

Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th January 2024

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Jill McMullon (Chair); Peter Metcalfe(Vice-Chair) Emma Blades; Yurek Waluda; David Stephenson; Sheila Alderson;

Parish Clerk: Mrs Kate Kelly, also Responsible Financial Officer.

County Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

Members of the public.

Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

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| 1 | Chairman reminded everyone present of the right to record the meeting although the Council would not be doing so. |
| 2 | <u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr. Ruth Lindsey due to ill health; Cllr. David Cockett due to a prior engagement. |
| 3 | <u>Declarations of Interest</u> To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None received. |
| 4 | <u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2024</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 26 th November 2024 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. It was agreed by all that they were an accurate record of the proceedings. The minutes were signed by the Chair. |
| 5 | <u>Councillor Vacancy</u> No applications have been received as yet. Cllr. McMullon asked all present to make people aware that we would welcome applications. |
| 6 | <u>Ongoing Matters</u> |
| 6.1 | Gayle Bus Stop The bus stop has been inspected by NYC and the roof is to be repaired, however no timescale has been given. It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Keane Duncan and see if he can assist us. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting. |
| 6.2 | Pavement kerbstones. Some repair work had been carried out on the pavement kerbstones outside the Chip shop at Pennygarth but they used tar, which is already crumbling, instead of replacing the stones. Cllr. Peacock has taken this matter up with NYC and it has been agreed that they will be repaired, without the road being closed. |

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| | It was resolved that the Clerk will take this matter to Highways again. |
| 6.3 | <p>Dog waste bin at Beulah Bank.</p> <p>The Clerk and Cllr. Peacock had again contacted NYC and asked them to move the dog bin a couple of feet as requested by the landowner. The Council have replied that a new bin will require to be put in place and that the Parish Council will have to pay for this. They also stated that although they currently empty the bin if they move or replace it they will only empty it if it is within 4 metres of the highway.</p> <p>Cllr. Blades updated the landowner who has reiterated that they want the bin to be removed and signs put up about not leaving dog waste.</p> <p>It was decided that as the lack of a bin in the vicinity could lead to more unwanted dog waste and that the Council cannot request signs on private land that this matter is now resolved.</p> |
| 6.4 | <p>Loose steps near toilets in car park</p> <p>These have been inspected by NYC and no issues found.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p> |
| 6.5 | <p>Access and Parking on The Hill, Hawes</p> <p>We fully appreciate the difficulties that residents are having but as the area in question is not clearly owned by any particular party it is difficult to resolve. As the ongoing dispute is an issue between neighbours the Parish Council cannot intervene.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p> |
| 6.6 | <p>Replacement Notice Board</p> <p>Cllr. Metcalfe had asked Mr Bushby to take a look at the notice board in Hardraw with a view to repairing or replacing it. No update has been received and Cllr. Metcalfe will follow this up.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>Planning applications</u></p> <p>To consider planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder planning permission for erection of single storey extension and creation of wet room/WC at Wynd Cottage, The Wynd, Gayle, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3SD - R/56/548 No objections were raised but it was felt that as the houses are very close together in that area there may be some disruption to neighbours. • Householder planning permission for demolition of existing first floor extension and alterations to internal layout at New House, The Gaits, Gayle, DL8 3RU - R/56/549 No comments received. • Householder planning permission for insertion of 2 No. additional timber windows to match existing style and colour; 1 No. skylight to garage roof; installation of solar panels to south elevation and internal alterations linking garage and dwelling at Heatherdene, Burtersett, Hawes, DL8 3PA - R/56/367A No comments received. |

Planning Decisions

To receive decisions/information relating to recent planning applications.

- R/56/13LI - Full planning permission for conversion, change of use and extension of former bank to form non-residential (Class E) accommodation at ground floor with residential apartments on existing first and second floors at Barclays Bank, Market Place, Hawes.

This item has now been marked as approved subject to Section 106 (Local occupancy). It was noted that there was nothing in the conditions regarding the ATM.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to YDNP and ask for written confirmation that the ATM will be retained.

- R/56/139E - Full planning permission for conversion of redundant agricultural building to local occupancy house/holiday let, together with installation of package sewage treatment plant at West Shaw Farm, Beggarmans Road, Gayle, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3SF.

This matter is noted as under consideration by the planners.

It was resolved that it be carried forward to the next meeting.

- Full planning permission for change of use of bar to 1no. dwelling and Manager's residence/office space to licensed tea room, plus retention of three letting rooms (retrospective) at The Moorcock Inn, Garsdale, LA10 5PU - R/56/154F

This application has been declined. The decision is being appealed.

It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.

- Section 73 application for removal of Conditions 9 & 10 of R/56/24X (full planning permission for removal and construction of new all-weather serviced pitches, relocation of existing bin compound and new planting) in respect of the specified number of units and the operating period at Hawes Caravan & Motorhome Club Site, Brown Moor Farm, Hawes, DL8 3PS - R/56/533B

This application is shown as approved conditional.

- Householder planning permission for erection of first floor extension to bungalow to form two-storey local occupancy dwelling at Moorestones, Ings Drive, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3QT - R/56/516A

This application has been withdrawn.

- Application to discharge the Section 106 Agreement (dated 02 August 2012) attached to planning permission R/56/24X (full planning permission for removal and construction of new all-weather serviced pitches, relocation of existing bin compound and new planting) in respect of removal/discharge of Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the legal agreement to align with the recent removal of Conditions 9 and 10 of R/56/24X at HAWES CARAVAN & MOTORHOME CLUB SITE, Brown Moor Farm, Hawes, DL8 3PS - R/56/533C

- This application is shown as awaiting completion of legal agreement.

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Highways matters

To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:-

- Update regarding the poor state of the A684 from Appersett to Garsdale, and the road to Hardraw.

The work has been completed and this item is now resolved.

- Update re the area of the road cordoned off awaiting repair between Snaizeholme Road End & Lanaker Lane.

No further updates received.

- The Hill opposite the White Hart is in disrepair and illegal white lines have been painted. This item is covered in the Minutes under Section 6.5 and is now resolved.

- The road at The Holme which is in poor condition.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact highways, Area 1 regarding this matter.

- Wall in top carpark

The wall in the top carpark on the righthand side near the steps is starting to collapse. It may belong to the school. Cllr. McMullon will check who owns it.

It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

- The bottom of Chapel Street has some raised points and holes and cars are catching on it.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact highways, Area 1 regarding this matter.

- Bridge adjoining Hawes Club.

There is visual evidence of a split on the bridge and a representative from the Council was out to have a look. Cllr. Alderson spoke to him, he stated that he was unable to get down to the bridge for a full inspection but would report back via Cllr. Peacock. Cllr. Peacock has been advised by NYC that there are no issues. Cllr. Alderson pointed out that there was an issue and if it worsens it could have serious consequences. Cllr. Peacock will revert back to NYC regarding our concerns.

It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

- Traffic cones at Haylands Bridge

This item is now resolved.

- Cllr Peacock advised that there was a problem with the Railway Bridge in Hawes and that this requires urgent repair. NYC has scheduled the work which will require the road to be closed and this will be carried out before Easter.

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| 10 | <u>Financial Matters</u> |
| 10.1 | <p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary November 24 & Backpay - £244.98 • Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary December 24 -£199.11 • HMRC -P30 Qtr3.- £159.20 • E-ON Next – Electricity - November- £26.65pd • E-ON Next – Electricity – December - £27.40pd • Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary January 25 -£199.11 • Hawes in Bloom - £175.00 |
| 10.2 | <p>To acknowledge receipt of the following income</p> <p>No income received.</p> |
| 10.3 | <p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 3^{1st} December 2024 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £23256.31. Current balance in Unity Trust Deposit Account is £10070.77</p> |
| 10.4 | <p>Unity Trust Bank</p> <p>Internet Banking is working well. Unfortunately Cllr. Metcalfe is still unable to get on line despite numerous calls to the Bank. The Clerk will contact the Bank to see whether they can clarify what the issue is.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p> |
| 10.5 | <p>Invoice Refunded.</p> <p>NYC- Replenishment of grit bin- £90.00 This item was minuted in the November minutes for payment but Cllr. McMullon had asked the Clerk to check whether we paid this last year. The school and the Parish Council pay it on alternative years, After checking the Clerk advised NYC that the school was due to pay this year and NYC retracted the Invoice.</p> |
| 11 | <u>Correspondence</u> |
| | To consider the following correspondence received and decide action where necessary:- |
| 11.1 | <p>A684 funding to improve road safety</p> <p>An email was received regarding the above. One of the concerns raised was that when emerging onto the road from the lane next to the outdoor shop near the bridge there is no sign advising drivers to turn left as this is a One Way system. Cllr Peacock will raise the matter with Ian Beighton at NYC.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>The other items in the email are covered in the Minutes under Section 9, Highways.</p> |

