

HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSID PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.15pm at Gayle Institute

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Parish Cllrs: Jill McMullon (Chair), Sheila Alderson, Emma Blades, Tony Fawcett, Marion Lloyd, Peter Metcalfe, Dave Stephenson, Barry Wilcox
County Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Francesca Cartwright - Parish Clerk

Members of the public: 32

The Chairman advised that the meeting is being recorded. She has taken advice from Richmondshire District Council (RDC) regarding the recording, etc. of meetings and if a member of the public does not wish to be quoted, they should make the meeting aware. Four members of the public asked not to be quoted.

- 1. Consideration of apologies for absence - Cllr Waluda**
- 2. Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019**

Mr Fagg interrupted the meeting with a point of order. In Mr Fagg's personal opinion, he said that personal remarks that had been made about him by the Chairman, recorded in the minutes of the 7th October 2019 Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council meeting and published in breach of the Transparency Code for smaller authorities were unsubstantiated. He requested that his personal opinion be recorded in the minutes of the 3rd February 2020 meeting.

The e mail dated 12th December 2019 requesting amendment to minutes of 7th October 2019 meeting was listed on the Agenda under Correspondence. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had decided to refuse the request re Agenda item # 3 Co-option, Item # 12 Any Other Business had been amended.

Mr Fagg again interrupted the meeting regarding Standing Orders and publishing minutes of Parish Council meetings in accordance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council Standing Orders had not been located following John Blackie's passing and a change-over in Clerks. The Parish Council had therefore obtained Model Standing Orders and would be considering these in due course as the previous standing orders were likely to be in need of updating. Richmondshire District Council were aware of the Parish Council's plans.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019 were approved.

- 3. Declaration of Interests - none**
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**

The Chairman clarified that the e mail received by the Parish Council on 28th November 2019 re Angie Dale (Leader) and Helen Grant (Deputy) attending future Parish Council meetings was not a request (as incorrectly reported in the press), but rather an offer. The Clerk confirmed that she had responded to the e mail advising that this is something that the Parish Council may look to arrange in Spring 2020.

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

The Chairman reported that there had been a lot of failed street lighting lately and has reported six personally.

a) NYCC A684 Safer Roads Funding - Update from Neil Linfoot and Deborah Flowers, Area 1, Highways

The Chairman welcomed Neil Linfoot and Deborah Flowers to the meeting. She summarised that the parish does have a number of issues in Hawes with the roads and footpaths in a terrible state and everyone is talking about them.

Examples given by local residents to name but a few were outside the Chemist shop, Gayle Bridge, the pavement at Town Foot, tarmac on the cobbles (which was originally intended to be temporary). The Children's Play Park to the Grave Yard by the Old Chapel, Burtsett Road was highlighted as reported three years ago but nothing has been done.

Deborah Flowers said that one of the most common issues is everyone is talking about an issue and think someone else has reported it when they haven't. Deborah Flowers said that pinpointing the geographic location and photographs are very useful. County Councillor Peacock said that she would catch up with Deborah Flowers after the meeting. County Councillor Peacock said that she is happy for residents to contact her direct. She has reported quite a lot recently.

The Chairman asked Neil Linfoot to explain to the meeting what work is planned to be carried out.

Safer Roads Funding

Neil Linfoot addressed the meeting summarising that the Safer Roads Funding Initiative was a fund announced by the Department of Transport for the fifty worst 'perceived' roads for safety. North Yorkshire County Council put in a bid for various roads including A684 from Leeming Bar to Junction 37 of the M6 working in part with Cumbria County Council. Funding was secured and drew up a number of proposals around accident data, drive arounds, collected information from elected members, Highways Officers, etc. A number of schemes have been progressed e.g. in Spennithorne, Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) in Aysgarth, etc.

For Hawes, Highways had to put something into the bid based on previous documents (10 years ago Service Station Strategy, Hawes Town Centre, etc). Both documents had extensive consultations. The issues were footway widths, speeds of vehicle, crossing of high street, motor vehicle parking, etc. Opposite the Rope Museum where the road splits up to Turfy Hill Highways are looking at everything. Topographical Survey, drones, etc. Highways will then have a map of what Hawes looks like now which will help us with Level Surveys, Water Cascades, where we put walk ways designed by engineers, etc. A consultation is planned, letters through letter boxes to gauge what people want, what is best for Hawes, general highway users, visitors, etc.

The Chairman enquired as to the timescale. Neil Linfoot said that Highways hope in next 4-6 months they should be in a position to bring some plans to a meeting. Guideline specifics need to be hit and if there are objections it leads into another process. Anyone who has put an objection forward, will receive a letter and opportunity to see Highways, including the Parish Council, elected members, and District.

Deborah Flowers said the engineering side is to establish what can and can't be done and then Highways will consult on the options. It will be a blank sheet of paper, the initial suggestion discussed at the Dales Countryside Museum was just a bid. The Consultation will take place in Hawes in various locations over a period of weeks running in parallel with letters being sent out.

Neil Linfoot said that there will be £1.5m to spend in Hawes in a timescale to March 2021 with an opportunity to carry forward.

The Chairman enquired as to whether there will be any work done for the cycle race in the meantime. Neil Linfoot said that he can't answer that question as it depends on the Highways Intervention Manual.

Ruth Annison reiterated that two things have been mentioned since the Dales Countryside Museum meeting being 1) Various 1-way streets with no signs to tell oncoming traffic there is a 1-way system, so they can turn the wrong way on to the A684 and 2) Hazardous entrance on the Appersett bend.

Neil Linfoot concluded that as part of the public consultation Highways will be asking for comments, and that is the time to bring these matters up again.

The Chairman sought assurances that the consultation would have the full input from residents.

b) Complaints re increase in Dog Fouling

The Chairman said that she has received a lot of complaints which she has reported to RDC and asked the Dog Warden to put up more signs and monitor more closely. The Clerk confirmed that a Dog Foul Bin had been installed in Appersett.

6. Co-option of Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Councillors

The Chairman confirmed that there were three vacancies for Co-option. Four applicants David Colley, Mike Watts, Jake Dinsdale, and Dave Stephenson had been interviewed by the Parish Council on 30th January 2020. The Parish Council would hold a vote entirely at free will without intimidation or bias by any Parish Councillor or member of the public.

Summary of Votes:

David Colley

Proposer: Cllr Lloyd

Seconded: Cllr McMullon

4 Votes For: Cllrs Alderson, Lloyd, McMullon, Wilcox

3 Votes Against: Cllrs Blades, Fawcett, Metcalfe

Mike Watts

Proposer: Cllr Alderson

Seconded: Cllr Lloyd

7 Votes For: Unanimous

0 Votes Against

Jake Dinsdale

Proposer: Cllr Metcalfe

Seconded: Cllr Blades

3 Votes For: Cllrs Blades, Fawcett, Metcalfe

4 Votes Against: Cllrs Alderson, McMullon, Lloyd, Wilcox

Dave Stephenson

Proposer: Cllr McMullon

Seconded: Cllr Lloyd

7 Votes For: Unanimous

0 Votes Against

Resolved - *David Colley, Mike Watts and Dave Stephenson were co-opted on to the Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council.*

Dave Stephenson was invited to join the Parish Councillors at the front of the meeting. David Colley and Mike Watts were not present at the meeting. The Clerk provided Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Pecuniary Interests Forms for completion.

The Chairman said that she wanted to thank Jake Dinsdale for his application and the Parish Council were heartened that he was happy with the interview and very happy that Jake has indicated that he would continue to support the Parish Council and work with the Parish Council on projects such as The Tour De Yorkshire.

She also went on to say that the advice from RDC was that the Parish Council could take the stance that previous applicants need not apply, but she did not think that this was the right thing to do in these circumstances.

Jake Dinsdale thanked those who had supported his application. He explained his aspiration to be a member of the Parish Council is someone who represents the demographic, as a business owner, etc. which is why I wanted to be part of the Parish Council. This still stands. He went on to say that he is happy that every seat of the Parish Council is filled with a broader range of people. He would like more people to be aware and be involved with the Parish Council, beyond a website, notice board, etc.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council HSBC Bank Account Statements (*Circulated to Parish Councillors*)

To approve the Accounts paid and note the Income received since the December 2019 Parish Council meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the bank account balance as at 31st January 2020 was £4,320.96.

