.

**OTHER PLANNING INFORMATION**

<b>PLANNING REF/ADDRESS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
10/00167/CAT3 – 8 High St	Planning Application outstanding for signs on the front of the premises. The Clerk was asked to remind HDC about this.	Open.
Bank Flow Farm	HDC has confirmed that the temporary planning approval does not expire until 2012. HDC are looking into the signs on the grass verges.	Open.
54 Wainstones Close	The Clerk advised that information had been received from HDC concerning a complaint relating to an extension being built at the premises that appeared to not have planning permission. See above planning application.	Closed.
11/00259/FUL – Chapel House APP/G2713/A/11/2162808/NWF	Planning Appeal reference alterations to existing dwelling to form 2 flats. Deadline for representations 01/12/11.	New.
Stanley House	Reports received concerning six caravans on land behind Stanley House, including one large static caravan. Details reported to HDC, response outstanding. The Clerk was asked to write to HDC about this as a matter of urgency. Cllrs Mrs Moorhouse agreed to follow up the access with Highways.	New.

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**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION REPORT**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Action</b>
Fairtrade	Fairtrade Town Status Renewal Form for Chairman's Signature.	Documents signed.
	Open House for Triadcraft items 5 and 7 November 2011 at 71 Roseberry Crescent.	Noted.
1 <sup>st</sup> Great Ayton Scout Group	Notification of Bonfire and Firework Display at Woodhouse Farm on Saturday 5 November; the event will be held in line with Scout rules and HSE/RoSPA guidelines. It was reported that the Event had been a great success and approx. 900 people had attended.	Congratulations to be sent to the Scouts. A proposal to make a retrospective contribution of £200 was put forward but not agreed as the event had appeared to be self financing.
HDC – Street Scene	Dave Granger gave a talk on Dog Fouling to the Schools. Children entered a poster competition and the winners have been selected. The winning posters will be put up round the Village following a publicity event to be set up by HDC's Publicity Department.	Cllr Jackson advised he had checked legislation and learnt that a Parish Council could increase the fine for dog fouling, which may encourage people to pick up. Cllr Kirk felt that this may pass responsibility of Dog Warden duties to the Parish Council and would check.
HDC – Peter Cole, Hambleton Area Partnerships	Notification of Community Grant of up to £400 for Community Projects, with a list of priorities/criteria. Applications to be sent by 19 November 2011, these will be discussed at the Stokesley & Villages Community Regeneration Group Meeting on 23 November 2011.  Cost for Notice board made in wood by Mr Barker would be £336.	Station Project and ramped access at Allotment considered for Grant Application, but it was agreed to apply for the Grant to pay for the new notice board.
NYCC – Pensions Dept	Requirement for Employer Discretionary Document – Pension Fund. Parish Council to adopt a Policy and forward a copy to NYCC – Pensions Department. Copy of NYCC and HDC's received for review and guidance. Recommend to adopt the HDC Policy.	It was agreed to adopt the HDC Policy and the Clerk to complete.
South Cleveland Heart Fund (SCHF)	SCHF support the Cardiothoracic Unit at James Cook Hospital; the letter seeks donations from Parish Councils of £100 towards a workstation for cardiac MRI.	It was agreed to decline the request.
Great Broughton Parish Council	Suggestion that local Parish Councils meet to discuss the Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England; suitable dates for a meeting requested.	It was agreed as the Parish Council response had already been sent no further meeting was necessary. Cllr Mrs Moorhouse asked if we could share the response.

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**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION REPORT cont.**

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<b>Sender</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Action</b>
Northumbrian Water – Flooding Roseberry Crescent	Detailed design statement regarding flooding problems in Roseberry Crescent completed and options to complete a scheme to eliminate the problems is being considered. When available a further up date will be provided.	Noted and welcomed.
NYMNPA	LEADER and Small Scale Enhancement Scheme - Heritage Conference on 10 November 2011 at Whitby.	Received.
	Northern Area Parish Forum on 26 October at Goathland.	Received.
Tees Valley Rural Community Council	Invitation to Events: 07/11/11 - County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – 3 C’s at Norton. 21/11/11 – Village Hall Network Training at Greatham. 30/11/11 – Village SOS Roadshow at Darlington. 08/12/11 – Community Environmental Champions Awareness Training at Thorpe Thewles.	Received.
Redcar & Cleveland BC	Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council on 13th October 2011.	Received.
PSG	Minutes from September Meeting.	Received.
NYWAG	Notification that the Planning Application for the Allerton Park Waste Incinerator Plant has been made Public.	Received.
NYCC – Highways	Temporary Road Closure between Lonsdale and Kildale for emergency repairs.	Noted.
Mr Hill	Postal Scam information.	Received.

