

HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Residents Meeting Held at Gayle Institute, Gayle On Tuesday 27th May 2025

Present:

Cllr Jill McMullon (Chair)
Cllr Peter Metcalfe
Cllr Yurek Waluda
Cllr. Emma Blades

Cllr. David Stephenson
Cllr. Ruth Lindsey
Cllr. David Cockett
Cllr. Sheila Alderson

Mrs Kate Kelly (Clerk)

Two members of the Public.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024 had been issued to Councillors. These were confirmed as a true and accurate record and agreed by all. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

2. Chairman's Review of the Year

It seems that the main topic on our agendas this past year has been our disappointment in both Highways and Yorkshire Water. With Highways it seems it's impossible to get so many things done or if it is done, it's invariably at the wrong time! With Yorkshire water, no one seems have any faith in them at all. You either can't get hold of them, when you do they deny there is a problem, then admit there is a problem then chaos ensues when it's fixed!

However that aside, my intention in this report is really to focus on thanking everyone who has contributed and worked so hard this past year.

To Pete Metcalfe for being the Vice Chairman, always there on the phone when needed! I know Pete isn't wanting to continue in this role as Vice Chair as he has other commitments but thank you for everything you have done.

Yurek, for attending the health watch meetings, the market Hall committee, highways meetings and always happy to help it's much appreciated.

Emma, who has taken on the Cemetery responsibility, efficient as always and for attending the parish forum meeting despite having other responsibilities on the same night.

To Dave Stephenson for all your practical help, and to all cllrs for your commitment, help and advice.

Mark for his enthusiasm and hard work volunteering to look after the playgrounds, not forgetting Ian too of course. You do such a great job thank you

We are lucky to have such a great community spirit and we are delighted to support it, Hawes in Bloom with Richard and his team of volunteers who keep the Town looking so lovely all year, the Christmas lights who do an amazing job. It's all hard work for so many people but appreciated by both visitors and residents.

We would certainly encourage organisations or volunteer groups to come and ask for our support we are always happy to help if we can.

There have been challenges of course and will continue to be, and we look forward to the year ahead.

Finally, my most enormous thanks to Kate our clerk. Kate, you have been fantastic, I can't thank you enough for all your work, you keep me sane when needed! Always a voice of reason. Efficient, knowledgeable and we are very lucky to have you. I always say in order to be a Chairman, we have to get on well with those you work with, I know I couldn't do it without your support.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2024 Meeting and any Other Issues of Concern to Residents.

Residents at the last meeting raised concerns over the cobbles on main street, the repairs to which are still outstanding. This is ongoing but we have no start date yet.

The bridge at Appersett was also mentioned, the bridge was shrouded in plastic . It has now been repaired and the coverings removed. This matter is now resolved.

Cllr. Blades then thanked Cllr. Jill McMullon saying that a lot of the work Jill does goes unrecognized and she wanted to thank her on behalf of the Parish.

4. Date of the Next Annual Residents Meeting

The next annual meeting is due to take place in May 2026 with details advised nearer the time.

Signed as a True Record

Dated