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

8. Discussion Items

a) Memorial for John Blackie

The Chairman explained that after John died, lots of people asked for a memorial, and a suggestion box was located in The Community Office. The two main suggestions were that the Community Office be renamed The John Blackie Community Office and a Memorial Stone. A tremendous response had been received, and The Newcastle Building Society have offered to contribute, a cheque has been received from the Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, etc.

The Chairman and Richard Noble (who organises Hawes In Bloom) visited Leyburn Quarry to look at a natural form of stone, and spoke to Calverts who offered to supply the stone in recognition of the amount of work John Blackie had done in the Dales.

The Chairman said that an e mail dated 16th December 2019 had been received from Mrs Ellis saying that John's memorial stone should not be next to the War Memorial. The Chairman said that she completely agrees and John's memorial should be separate and on its own. There are some logistical issues as to where the Memorial could be sited as it would be difficult to get the stone up to Turfy Top Hill.

Richard Noble displayed a new diagram of the Memorial to the meeting. A member of the public asked whether it would be on the same green as what was locally referred to as 'Memorial Green'.

Richard stated it was always the intention to remove the mound where the Lest We Forget wording is situated. It was only temporary as John Blackie had asked him to do it for the 100 years Anniversary. He also intends removing the post where he usually hangs baskets for Hawes In Bloom.

Richard has measured to scale with Rob Ward and showed the exact position of the War Memorial and suggestion for the John Blackie memorial with planting. He clarified that the height of the rock is 4ft 6 and the War Memorial is 5 ft high. The distance between the memorials would be 40 feet. Richard also pointed out that the view from the existing memorial benches would not be blocked. The memorials would be quite distinctively separate.

Mr & Mrs Ellis said that they have no objection to a memorial for John Blackie. They don't object to the design but do object to the location. They said that they haven't canvassed but a number of people have approached them and unanimously agree have a memorial but not there as it detracts from the respected memorial for the dead of the war. There is a strong view within the community that suggests you look elsewhere.

The Chairman thanked them for their comments. She went on to say that she has received the opposite, with lots of people wanting to remember John near to the Garage, considering to be a perfect place for John's Memorial.

A local resident said that many years ago a very important person lived in Hawes called Kitt Calvert who did a lot of work for the Play Park and his memorial is in the Play Park Field. He felt that John Blackie's base was at the Community Office and felt that there should be a plaque there. The Chairman said that people have said that they want more than a Plaque.

The local resident said that John Blackie has played a major part in getting the War Memorial built and, in his view, John would not have agreed to being on that same Memorial Green.

He went on to say that 63 men on the War Memorial gave their life, left the town and didn't come back. He feels that the Memorial Green should be left free for the 63 to give them the respect they deserve, if not we would be doing these men a disservice. He felt that no thought had been given to the men. The Chairman disagreed that no thought had been given.

The local resident felt a bronze plaque on Market House front, down The Neukin would look 'civic' which is all John. A lump of stone is not John. He felt that the plans were completely wrong.

Rob Ward said that he mixes with a lot of local people and the only compliant that he had heard is here at the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Alderson and the Clerk agreed. Cllr Alderson pointed out that there wouldn't have been a War Memorial if it hadn't had been for John Blackie arranging it.

Jake Dinsdale asked whether there were alternatives. Danny Jenkins said that the discussion is very divisive and there are people for and against and it is a disservice to John's memory and suggested the triangle near to where the Pipe Smoking Shepherd is located (which John Blackie also arranged) could be considered as an alternative site.

Cllr Wilcox reiterated that he had raised it at the previous meeting, he agrees whole heartedly with Richard Noble and the Parish Council that there should be a Memorial, but feels uneasy at the proposed site and listening to the members of the public, as it is divisive. He is quite happy with his original suggestion of Turfy Top but the Parish Council looks divided.

The Chairman reiterated that there are logistical issues getting the stone up to Turfy Top and no one would see it. A local resident said they didn't like the idea of it being there. Other people said the site Danny had suggested would be more prominent.

Richard Noble asked whether it would be of use if he prepared an exact scale of the picture and put it in the Community Office. It was agreed that this would be helpful.

Jake Dinsdale said the proposals were being discussed at the meeting by only approximately forty people when there are approximately 1,500 people in Hawes which was not proportionate.

