

HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSIDE PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Parish Cllrs: Jill McMullon (Chair), Sheila Alderson, Emma Blades, Dave Colley, Marion Lloyd, Peter Metcalfe, Yurek Waluda, Mike Watts, Barry Wilcox

County Council: Cllr Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Francesca Cartwright - Parish Clerk

Members of the public: 8

Meeting - Part 1

1. Consideration of apologies for absence - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Fawcett and Stephenson

2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held

The minutes of the 17th December 2020 meeting were approved as a true and correct record

3. Declaration of Interests - none

4. Matters arising from the last meeting - none

5. Flooding

a) Report from Flood Risk Management Department, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)

The Chairman welcomed NYCC and WSP to the meeting.

Mr Jones (NYCC) summarised to the meeting that they are the lead local Flood Authority in North Yorkshire. They assess local causes such as surface water, small becks not the River Ure. They are working with WSP on a Feasibility Study on the back of recent flooding. Grant Funding was secured in 2019 from the Local Enterprise Partnership. WSP have NYCC evidence, photographs, etc. and will report back proposed options to NYCC.

Mr Mullen (WSP) commenced the presentation. Presentation slides could not be viewed during the meeting due to technical issues with Zoom. Paper copies will be provided to the Parish Council at a later date.

Mr Mullen summarised to the meeting that the Feasibility Study had been undertaken to look at specific issues identified by residents and commercial occupants at three locations in Hawes and Gayle 1. Abbotstone House, Hawes, 2. Rains Court, Wensleydale Business Park, Hawes 3. Wynd House, Gayle.

The study had found that no two areas had been affected by the same flood effect, there were three distinct mechanisms of flooding and therefore different options available.

1. Abbotstone House, Hawes

Property is adjacent to an electricity sub-station. Floods reported in 2013. This flood was rare and high-volume Assessment - Drainage passing around property is contributing to the flood risks

Options - Drainage modification system, diversion around the property, property level resilience e.g. air brick and flood door cover

2. Rains Court, Wensleydale Business Park, Hawes

Commercial units flooded

Assessment - Blockage in Beck which may be due to railway debris. The area is as at medium to high risk of flood from the beck even without a blockage

Options - Replace dry stone wall with flood defence wall, increase river capacity with channel engineering measures, remove railway debris which could have a positive or negative impact, drainage system upgrades, natural flood management such as woodland planting.

3. Wynd House, Gayle

Floods reported 2013 and 2015

Assessment - Attributed to surface flooding re culvert

A meeting with YDNPA has confirmed that there is an ongoing issue with the culvert

Options - Increase culvert or diversion.

NYCC is also aware of wider flooding issues to road networks and other properties, though the Feasibility Study looks at the three locations only. Due to the grant funding the study cannot be extended to look at other locations/properties.

The Chairman asked if the Parish Councillors had any comments or questions.

Cllr Peacock asked whether Appersett could be looked at, what information would they need. Mr Jones advised that they had looked at Appersett but as it is classed as a main river it is outside of NYCC remit as the lead authority and is the responsibility of the Environment Agency. Lines of communication are open and NYCC will work in Partnership with the Environment Agency.

b) Update from Parish Council Flood Working Group

Cllrs Metcalfe and Colley updated the meeting that the Flood Working Group had contacted the landowner of the side of the beck on Larnaca Lane. He had previously committed to planting trees and will support the Parish Council with measures to reduce flooding such as making a dry-stone wall a flood wall. The holiday cottage owner has also been contacted and offered support.

Cllr Metcalfe explained that one of the problems is that the river has narrowed compared to how it was fifty years ago. The river needs reinstating to how it was so that the water will flow at a slower rate. Enquiries are being made into methods and costs of reinstatement.

Cllr Peacock enquired (to NYCC and WSP) as to the timescales of deciding on the options for the 3 sites. Mr Jones said that WSP will present a high-level Report to NYCC. If there is a case to take action, the next step will be to refine a more detailed scheme. NYCC will discuss with the Parish Council again in the future.

Cllr McMullon said that the Parish Council Flood Working Group would present their findings re Appersett to NYCC in due course.

The Chairman thanked the NYCC and WSP representatives and they left the meeting

Meeting - Part 2

6. To consider any items relating to Highways, Bins, Street Lighting

a) e mail dated 28.01.21 from Area 1 Highways re Safer Roads Layby Works

Cllr Peacock commented that the maps were difficult to interpret. Highways had said that if Parish Councillors would like to receive more detail on an area to contact Highways. The work would be commencing soon.

Cllr McMullon advised that she had received a message from a resident in Keld re gritting getting later than it used to be at the Buttertubs. A number of people had reported the pot holes in Gayle lane as very poor and getting worse.

