

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 13th January 2014 held at Gayle Methodist Chapel at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs A Fawcett (Chairman), Ms A Caygill, Ms CM Grainger, W Head, S Hunter, Mrs S Mason KM Nugent, A Sunter

In Attendance: I King (Clerk), and two members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs S Alderson, Ms D Allen, J Blackie

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of 4th November 2013 were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chairman. There were no Matters Arising.

2. Chairman - the Council sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery to Chairman Cllr John Blackie who was then in hospital.

3. Play Park

Cllr Nugent briefed the Council on the current state of play. Discussions have been held with Mr P Iveson who has been contracted to install the infrastructure, including grass and soil clearance and concrete laying. Cllr Nugent has also been negotiating with companies and obtaining estimates for the "wet-pour" safety matting, fencing around the proposed new toddler play area, and s "springer" ride, the base of which will need installing as the concrete is laid. Council was concerned about the amount of funding available, and, after a long discussion, agreed to a Proposal by Cllr Head to proceed with the project while reserving the installation of the fencing until it is certain that the funding is available. The plan would include the installation of a double "springer" ride.

Cllr Nugent was encouraged to submit his Invoice for his work so far on the Play Park to the next meeting.

4. Tour de France

There was a long discussion on this year's Grand Départ of the Tour de France. The local Committee had met on the same day as this meeting, and Cllr Mrs Mason reported. She sought clarification that the Committee was operating under the auspices of the Parish Council (the Clerk thought that the answer is "yes") and that bills should be passed through that organisation. (Again, "yes".)

It was apparent that there is a lot of confusion on planning for the Tour de France, and the meeting agreed to invite Tracey Lambert or another representative from the National Park Authority to attend it's February meeting.

It was also thought that local businesses should be invited to sponsor local Tour de France activities.

5. YDNPA Planning Applications

- a. **R/56/461 Mount View, Hawes.** Full planning permission for change of use of downstairs front room from residential to A1 use (retail). **Supported.**

- b. **R/56/250C Cubble Head, Burtersett.** Full planning permission for change of use from agricultural building to domestic store, re-roofing of the building and removal of garden shed. **Supported.**
- c. **R/48/78M School House, Hardraw.** Full planning permission for change of use from outdoor activity centre to bunkhouse/outdoor activity centre with part residential use for owner/site manager internal and external alterations, provision of covered bike stand, installation of biomass boiler and demolition of rear store. **After discussion the Council resolved to Strongly Support this application, for the following reasons:**
 - i. the building's usage as an outdoor activity centre would be preserved, as the Council had wished when its future was last discussed
 - ii. a young couple and two children would be moving into the building
 - iii. they would be running a useful business in the village and attracting young visitors to the Dales
 - iv. such visitors tend to revisit frequently and bring their own children in later life
 - v. the old and handsome school building would be preserved and saved from other more inappropriate development

However, the Council was concerned that any development should be in sympathy with the building itself.

6. YDNPA Planning Decisions

The planning decisions listed on the Agenda for information were noted.

7. Correspondence:

- a. Thank you letter from gentleman who complained about Bookseller
- b. **Citizens Advice Bureau** - intro' of new Manager and request for financial support. **Noted.**
- c. **North Yorks County Council, Highways** - Appersett New (Yore Old) Bridge - repairs postponed from February to April (post Easter School Holidays) - 3 day closure. **Noted.**
- d. **Richmondshire DC** -
 - i. Tour de France Event Fund. **Noted.**
 - ii. Community Newsletter (Circulated). **Noted.**
 - iii. Parish Newsletter (Circulated). **Noted.**
 - iv. Child's Play Improvement Fund 2013-14. **Noted.**
- e. **Healthwatch North Yorkshire:**
 - i. Newsletter - inc. "holding" news item on Friarage Hospital's Children's and Maternity Services. **Noted.**
 - ii. Partnership working dramatically improves ambulance response times for people in Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby. **Noted.**
- f. **Yorkshire Dales NPA:**
 - i. Article 4 Direction: Change of use of barns to commercial uses (opposition to Government plans for freeing planning restrictions on agricultural buildings). **Council was concerned about this apparent attack on the Government's liberalisation of planning restrictions around barn conversions, and agreed to discuss this issue at its February meeting.**

- ii. Local Plan 2015-30 - Protected Green Spaces. **Again, agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.**
- g. **HealthWatch North Yorkshire:** Newsletter (Circulated). **Noted.**
- h. **Welcome to Yorkshire:** Invitation to Tour de France Roadshow Thu 20 Feb 2014. **Noted.**
- i. **Dales Integrated Transport Alliance (DITA):** Dales Connect Bulletin Winter 2013-14 (Circulated). **Noted.**

8. Financial Matters

- a. **Agreed to pay the following Accounts:**
 - i. **Gayle Village Institute** - Room Hire Sep / Oct 2013 - **£30.00** (Confirmation - payment made on 29/11/13)
 - ii. **JT Atkinson & Sons Ltd** - 4 Invoices for items collected by K Nugent - **£368.62** (Confirmation - payment sent on 19/12/13)
 - iii. **JT Atkinson & Sons Ltd** - Invoice (K Nugent) - **£22.17**
 - iv. **Richmondshire District Council** - Dog Bin at Brunt Acres - **£208.80**
 - v. **Cojont Trading Ltd** - Petrol for mowing September 2013 - **£26.00**
- b. **Parish Precept 2014-15. Council agreed to request a Precept of £13,650, the same as the current financial year.**

9. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Ms Grainger asked that the state of the white lining to the rear/side of Cockett's Hotel on the Market Place should be reported as there is much careless parking and local residents are unable to get their cars in or out of their lane. This has been reported before, but nothing has happened. Clerk to report this to Highways.
- b. **War Memorial Organ.** Cllr Ms Grainger advised that Hawes Methodist Chapel is to close in April, and that it houses the only War Memorial in Hawes, the Organ. This may be transferred to the Parish Church, but she suggested that a more traditional War Memorial could be established. Councillors felt that this might be appropriately located on the traffic island at Town Foot.
- c. **Streetlights.** Cllr Ms Caygill reported that the streetlight by the Bus Stop at Little Ings is not working, and that this has also been reported before. Mr Ward added that there is another one inoperative at Beckstones End. Clerk to report to the Highways Lighting.
- d. **Highways Issues.** Cllr Mrs Mason asked that the dead trees by the river - over Haylands Bridge, opposite the cricket ground, are dangerous. Again, this has been reported before.
 The footpath on the right of Brunt Acres road as it heads away from Hawes towards Haylands Bridge goes for part of its route on top of a low wall. Part of this wall has broken down, a gate has been washed away and there is a hole about 3 feet deep.
 Cllr Head added that the road markings at the top of the cobbles outside the HSBC Bank have still not been renewed, and the danger of traffic going down the one way system the wrong way remains.
 The new road surface at Town Foot, outside the surgery premises, has been left with a big hollow near the pedestrian crossing that fills with rain. Cllr Nugent added that the pavement outside the Telephone

Exchange premises at the beginning of Hardraw Road is still in need of repair in spite of several reports and reminders.

Finally, the Council is concerned about the newly-installed Cats' Eyes on the resurfaced road from Simonstone up to the Buttertubs Pass. They stand proud of the road and councillors feel that they may be dangerous to bicycles. It was also noted that the new road surfaces in the area tend to collect water rather than clear it from their surfaces.

The Clerk was asked to report all these issues to the Highways Department, and to invite its new Director to attend the next meeting of the Council.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm