

## Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### Present:

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

Apologies : Cllr. Ruth Lindsey; Cllr. Emma Blades ; NYC Yvonne Peacock

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

One member of the public.

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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	<b><u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u></b> Cllr. Ruth Lindsey due to recuperation; Cllr. Emma Blades due to an appointment. NYC. Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.
3	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  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	<b><u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025</u></b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 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	<b><u>Councillor Vacancy</u></b>  No applications have been received as yet. Cllr. McMullon asked all present to make people aware that we would welcome applications.
6	<b><u>Ongoing Matters</u></b>
6.1	<b>Gayle Bus Stop</b>  The bus stop has been inspected by NYC and the roof is to be repaired, however no timescale had been given. The Clerk contacted Cllr. Keane Duncan who has agreed to assist in chasing this up.  It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
6.2	<b>Pavement kerbstones.</b>  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

	<p>the road being closed.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will take this matter to Highways again.</p>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>George's Garden</b></p> <p>A donation had been sent to assist with the cost of replanting, however as the wooden edging around the beds requires to be replaced the volunteers decided to use the funds for this purpose. The Parish Council resolved that a further £100 should be donated for George's garden.</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>Replacement Notice Board</b></p> <p>Mr Bushby had a look at the notice board in Hardraw with a view to repairing or replacing it but reported back that it was fine at the moment.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>6.5</b>	<p><b>A684 funding to improve road safety</b></p> <p>Concerns were raised at the last meeting 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 was to raise the matter with Ian Beighton at NYC.</p> <p>Cllr. Peacock was unable to update us it was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b><u>Planning applications</u></b></p> <p>To consider planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Householder planning permission for removal of conservatory and erection of a single storey extension to east gable at 6, Brandymires, Hawes, DL8 3PR - R/56/179B</li> <li>Full planning permission for change of use from mixed use B&amp;B and dwellinghouse to C3 dwelling house at Fair View, Burterset Road, Hawes, DL8 3NP - R/56/198B</li> <li>Householder planning permission for the retention of a lean-to canopy attached to existing dwelling and to replace existing sheeted roof covering with traditional materials at Stags Fell Barn, Back Lane, Sedbusk (GR:388367, 491150) - R/48/156B</li> </ul> <p>No comments were received regarding the above applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 - R/56/139E – amendment received.</li> </ul> <p>This application was discussed and whilst it was noted that the proposed vehicular opening to the property had been amended, the Council had concerns about safety as access is onto a very narrow road.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the planners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full planning permission for conversion of barn to a two-bedroom dwelling with single storey extension; creation of access, parking and domestic curtilage, and installation of sewage package treatment plant at Barn, High Lane, Burterset, Hawes (GR:389658, 489114) - R/56/552</li> </ul>

	<p>This application was discussed. The Parish Council have concerns regarding the conversion as the barn is well out with the current village boundary and it was felt that to have a house here would not be in keeping with its surroundings. It was also unclear whether it would be subject to a local occupancy clause and if it would be a private dwelling or potential holiday let.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the planners.</p>
8	<p><b><u>Planning Decisions</u></b> To receive decisions/information relating to recent planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>YDNP have confirmed that it is a condition of the planning approval that the ATM will be retained. This matter is now resolved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul> <p>This application has been declined. The decision is being appealed. It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul> <p>This application has been withdrawn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul> <p>This application has been approved conditional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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, Burtsett, Hawes, DL8 3PA - R/56/367A</li> </ul> <p>This application has been approved conditional.</p>
9	<p><b><u>Highways matters</u></b> To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update re the area of the road cordoned off awaiting repair between Snaizeholme Road End &amp; Lanaker Lane.</li> </ul> <p>No further updates received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road at The Holme which is in poor condition.</li> </ul>