11.2 Hawes Creamery.

Cllr. McMullon had received an email from Mr Steven Douglas, President & CEO Dairy Division of Saputo Dairy UK advising a proposal to relocate packing operations from the site in Kirkby Malzeard to Nuneaton. This would lead to the closure of the Kirkby Malzeard site.
He went on to state their commitment to the production of cheese in Hawes and that both the Wensleydale Creamery and visitor centre would continue to operate as normal and that there would be no impact on local farm suppliers.

Cllr. McMullon wrote back requesting that as the Creamery is the main employer in Hawes and any changes would have a massive impact on the community and the wider area could he reassure the Parish Council that local jobs are safe.

Mr Douglas acknowledged our concerns and advised that a small number of individuals split their time between Hawes & Kirkby Malzeard and they will be impacted by these proposals. The company have spoken to the individuals concerned and will support them through the process.
He again reiterated the companies commitment to the Creamery and Visitor Centre and had visited it yesterday to speak directly to the Staff and reassure them of this.

No further action is required and this matter is now resolved.

12 Children's Play Areas

Mark Murphy attended the meeting and once again provided updates. Cllr. McMullon thanked him and the team for their ongoing work.

Gayle Park

- Update re green bin removal.(here and Town Foot)
The Clerk apologised for delays caused by the changes in contacting NYC.
- Update re shelter roof.
Mark advised that the materials to fix the roof would cost £110 and that he and Ian would provide the manpower. It was resolved that the materials should be purchased and the repairs carried out.

Town Foot Playpark

- Update re blocked culvert in the PlayPark.
The Clerk and Chair met with the owner of the property which was flooded to discuss an agreement re the repair work. It was agreed that the works will be required to be completed and the owners funds paid to the contractor before the Parish Council add their contribution of £3000. It was also agreed that the Council would be provided with a full breakdown detailing the work to be carried out and the costs. This should include the reinstatement of a metal barrier to stop debris. The works will be scheduled over the summer and will take some months to complete.
- Grant re culvert
Cllr. Peacock had advised that she may be able to assist with a grant towards the costs of repairing the culvert. The Clerk applied for this and this and a grant of £1000 has been approved. The Council thanked Cllr. Peacock for her assistance.
- Update re Town Foot – 75th Anniversary
No further update at this time.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update re slide This is taped off and will be welded to repair it. • Update re Horse on Spring- This has been repaired. The Council thanked Rob Ford & Kevin Nugent for their work. • Update re removing old mats This has been delayed due to changes in reporting items to NYC. The Clerk is dealing with this. • Update re new signs The signs re No Dogs and tidying away toys need replaced and it was agreed that Mark would look into ordering these. It was decided that as the sand in the sandpit is constantly dumped elsewhere in the park it will not be replenished. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bealah Bank Play Area • Update re boundary wall Cllr. McMullon will speak to the owner for an update. |
| 13 | <p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>An Invoice has been raised for the recent interment.</p> |
| 14 | <p><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></p> <p>Cllr Waluda had gone along earlier to the scheduled meeting only to discover that it had been cancelled.</p> |
| 15 | <p><u>Parish Clerk</u></p> <p>The new printer has been ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk will amend the email address.</p> <p>It has come to our attention that under current legislation the website needs to be more accessible and inclusive and it was resolved that the Clerk would speak to our current provider regarding this.</p> |
| 16 | <p><u>Monthly Police Report.</u></p> <p>The latest reports were discussed.</p> |
| 17 | <p><u>Added to Agenda.</u></p> <p>George's Garden.</p> <p>An email had been received by Cllr. McMullon from the volunteer group who maintain the garden requesting assistance with funding. They have recently had a contribution towards replacing shrubs and upgrading beds of £410.83 from a local charity bingo. The Council are very grateful for the work that they do and it was resolved that a one off donation of £200 would be made.</p> |
| 18. | <p><u>Agenda Items</u></p> <p>None</p> |
| 20. | <p><u>Date of next meeting.</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held in Gayle Village Institute on Tuesday 25th March 2025.</p> |

Signed as a true record.

Dated.