

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2008

PRESENT	Rob Boyd (Chair)	RB	Raymond Allan	RA
	Graham Dolan	GD	Norman Robertson	NR
	Paul Wheelhouse	PWh	Dick Noble	DN
	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC	Paul Wilson	PW
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Audrey Cruickshank	AC
	Kenny Combe	KC		

The meeting was preceded by a presentation about the Digital Switch Over in November.

ITEMS

1 Police Report

PC Hulford reported that several suspicious vans had been reported in the area and these were causing concern among the horse community. Suspicious vehicles should be reported, giving the registration number if at all possible. Police had been called to disturbances in the High Street and Beanburn recently. Groups causing minor disturbance, under aged drinking etc usually contained members from other towns and villages as well as locals. He emphasised the need to call the police at the time in the event of any kind of problem.

2 Open Forum

No items

3 Apologies for Absence

Ian Logan (**IL**)

5 Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved – PWh Seconded – KC

6 Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

- Alemill The question of whether Alemill could be included in the Ayton area electoral roll is still being investigated. **IL**
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme A good number of residents had expressed an interest in setting up a scheme. The next step is to contact Inspector Milne before calling a public meeting. **KC**
- Churchyard Entrance Fences No further information. **IL**
- Goalposts in field - ongoing
- Bus Shelter at Old Town - ongoing
- Bus Timetables on Display at Bus Stops These are not in place yet, but should be soon.
- Trees at the North End - ongoing. It is hoped to have the trees planted in October.
- Old Church Information Sign To be discussed by Ayton Historical Society committee. **RB**
RA
- Village Website This is still being developed. www.ayton-village.org **PWh**
- Village Notice Boards Awaiting a quote from Lanark Lodge in Duns. **RB**
- Benches in Store Most benches are in place now. Two more are still needed – on the Eyemouth road and the Cocklaw road. GD to enquire if SB Local will attach the plate in memory of Margaret Virtue on one of the new benches at the south end. It was decided not to place a litter bin beside these benches. **RB**
GD
- Two Vacant Houses in the Crofts BHA has not decided on their future yet. The hedges now need to be cut. RB to check with BHA if this can be arranged. **RB**
- Sign on A1 at North End BEAR has confirmed a sign marked Ayton will be placed on the reverse of the existing sign.

- Keep Ayton Tidy A successful litter pick took place on Saturday 1st July.
- Lawfield Drive Lights Some finishing work is still needed.
- Public Address System It was thought that it would be best if Ayton PS or Friends of APS purchased a system. RB to check with both groups.
- Christmas Lights A sub committee (GD, DN PW& KC) is to meet and organise some Christmas lights for this year.

MC
RB
GD

7 Councillor's Report

Dog Fouling MC reported that fixed penalties are now being issued across the SBC area.

8 Old Post Road Access

The CC had been contacted by a resident of Coldingham regarding the erection of a locked gate at the Ayton end of the old post road, closing it to vehicles. Historically this had always been open to vehicles. The resident asked if the CC would support the case to keep the road open. The CC was sympathetic to the cause and decided to look further into the history of the right of way.

RB

9 Treasurer's Report

TA - £701.62 CGF - £1552.20

10 Planning Applications

Two planning applications were discussed at a special meeting held on 22/6.

Ground of Oaklands, High Street. - Erection of dwelling house (renewal of previous consent). No comment.

Land south West of Lynfield House, Tower Road – Erection of dwelling house.

There was some concern about the removal of ivy from a wall on the access road which provided a wildlife habitat. The CC would also have liked to have some indication of the house type.

At this meeting.

Craigavon High Street – Flat - Alterations to form attic accommodation.

No comment.

Community Councillors were reminded that all applications with comments and decisions are available to the public online on the SBC website.

Members were unsure as to why some plans are submitted to the CC for comment when others are not. MC to seek clarification and check if all applications can be sent for consideration.

MC

11 Correspondence

SBC - Festival of Walking

SBC - Trading Standard Notes

SBC - Green Spaces Strategy

SBC – Notice of Intention to Adopt Local Plan

SBC – Transforming Children's Services

Notice of Low Flying Exercises

Forestry Commission – General Info

Police – Visit of police information caravan – Wednesday 23rd July at 11.00am

Scottish Elder Voice

Berwickshire Citizens' Advice Service - 'Get Credit for Working' posters

10 **AOCB**

- Bus Stop at North End of High Street. A resident had asked if it might be possible to provide a bus shelter near the entrance to Lawfield Drive. This had been looked into a few years ago but there was a problem with it being too near to private properties. It was pointed out that there had been a shelter there in the past. MC to investigate if it might be possible. **MC**

12 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at 7.30pm. **NB** – No meeting in August.