	<p>The Clerk has logged this with highways, Area 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wall in top carpark</li> </ul> <p>The wall in the top carpark on the righthand side near the steps is starting to collapse. Cllr. Peacock was to provide an update.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bottom of Chapel Street has some raised points and holes and cars are catching on it.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk has logged this with highways, Area 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge adjoining Hawes Club.</li> </ul> <p>As minuted at the last meeting 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.</p> <p>Cllr. Peacock had contacted NYC regarding our concerns and they agreed to have a further inspection whilst in the area working on the railway bridge. No further update has yet been received.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The repairs to Railway Bridge in Hawes have been completed and the road is now open.</li> </ul> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p> <p>Added to Agenda</p> <p>It was noted that the white keep clear sign at the entrance to Dyers Garth was faded and needs repainting.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will log this issue with Highways, Area1.</p>
<b>10</b>	<b><u>Financial Matters</u></b>
<b>10.1</b>	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary February 25 -£199.11</li> <li>• E-ON Next – Electricity - March- £21.38pd</li> <li>• E-ON Next – Electricity – February - £18.74pd</li> <li>• Pip Pointon – report writing - £86.70</li> <li>• George’s Garden- Donation- £200.00pd</li> <li>• Unity Trust Bank – Charges - £6.00pd</li> <li>• Gayle Institute – Hire of hall - £100.00</li> <li>• Mr G Sleightholm – replacement Defibrillator Pads - £73.14</li> <li>• Zurich Insurance- Policy renewal- £693.58</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs K Kelly- postage stamps - £13.60 Added to Agenda Mrs K Kelly- Microsoft Renewal ½ with Bainbridge PC - £42.49</li> </ul>
<b>10.2</b>	<p>To acknowledge receipt of the following income</p> <p>NYC – Councillor Locality Budget – Grant-Play Park culvert repairs £1000.00</p>
<b>10.3</b>	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 28th February 2025 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £23220.77 Current balance in Unity Trust Deposit Account is £10070.77</p>
<b>10.4</b>	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank</b></p> <p>Cllr. Metcalfe is still unable to authorise payments.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> To consider the following correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-</p>
<b>11.1</b>	<p><b>Gayle Telephone Box</b></p> <p>An email had been received from the owner of the land that the telephone box sits on raising concerns that BT were to remove it. The Parish Council have not yet formally been informed of their intention to remove by BT. Cllr. McMullon contacted them and they are aware that the box is listed and they are currently reviewing whether or not to remove the pay phone. If they do so as the box is listed the Parish Council will probably adopt it.</p> <p>This matter is currently resolved.</p>
<b>11.2</b>	<p><b>Waste Bin near Brunt Acres</b></p> <p>An email was received from NYC advising that the dog bin opposite the caravan park is broken and cannot be repaired.</p> <p>It was resolved that a replacement bin should be requested.</p>
<b>11.3</b>	<p><b>Mosaic Trail</b></p> <p>A resident has contacted Cllr. McMullon regarding the mosaic trail around the town. He has offered to design and print a leaflet detailing the trail and print out copies for the public. He will send Cllr. McMullon a draft copy before printing.</p> <p>The Council were in favour of this and asked Cllr. McMullon to thank the resident.</p>
<b>11.4</b>	<p><b>Bench on Buttertubs Pass</b></p> <p>An email had been received requesting permission to place a bench in memory of a local resident on a piece of ground off the Buttertubs pass road. There is already a bench in place. The Clerk visited the site and took photographs. It is a large area and there is plenty of room for another bench. The Council discussed this and no objections were raised. The landowners permission will be required and the Clerk will advise the applicant that they need to obtain this.</p> <p>This matter is resolved.</p>