Cllr Peacock said that she had reported the pot holes in Gayle Lane and it was in hand. The problem with the Buttertubs was that there was not as much traffic on the roads during lock down, a wagon had broken down and priority one roads took priority. All Grit Bins and Heaps were being replenished on a rolling programme.

Cllr McMullon enquired as to whether there was an update on the main road resurfacing in Hawes. Cllr Peacock said that Yorkshire Water were experiencing delays which in turn was delaying the resurfacing works.

Cllr Peacock left the meeting.

7. Financial Matters

6.1 Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council HSBC Bank Account Statements *(Circulated to Parish Councillors on a monthly basis)*

To approve the Accounts paid and note the Income received since the previous Parish Council meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the bank account balance as at 31st January 2021 was £11,376.18.

Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council approved of all the payments and income paid/received.*

8. Discussion Items

a) **Play Parks** - Playpark Volunteer Robin Peters summarised the report circulated to Parish Councillors.

The local Fire Brigade had kindly offered to hose off the surfaces using the detergent purchased by the Parish Council

The Play Park Volunteers would try and repair the Play House which had been vandalised with cladding rather than roofing felt

The Play Park Volunteers would further inspect the Zip Wire to see if a new seat and trolley would be required

Action - Cllr McMullon to contact RDC to see if someone could come and inspect two trees near the Junior Slide. Cllr McMullon to obtain quotes for the fencing on the South Side.

The Parish Council expressed thanks to both Robin Peters and Ian Fraser for all of their hard work.

Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council approved the following spend on the Play Parks:*

Donations Box - c£50.00

Picnic Benches x 2 - c£300.00

Swing Surface Repair Kit - c£75.00

Zip Wire Seat and Trolley (if required) - c£200.00

b) **Garsdale Parish Council Motor Bike Action Group (CANS)** - Cllr Waluda attended the virtual meeting of the Group now known as Councillors Against Noise And Speed (CANS) on 14.01.21, a group representing the National Park areas. The minutes of the meeting had been circulated to Parish Councillors. The group have written to Rishi Sunak and there are hopes that there would be an increase in Police patrols including bike patrols, speed cameras, etc. Cllr Waluda will continue to circulate agendas, minutes and attend the meetings. The Chairman thanked Cllr Waluda for representing the Parish Council.

c) **Antisocial Behaviour in Hawes** - Cllr McMullon advised that as reported in Richmondshire Today, Hawes had experienced problems such as cars and christmas decorations being damaged and door knocking which had caused distress to elderly residents. The Police had been made aware of the four youths involved. The situation has appeared to have calmed down.

Meeting - Part 3

Local resident joined the meeting.

9. YDNPA Planning Applications

New Applications

R/48/155C - full planning permission for extension of existing car park into adjacent agricultural field; erection of green oak pavilion with sedum roof within hotel garden and installation of package treatment plant at Stone House Hotel, Hardraw, DL8 3PT - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/48/13G - full planning permission for existing barn to be reduced in size to meet the conditions of planning permission R/48/13E, metal vertical cladding removed and replaced with Yorkshire timber boarding, old degraded metal roof cladding replaced with new metal roof cladding and retention of larger concrete area (part retrospective) at Low West End, Lunds, Sedbergh, Cumbria, LA10 5PY - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/48/78T/LB - listed building consent for replacement of front door to the School Master's House (west end of property) at School House, Hardraw, Hawes, DL8 3LZ - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/48/13H - full planning permission for installation of a steel bridge to access farm and dwellings located at West End Farm (the bridge has already been constructed to provide temporary access for the construction work necessary under permissions R48/13B, R48/13F, R48/82A, R48/13E and under Countryside Stewardship field barn restoration agreement 649995) at How Beck Bridge, Garsdale Head, Hawes - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/48/162A - full planning permission for erection of cattle shed and erection of general-purpose agricultural building at The Cragg & Carr, Land at East Birkrigg, Appersett, Hawes, DL8 3LP (see correspondence)

R/48/162B - outline planning permission (with some matters reserved) for erection of agricultural workers dwelling at The Cragg and Carr, Land at East Birkrigg, Appersett, Hawes, DL8 3LP (see correspondence)

The Parish Council discussed the Planning Application along with the e mail correspondence from the applicants and the local resident's objections. Cllr Blades felt that the Parish Council should support the application as it was a young family, etc. Parish Councillors McMullon, Metcalfe, Waluda, Wilcox agreed. Cllr Colley said that he supports the principle but had concerns re the access on a dangerous part of the road.