**INFORMATION**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Information</b>
EVAq8 Ltd	Details and costs of emergency packs, i.e. medical kits and foil blankets etc.
Historic Town Forum	Annual Conference: Economic Vision in Historic Towns - Planning and Regeneration on 20 October 2011 at York.
Rural Services Network	4 x Weekly Newsletters.
Action for Market Towns	Town Centre Solutions Workshop on 29 November 2011 at Stony Stratford.
	Neighbourhood Planning Symposium on 9 November 2011 in London.
SLCC	Branch Newsletter, including information and advice about the Queen’s Jubilee.
Blachere Illumination	2011 Christmas Catalogue and Offers.
SMP	Autumn Play Area Deals.



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**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION REPORT cont.**

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<b>Sender</b>	<b>Information</b>
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Playground design information.
Pennine Playgrounds	Advertising of new features for play areas.
Image Playgrounds	Innovative new designs for “early years” age group 2011/12.
Wickstead Playscapes	Playground design information.
Green & Son Building Supplies	Advertisement for ice and snow preparations cost of rock salt, i.e. £3.75 per 25kg bag with free delivery for 20 delivered. £90 for bulk 1 ton bag.
Furniture@work	Sale catalogue.
Clerk & Councils Direct	Magazine, articles include a feature on Play Areas.
Rural Action Yorkshire	Autumn Newsletter, articles include Community Led Plans, Big Society in Action and Village Halls Working Together.
Sustainable Government	2 x Newsletters.

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**CLERK'S REPORT**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Footpath Easby Lane to Suggitt's Field	Footpath completed. New kissing gate and cutting back trees outstanding. Underground leak.	Still on list of outstanding items to be completed in this Fiscal Year.	Open.
Footpath behind Cliffe Terrace	PROW cannot provide a date for the resurfacing. They hope to do sometime during this Fiscal Year.	Will be Summer 2012 at the earliest before work will be done.	Open.
Hall Fields Project	Nicky Smith, NDVSA, chasing the Forestry Commission (Woodland Improvement Grants) for assistance, has escalated the request.	No change.	Open.
	NWB may be able to assist if their 2 <sup>nd</sup> proposal for flood defences for Roseberry Crescent is agreed. The EA may also assist with grant funding.	No change.	Open.
Speeding	Guisborough Road – Deployment of data logger outstanding.	There is a long backlog of areas requiring data loggers.	Open.
Stephen Hilton	Donation offered in memory of his Mother, Marjorie Shaw (value up to £1,000). Mr Hilton to arrange a visit to consider options.	Mr Hilton has confirmed still interested in making this donation, possible to the Library.	Open.
Flood Defences	PPS - Surveys completed, reports and costs should be available by 11 November. Agreement drawn by Solicitors, and ready to use by Parish Council with the Property Owners.		Open.
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons 04/06/12	Permission received to use Captain Cook's Monument for a Beacon; appropriate safeguards need to be in place, i.e. safety, fire precautions. NYMNPA looking to put a Beacon on Roseberry Topping. "Guide to Taking Part" received from the Pageantmaster of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons.	Discuss with all parties in the New Year.	C/F.
Fete - 9 June 2012 and Queen's Jubilee Week.	Discuss format of Event/s and decide a Theme. Explore other opportunities for Celebrating the Jubilee.	Invitation to open the Fete sent to Rt. Hon W. Hague; confirmation received stating best efforts will be made to attend.	Closed.
	Letter from Friends of Roseberry School concerning the date of the Fete. Concerns over the date, reduction in numbers attending and children available to dress the floats. Welcome the opportunity to work with the Parish Council to find an optimal solution.	The Clerk was asked to contact the Schools and Girl Guides and explore suitable alternative dates.	Open.

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**CLERK’S REPORT cont.**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Christmas Celebrations	Late night opening will be 17 November. Prize and judging of Best Dressed Retail Outlet.	It was agreed that the judging would take place week commencing 12 December and the prize would be a bottle of champagne.	Closed.
	Father Christmas confirmed for Santa’s Sleigh Visit. One Collector confirmed. Additional Collectors to be sought.		Open.
	Parish Dinner - Saturday 28 January 2012.	Invitation to be sent to Dinner Guests.	Open.
Dikes Lane	Confirmation received from Residents that Highways have placed additional grit bins from the Station to below Gribdale Terrace.		Closed.
Roseberry Crescent	Re-positioning of Grit Bin by NYCC had not taken place as reported in the Minutes of the 01/03/11.	The Clerk was asked to investigate the situation.	Open.