The Chairman said that she would arrange a Box in the Community Office and other locations in Hawes with 2 options to give people the opportunity to vote. This would be considered again at the next Parish Council meeting.

b) Play Parks - e mail dated 18th January 2020 from Area Manager Streetscape re Funding and letter not dated from local resident re adult equipment and anti-social behaviour

The Chairman recapped that she had previously voiced an 'idea' re the possibility that once some of the children's Play Park equipment was no longer fit for purpose, funding could be obtained to introduce some adult equipment.

She said that a letter had been received from a local resident objecting to adult equipment due to anti-social behaviour. The Chairman expressed surprise as she had contacted the Police who said that they had not received any reports of any anti-social behaviour. It was agreed to defer this idea for now and focus on maintaining the existing children's equipment.

c) Parish Name Signs - Working Group and e mails from Richard Noble dated 15th January 2020 re Estimate and Cllr Peacock dated 21st January 2020 re Locality Fund Application

County Councillor Peacock was in the process of arranging a £500 Locality Fund Grant for the signage.

d) Tour De Yorkshire

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have received a communication for funding from RDC. She has spoken to Mr Rucroft, (Chairman of Hawes Town Hall) and he and Cllr McMullon will complete the forms together.

e) Upper Dales Health Watch - representative from Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

Cllr McMullon confirmed that she would represent the Parish Council on the Upper Dales Health Watch going forward. **Action - Clerk to advise the Upper Dales Health Watch Secretary**

9. YDNPA Planning Applications

New Applications

R/56/75C/LB at Park House, West End, Gayle, DL8 3RT - listed building consent for internal alterations to create a new opening between the dining room and study

R/56/32S at Honeycott Caravan Park, Hawes, DL8 3LH - full planning permission for use of barn (currently restricted to holiday accommodation only) to 1 No. local occupancy dwelling or holiday let

The Parish Council had no comment to make.

Withdrawn

R/48/162 - The Cragg and Carr, Land at East Birkrigg, Appersett - full planning permission for erection of new livestock building, general purpose storage building and creation of access track - **withdrawn**

R/56/32R at Barn at Honeycott Caravan Park, Hawes, DL8 3LH - section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 of R/56/32K (full planning permission for conversion of barn to provide holiday accommodation) (retrospective) - **withdrawn**

Approved Conditionally

R/48/13E at West End Barn, Lunds, Garsdale Head - full planning permission for conversion of barn to form 1 No. local occupancy dwelling or holiday let, and installation of package treatment plant - **to be considered by the Planning Committee on 13th August 2019 - approved conditionally S106**

R/56/141S at Cocketts Hotel, Market Place, Hawes - full planning permission for sub-division of existing hotel to create 2 No. two bedroom dwellings for holiday rental, and a six-bedroom hotel - **approved conditionally S106**

R/56/504A at East Birkrigg, Birk Rigg Farm Road, Hawes, DL8 3LP - section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 (plans), Condition 4 (roof material) and removal of Condition 6 (windows and doors) of R/56/504 (full planning permission for erection of single storey front extension and formalisation of the living accommodation on the ground and first floor) - **approved conditionally**

R/48/119B at Garth House Sedbusk - householder planning permission for erection to south elevation of dwelling to provide disabled access to first floor - **approved conditionally**

Refused

R/56/327B at Access to Field No. 668 Land off B6255, Hawes - full planning permission for new access track from B6255 to OS Field 668 (retrospective) - **refused**

Appeal Refused

Planning Appeal Ref APP/C9499/W/19/3235925 - Hawes Methodist Church R/56/498

Full planning permission for change of use and conversion of church and Sunday School (use Class D1) to three Apartments and two cottages for holiday let accommodation (Use Class C3) - Hawes Methodist Church, Hawes

Appeals

Planning Enforcement Appeal Ref ER/56/137B - Bainbridge Ings Caravan Site, Old Gayle Lane, Hawes

Unauthorised siting of camping pods not in accordance with Condition 2 of planning permission R/56/10G - Bainbridge Ings Caravan Site, Old Gayle Lane, Hawes