Resolved - *The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should e mail YDNPA expressing Parish Council support of the application but they had received a letter of objection and there were concerns re access.*

Pending

R/56/304A at Spring Bank House, Town Foot, Hawes, DL8 3NW

R/48/78R/LB at The Old School, Hardraw, DL8 3LZ

R/56/376A at Neukin Barn, The Holme, Hawes, DL6 3QT

R/56/515 - householder planning permission for erection of fence and gate at Tarn House, Widdale, Hawes, DL8 3LX

R/56/475A - full planning permission for conversion of barn to 1 no. local occupancy dwelling or holiday let and installation of package treatment plant at Toms Barn, Appersett

R/56/86W - full planning permission for re-roofing the engine shed building and installation of in-line solar panels on the south elevation at Hawes National Park Centre, Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, DL8 3NT

R/56/516 - full planning permission for erection of 1 No. local occupancy dwelling (bungalow) with associated parking and curtilage at Ings House, Ings Drive, Hawes, DL8 3QT

R/56/461A - full planning permission for change of use of shop to residential at Mount View, Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3RD

R/56/415H - full planning permission for groundworks to enlarge the existing treatment plant area by 220m², including tree planting and perimeter fence at Wensleydale Creameries, Gayle Lane, Hawes, DL8 3RN

R/56/226C/LB - listed building consent for conservation works to repair and stabilise major structural defects at Barn at Low House, Snaizeholme, Hawes, DL8 3NZ

R/56/285/D - full planning permission for conversion of barn/store to community use and use of small, detached building as a kitchen match-hatch facility; change of use of an area of agricultural land to community use to allow repositioning of the football pitch; change of use of an area of land from community use to agricultural; installation of package treatment plant and creation of new pedestrian access to the site from Brunt Acres Road at Hawes Community Fields, Brunt Acres Road, Hawes

Other Planning Matter

Fossdale House, Simonstone - enforcement case (ER/48/31E) closed on grounds that application R/48/167 was submitted to retrospectively seek consent for the developments at Fossdale

10. Correspondence

E mail dated 07.01.21 from WYG re Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy Survey - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

E mail dated 07.01.21 from YDNPA re Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation No. 3 - Exploring our options: Building new homes January - February 2021 - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

E mail dated 22.01.21 from RDC re Application for Premises Licence for Feathers & Fern, Old Grammar School, Town Foot, Hawes and E mail dated 28.01.21 from Feathers & Fern re Application for Premises Licence

The Parish Council considered both the Premises Licence Application which had been received from RDC, and the e mail received from the applicants Feathers & Fern. Cllr McMullon explained that the applicants had no option but to apply for an 'Off Licence' in order to sell bottles of alcohol e.g. Prosecco with their Flower orders. Their intention was to sell small bottles of Prosecco as an 'add on' to their Flower orders.

Cllr McMullon said that the application had caused some controversy in Hawes as local residents had thought the application was for an actual Off Licence. She asked the Parish Council for comments. Cllr Metcalfe said that he supported the application. Many Florists are offering these services now. Cllr Alderson had concerns that it would expand into an 'Off Licence' in the future. Cllr Lloyd pointed out that it does state on the application that there would be penalties if the applicants went back on their word.

The Applicant Ms McIntyre addressed the Parish Council to give assurance that there are no plans to run an Off Licence in the future. The Premises Licence application is to facilitate the sale of small bottles of alcohol as an 'add on' to Flower orders.

The Chairman asked if there were any objections to the application. The Parish Council had no objections. Cllr McMullon said that Ms McIntyre should be applauded for opening a shop at such a young age.

Ms McIntyre thanked the Parish Council and left the meeting.

E mail dated 22.01.21 from Mr Prince re Planning Applications R/48/162A and R/48/162B Planning Appraisal and Support documents absent from Citizens Portal as contain personal information provided by Mr Prince for circulation to Parish Councillors **(considered with Agenda Item # 9)**

E mail dated 25.01.21 from YDNPA re link to Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Forum held on-line on 20.01.21 - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

E mail dated 26.01.21 from Coverdale Connect & Protect re invite to Zoom meeting on 02.02.21 to discuss the proposed Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) 5G 'test-bed and trials' Project - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

E mail dated 27.01.21 from local resident objecting to Planning Applications R/48/162A and R/48/162B **(considered with Agenda Item # 9)**

E mail/Letter dated 28.01.21 re Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 re number of complaints received by NYCC re Ford at Gayle

The Parish Council considered the Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which requested evidence of complaints raised with the North Yorkshire County Council in relation to the Ford at Gayle. The Parish Council were not aware of receiving any formal complaints. Action - Clerk to reply by e mail, acknowledging receipt of the request, and suggesting that the writer contact NYCC direct.

11. Date and Format of the next meeting - Action - Date for a Zoom meeting to be confirmed.

12. Any Other Business - None

13. Items for next Agenda

Standing Agenda Items:

Update from Parish Council Flood Working Group

Update from Councillors Against Noise And Speed (CANS) Group

Meeting closed 8.50pm