11.5	<p><b>Red Squirrels</b></p> <p>An email was sent to Cllr. McMullon concerning red squirrels living in Thorneymire Woodland which are being killed by traffic on the Lane. There are currently no signs on the lane warning of red squirrels in the area or speed limit signs.</p> <p>Cllr. McMullon suggested contacting the National Park re signs and also putting something in the local press. PC Heather Campbell is our wildlife officer and Cllr. McMullon contacted her. PC Campbell spoke to the YDNP re signs and it could take some time to get official signs done. It was suggested in the meantime that local school children may wish to design signs which could be laminated and put up.</p> <p>This matter will be carried forward.</p>
11.6	<p><b>Insurance Renewal</b></p> <p>The renewal was discussed, the premium has gone up a little. Nothing has changed so no amendments are required.</p> <p>It was resolved to renew the policy.</p>
11.7	<p><b>Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan - Regulation 19 (Final Draft)</b></p> <p>This had been circulated to all Councillors. No comments were received.</p>
12	<p><b><u>Children's Play Areas</u></b></p> <p><b>Gayle Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update re green bin removal.(here and Town Foot) The bins have now been removed and this matter is resolved.</li> <li>• 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. The work will be carried out as the better weather comes in.</li> </ul> <p><b>Town Foot Playpark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update re blocked culvert in the PlayPark. The work is due to start next week. Access will mainly be using the manhole cover in the park. The contractor will erect barriers. It has also been requested that Mark tapes off the area. A notice will be placed in the school newsletter advising people about the work being carried out and also via Dalesplay.</li> <li>• Grant re culvert A grant of £1000 has been approved. The Council thanked Cllr. Peacock for her assistance.</li> <li>• Update re Town Foot – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pip Pointon has written a pamphlet “Now Then” and this is available to buy at the Dales Countryside Museum.</li> <li>• Update re slide This is taped off and will be welded to repair it.</li> <li>• Update re removing old mats The Clerk has contacted NYC re removing the worn mats.</li> <li>• Update re new signs Mark ordered the new signs and these are now in situ.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark is contacting the Fire Brigade re cleaning the play equipment.</li> <li><b>Bealah Bank Play Area</b></li> <li>Update re boundary wall Cllr. McMullon will speak to the owner for an update.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Cemetery</u></b>  No updates at this time
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></b>  Cllr Waluda had attended the latest meeting and gave an update. He also provided us with a copy of the notes from the meeting which will be posted online with the Minutes. Some of the main points were that a new GP has been appointed to the Central Dales practice. He is a military doctor and will complete his GP training on the job. A seminar will be held for carers.
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Parish Clerk</u></b>  The new printer has arrived. It was agreed to take a monthly contract for ink as this is cheaper. The costs will be shared with Bainbridge PC.  The email address has been amended.  The Clerk is discussing updating our website the website to be more accessible speak with the website host.
<b>16</b>	<b><u>Monthly Police Report.</u></b>  The latest reports were discussed.
<b>17</b>	<b><u>Yorkshire Water</u></b>  It had been noted that water pressures in the town had dropped and a lot of properties have been affected. Cllr. McMullon spoke to Yorkshire Water who said the pressure hadn't changed. This is clearly not the case and Cllr. McMullon will now write to Yorkshire Water.  This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
<b>18</b>	<b><u>Cherry Tree near the memorial at Town Head</u></b>  Cllr. McMullon has been advised that the cherry tree is dying and will need removed at some point in the future.  It was resolved that the tree should be removed when necessary and a replacement sourced and planted.
<b>19</b>	<b><u>Wensleydale Creamery</u></b>  There has been an ongoing issue with a leak from the Creamery into Gayle Beck.  The creamery has admitted responsibility and are working with the environmental agency to deal with this.

20	<p><b><u>Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p><b>VE Celebrations in May (discussed now as date prior to next meeting)</b></p> <p>Cllr. Blades had been contacted by Hawes Silver Band re the VE Day Celebrations in May. They wish to host a cream tea and have asked if the Parish Council would contribute towards costs. It was requested that Cllr. Blades contact them to ask for more detail around number of people attending and proposed costs.</p> <p>It was previously agreed the Beacon would be lit.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we could consider buying flags and giving them out to willing shopkeepers to place in their windows. The Clerk will look into costs.</p>
21	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting.</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held in <b>Gayle Village Institute on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>. With the Residents meeting first at 6.30pm.</p>

Signed as a true record.

Dated.