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**ACCOUNTS REPORT**

**1.1 Payments**

<b><u>Supplier</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Other data</u></b>	<b><u>Value £</u></b>
Northumbrian Water	Water Rates for Cemetery (Direct Debit).	Cemetery	10.33
Stephen Johnson	Works to Leylandii Trees bordering Central Way/Play Area.	Cemetery	1,080.00
Image Playgrounds	Repair to wet pour surface.	POS	144.00
MKM Building Supplies	Loose stone for footpaths at the Riverside.	POS	355.20
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd	Shovel, Items to repair flat roof on Cemetery store, Over Specs. Gloves and Oil.	POS/Cemetery	102.57
Ms J S Cumbor	Plants for tubs/signs, Ink for Printer, Phone Calls, Envelopes and Mileage for banking and other village work.	General Admin/POS	178.34
The Royal Oak	Captain Cook Lunch.	Misc	256.25
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath Donation.	s.137	20.00
Howard Atkinson	Mobile Top Up.	Allotments	10.00
Mrs A Foster	Refund of Allotment Deposit 30a1.	Allotment Deps.	10.00
Thompsons Hardware Ltd	Consumables for Public Conveniences and key cutting.	46.90	
Thompsons Hardware Ltd	Calor Gas Heater and bottle for Cemetery Office and keys.	93.99	
Thompsons Hardware Ltd	Misc items for planting of tubs/signs and grass seed. POS	29.49	
Thompsons Hardware Ltd	New miscellaneous tools for Apprentice. POS/Cem/Allot.	21.42	191.80
W Eves & Co Ltd	Fuel for Mower Tractor (director Debit).	POS/Cemetery	204.20
Safechem Ltd	Consumables for Public Conveniences.	Public Conveniences	62.41
G A Marwood	Allotment Ground Rent.	Allotments	250.00
Eric Harrison	3 Cuts of Grass Verges.	POS Grass Cutting	720.00
Farmway Ltd	Safety wear, consumables, tools and rat killer.	POS/Allotments/ Cemetery	156.14
BE Johnson Builder	Roof work to Village Hall.	S.106 V.Hall	2,557.78
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6,309.02</b>

**1.2 Receipts**

<b><u>Customer</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Other data</u></b>	<b><u>Value £</u></b>
Various	Allotment Rents.	Allotment Rents	1,366.00
Various	Allotment Deposits.	Allotment Deps	165.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Refund.	VAT Refund	326.53
Mrs J Brown	Grave Reservation KC31.	Cemetery	63.00
Mars D Bailey	Garage Rent.	Garage Rent	25.00
Various	Cemetery Receipts for Internment of Ashes and Plaques.	Cemetery	282.00
Various	Allotment Deposits Fowler 30a1/Rigg 33a/Whitlock 58d.	Allotment Deps.	67.50
Mr Fowler	Allotment Rent	Allotment Rents	15.00
NYCC	Contribution towards Highways Grass Verge Cutting	POS	2,479.38
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>4,789.41</b>

1.3 Hambleton District Council – Notification of Precept Submission, due in by 17 January 2012 – Noted.

1.4 Bank Provision - maximizing interest and local banking facility – Deferred to future Meeting.

**Public Statements made at the Monthly Meeting of Great Ayton Parish Council  
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**For The Parish Councillors from The Clerk**

The Statements made by various Public Members at the meeting on Tuesday 8 November were not formally sent to the Parish Council prior to the Meeting. As you know the Chairman allowed these Statements to be expressed and I have been asked by the Chairman to share the full statements with you. You will see that the below is not fully recorded in the Minutes.

