

HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 17th December 2020 at 7.15pm via Zoom

MINUTES

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

In Attendance: Francesca Cartwright - Parish Clerk

Members of the public: 2

1. **Consideration of apologies for absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Tony Fawcett, Peter Metcalfe, Mike Watts and District Cllr Yvonne Peacock

2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held**

The minutes of the 1st November 2020 meeting were approved as a true and correct record

3. **Declaration of Interests** - Cllr Blades declared an interest re item 8 Planning Application R/56/285/D.

4. **Matters arising from the last meeting** - none

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

Cllr McMullon advised that Cllr Peacock had kindly provided a report for the Parish Council (as circulated). Cllr McMullon referred to sections of the report re Appersett flooding, meeting with NYCC, wall at Gayle at Beckstones, resurfacing of main road in Hawes, etc.

a) Safer Road Fund - Hawes - Cllr McMullon referred to the letter (as circulated) which had been received from Highways dated 06.11.20 re Carriageway investigations/assessments re the resurfacing of the road through Hawes including the parking area from the school to the Doctors.

Safer Road Fund - Burtersett - Cllr McMullon advised that Highways would be consulting with Farmers re better road signage.

b) Flooding - Appersett - Cllr McMullon advised that the Parish Council had received correspondence and been contacted by a number of residents about the recent flooding which affected 11 properties. Cllr McMullon proposed that a small Working Group of Parish Councillors is formed. Seconded by Cllr Waluda. Cllrs Metcalfe, Colley and Lloyd would be on the Working Group. The Group would not only try and assist Appersett but would also be involved in other flooded areas as appropriate. Cllr Colley requested that a Coordinator be appointed to coordinate the group. **Action - Cllr McMullon to arrange a Coordinator. Working Group to make contact with the residents of Appersett.**

c) Responsibility for cleaning out ditches adjoining the road - Cotterdale - Cllr McMullon referred to an e mail received from Highways dated 25.11.20 which explained that the purpose of roadside ditches is to drain adjacent land and not the highway and are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner to maintain. Highway Officers will visit the lane in Cotterdale and inspect the ditches to see if they are leading to water entering the highway. If this is the case Highways will look to identify the landowner and request that they clear the ditches.

6. **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 30th November 2020 was £12,549.95.

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

6.2 External Audit Report from PKF Little John LLP 2019/20 (circulated) - The Clerk confirmed that the External Report had been received and the relevant paperwork had been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

6.3 HSBC Bank Safe Guarding Review (circulated) - The Clerk confirmed that a letter dated 11.12.20 had been received confirming that the bank review was complete.

6.4 Parish Precept 2021/22 - The Clerk advised that the 2020/21 Precept was £17,500. The Chairman proposed that given the current financial climate re Covid-19 pandemic, there should be nil increase in the amount of Precept requested for 2021/22. Seconded by Cllr Waluda.

Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council agreed a Precept request of £17,500. Action - Clerk to submit the paperwork to RDC by the 08.01.21 close date.*

7. Discussion Items

- a) **Play Parks** - *Action - Clerk to send a note of thanks to the Play Park Volunteers Robin and Ian thanking them for their hard work at the Play Parks.*
- b) **Garsdale Parish Council Motor Bike Action Group (as circulated)** - Unfortunately, no Parish Councillors had been available to attend the 08.12.20 remote meeting. Cllr McMullon encouraged Parish Councillors to take part in future meetings. Cllr Waluda said that he would like to represent the Parish Council.
- c) **Defibrillators Hardraw and Market Place, Hawes** - Cllr McMullon advised that the batteries had been replaced at Hardraw and the problems experienced at the Market Place Hawes had been resolved.

8. YDNPA Planning Applications

New Applications

R/56/515 - householder planning permission for erection of fence and gate at Tarn House, Widdale, Hawes, DL8 3LX - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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

Cllr Lloyd felt that this should be for local occupancy only as there are already many Holiday Lets.

Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA expressing Parish Council support for local occupancy only.

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 - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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

Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA expressing Parish Council do not object for local occupancy, but there are some concerns re access to The Holme.

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

Cllr Lloyd had concerns about the front door not being moved, if it was going to be a holiday let as this may cause congestion in the private access road for other residents. There is no curtilage associated with this property.

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 - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/56/226C/LB - listed building consent for conservation works to repair and stabilise major structural defects at Barn at Low House, Snaizholme, Hawes, DL8 3NZ - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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 - **Cllr Blades declared an interest as a member of the UWSRA. Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA expressing Parish Council support.**

Withdrawn

R/56/285C - full planning permission for erection of single storey community and sports facility with ancillary car parking at Hawes Community Fields, Brunt Acres Road, Hawes (withdrawn).

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

9. Correspondence

Various e mails from NYCC and RDC re Local Government Reorganisation

There was a general feeling that this was a 'fait accompli' which would ultimately be decided by the government. Cllr McMullon confirmed that following responses from the Parish Council, a response had been submitted to Cllr Angie Dale on 01.12.20 in support of the East West Proposal.

Letter dated 25.11.20 from NYCC re Commons Act 2006 CA14 127 Application to amend the register to record an historic event - Abbotside Common (CL17) - Right Entry 166 - The Parish Council had no comment to make.

10. Date and Format of the next meeting - Action - Date in January 2021 for a Zoom meeting to be confirmed.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Wilcox expressed thanks to the Clerk for her work on the accounts and general administration. Cllr Wilcox enquired as to whether there was any news re Covid Vaccinations. Pip Pointon advised that Tennants in Leyburn was the Hub. GPs would make contact with patients with appointments as appropriate.

12. Items for next Agenda

Meeting closed 7.50pm