Pending

R/56/501 at Greens Farm, Snaizeholme - full planning permission for i) alterations to existing dwelling and conversion of adjacent outbuilding to additional living space; ii) change of use of land to rear to form flagged area with new boundary wall and erection of rear utility room for dwelling and iii) change of use of other outbuilding into a holiday cottage - **to be considered by the Planning Committee on 13th August 2019**

R/48/12P/LB at Shepherds Cottage, Longshaw, Hawes, DL8 3PZ - listed building consent to change the existing wooden windows in the end part of the cottage with Heritage Aluminium windows to match those in the main cottage

R/56/124P at Blackburn Farm, Gayle Hawes - full planning permission for change of use of field to enable extension of existing campsite to provide 6 no. touring caravan pitches and 5 no. tent pitches with a new vehicular access and conversion/extension of garden store to form toilet and washing facilities

R/56/447B at Annexe to Steppe Haugh, Town Head, Hawes, DL8 3RH - full planning permission for the separation of the Annexe to Steppe Haugh to form 1 no. local occupancy dwelling

R/56/285C at Hawes Community Fields, Brunt Acres Road, Hawes, DL8 3UW - application from The Upper Wensleydale Sports & Recreational Association Limited for full planning permission for erection of single storey community and sports facility with ancillary car parking

R/56/450A at No. 38 Little Ings, Gayle, Hawes, DL8 3RP - householder planning permission for erection of two-storey side extension to provide kitchen and bedroom and erection of single storey extension to utility to create rear entrance

R/48/13F at Low West Ends, Lunds - full planning permission for conversion of traditional building to form 2 local occupancy dwellings or holiday lets and installation of one package treatment plan per dwelling

Planning Committee

R/56/502 - Halfway House, Hawes - Note change in wording from 'full planning permission for conversion of attached barn to form a separate local occupancy dwelling' to read '**full planning permission for conversion of attached barn to form a separate local occupancy dwelling or short-term holiday let**' - **to be considered by the Planning Committee on 8th October 2019**

Other Planning Matters

Complaint received re Fossdale House, Simonstone - The Clerk said that YDNPA investigations were ongoing.

A local resident thanked both John Blackie and the Parish Council for the hard work done re the Hawes Methodist Church Planning Applications/Appeals.

10. Correspondence

- Dated 10th December 2019 from RDC re Draft Housing Need Report - **Noted**
- Dated 11th December 2019 from Armed Forces re Recruiting Stand opposite public toilets on 19-20th February 2020 - **Noted**

- Dated 12th December 2019 requesting amendment to minutes of 7th October 2019 meeting

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had decided to refuse the request re Agenda item # 3 Co-option, Item # 12 Any Other Business had been amended

- Dated 16th December 2019 from YDNPA re consultation process for Local Plan 2023-2040 - **Noted**
- Dated 8th January 2020 from YDNPA re Motor Rallies - Parish Notification Letter - **Noted**
- Dated 14th January 2020 from local resident re support for diverse Parish Council - **Noted**

- Dated 15th January 2020 from Richard Noble re Hawes In Bloom
The Chairman proposed two instalments of £750.
Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council agreed to contribute two x £750 instalments.*

- Dated 24th January 2020 from Hawes Community Office on behalf of Hawes Youth Club asking for financial support
The Chairman explained that John Blackie had obtained Stronger Community Funding via the UWCO to the Youth Club. County Cllr Peacock has arranged £500 from the Locality Fund to pay Youth Club wages. County Cllr Peacock will look into Stronger Community Funding.

- Dated 24th January 2020 re Request for funding for the Northern Dalesman Bus Service
County Councillor Peacock said that this has missed the Locality Fund. The Chairman said that the Parish Council would need to see how many numbers used Hawes as it would be difficult to agree to contribute money if the Parish Council did not know how it would be used.

11. Date of the next meeting - Monday 6th April 2020 at Gayle Institute at 7.15pm

12. Any Other Business

The Clerk confirmed that Defibrillator Pads x 2 had been ordered on 5th January 2020 but may take a couple of weeks to arrive.

A local resident asked that the Skip Service be better advertised going forward as not everyone was aware of the arrangements.

Jake Dinsdale asked the Parish Council to consider the use of Facebook social media to promote the Parish Council. The chairman said that the Parish Council could look at that at a future date.

13. Items for next Agenda

Meeting closed 9.00pm