3. Library

- 3.1.1 Cllr Kirk advised that no decision could be made at this Meeting as a formal request regarding the Precept had not been made in time to allow three clear days notice for the item to be represented on the Agenda clearly. An Extra Ordinary Meeting would be called for one week's time. The Public were invited to speak.
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- 3.1.3 Ken Taylor, a Co-Author of the Business Plan, advised that he was aware some concern was being raised regarding the results of the Survey and its validity. It is known that the more people questioned the smaller the response received will be. In the case of this Survey around 2,000 questionnaires were sent out, with a 28% response, of which 95% supporting an increase. Statistics would confirm that this is a very significant response and would indicate that between 80% and 90% of the Village would support the increase. It is hoped this alleviates any concerns and demonstrates what the Village wants.
- 3.1.4 Jennifer Roberts commented that a great deal of work has been done by very able people for *SGALG* to reach this stage: the project is ambitious, but achievable if we aim for the top rung and always aim to be first, then everything is possible. The Group is talking with Gary Fielding and NYCC and they approve the draft Business Plan; along with the promise of the use of the Library Building for a day, in order to promote the Business Plan and display future plans for reorganizing the "space": this will mean that everyone can be involved in deciding what might happen. The Parish Council has previously stated they are fully supportive of *SGALG* and its efforts; the Council has within their power the ability to see that *SGALG* achieve their aims. The Survey clearly showed that the wish of the majority of Great Ayton Residents, Library users or not, is to raise the Parish Precept by £20 per Band D household, thus giving the year-on-year funding that the Business Plan requires to maintain Great Ayton Library & Information Service and the Building and allow it evolve and grow to include and embrace more residents. Elected by Great Ayton Electors, I ask that the Parish Council note this positive Survey result and act with strength and without delay. The Parish Council's promise of support will then be proven and it is hoped that the support will continue.
- 3.1.5 Dick Stainsby asked the Parish Councillors to allow him to make a passionate plea in favour of a Parish Precept of £20 to be allowed in favour of a Community Library. We have all learnt with interest that in a recent ranking of the best places in the country to raise a family. Great Ayton came seventh in the list. I did just that, I raised a family here as I know that most of you did and it is true. Having a vibrant library in our midst was and is part of that distinction. When seeking election the following statements were given, by Councillors:

- a) Chairman Ron Kirk *"I am committed to an efficient and effective Library facility in Great Ayton."*
  - b) Cllr John Fletcher *"I care passionately that we benefit from having a Council that cares about our Community, provides an efficient service and by working in partnership with others continues to be a place to live."*
  - c) Cllr Mrs Francis Greenwell *"Working together with the Community, the Parish Council ensures that Ayton is a great place to live."*
  - d) Cllr Gary Readman *"I would continue to put needs of Great Ayton people at the forefront and do my best."*
- Please, Please, Parish Councillors all do your best and agree to the £20 on the Parish Precept.

3.1.6 County Cllr Mrs Moorhouse stated that SGALG had achieved many milestones with producing a Draft Business Plan, a Draft Constitution and meetings with NYCC and Rural Action Yorkshire for capital funding grants; running costs cannot be raised through grant funds. Gary Fielding of NYCC had written concerning the Draft Business Plan and commented as follows:

"NYCC are extremely appreciative of the work that the Group has put in. There has clearly been a lot of work that has gone into production of this Plan and it is well thought out. The staged approach to developing Great Ayton Central shows a clear direction of travel whilst maintaining a realistic outlook. The aspirations that are laid out in the Plan fit very well indeed with NYCC's thinking in terms of putting libraries at the heart of communities. NYCC have no areas where there is a disagreement between the County Council's position and the aspirations of Great Ayton Central as laid out in the Plan. There are, however, some areas of potential difference about how the Plan is delivered and in particular the contributions that are anticipated from the NYCC.

- a) Staffing - NYCC recognize this as an issue and would wish to work with the community in developing proposals as to how we can achieve this. NYCC has been clear that it needs to meet its budget savings requirement and it is therefore simply not possible for them to fund any element of paid staffing (other than the guidance and support which would be available from professional library staff). The issue of paid staffing therefore appears to be key to the sustainability of the plans for Great Ayton Central and will require further attention in the very near future.
- b) Building Costs – NYCC do understand that communities will be reluctant to take on responsibility for buildings where this includes liability for major repairs and maintenance. At the same time, NYCC is not able to commit large sums of money to underwrite major repairs and maintenance (if non-insurable). It is therefore proposed that they would seek to negotiate a lease where the community is able to walk away from the lease in the event of there being major repairs and maintenance requirements at no penalty. NYCC would then pick up the building consider its options.

NYCC are pleased to say that their assessment of the Plan put forward for Great Ayton Central demonstrates real progress and, barring any significant changes over the next week or so, they will be recommending that discussions continue between the NYCC and the Group. Further work will need to progress quickly and it will no doubt be intensive but NYCC would trust that the community would welcome this approach. It is important to note, however, that ultimately elected Members will make the decision. Ultimately, however, the future of the library beyond 31 March will depend upon a further refined Plan which can demonstrate it is financially sustainable."

Cllr Mrs Moorhouse went on to say the "ball" was in the Parish Council court, funds needs to be raised via the Precept to make this happen.

3.1.7 Julie Fields said as a campaigner for the Library she would like to re0echo the voices received from the Village. People are agreeing to double the Precept and this shows the passion that they feel and their desire to keep the facility. Julie thanked the Parish Council for listening to the statements given.

3.1.8 Cllr Kirk confirmed that he was sorry the decision could not be made today but encouraged people to watch the notice board for the publication of the Extra Ordinary Meeting next week. The matter is very significant and requires a clear meeting debate and decision by the Parish Council.