

HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSID PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Residents Meeting Held at Gayle Institute, Gayle On Monday 22nd May 2023

Present:

Cllr Jill McMullon (Chair)
Cllr David Stephenson
Cllr Yurek Waluda
Mrs Kate Kelly (Clerk)

Cllr. Emma Blades
Cllr Marion Lloyd
Cllr. Sheila Alderson

County Cllr. Yvonne Peacock

No members of the public were present.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2022 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 really doesn't seem long ago I was sitting here doing the exact same thing and yet 12 months had passed.. time flies too quickly.

The major event in Hawes last year was the resurfacing of the road, long overdue and not without some controversy.. the men from Tarmac were excellent, courteous, helpful, and it certainly didn't go unnoticed. The businesses too should be thanked for their patience and I know there has been concern about loss of trade which is understandable but I think we can all agree it looks significantly better albeit with some concerns about the wear already showing in places.

I need to thank my fellow councillors for their support during the year, it's much appreciated.

Thank you to Pete for answering his phone immediately and to always sounding calm when I haven't always been!

The new Cemetery, which is now sadly being used did pose a few initial problems.. no correction, I spent a few sleepless nights as could not source any rules or prices or indeed the required mapping out of the area. I rang Ian Woolley who with Nancy Sutton looks after the now sadly full cemetery and I'm indebted to Ian who willingly mapped out the field for us and did a wonderful plan.

Marion kindly has taken the lead in being the contact and holder of the map and I'm extremely grateful for her hard work. Everything is now in place, and we are ordering an official book for the records etc which we are advised we will need. I know Marion has also had great help from Nancy for which she and I are grateful.

The play parks are as ever, looked after by our fabulous volunteers Robin and Ian, they do an amazing job, no fuss, they just keep things in order, from checking equipment to putting out the green bin for collection religiously and they need our grateful thanks for all their dedication.

John Banks who we employ to do our grass cutting, and a great job he does.

Richard Noble and his team of volunteers who do Hawes in Bloom.. always a magnificent show of flowers in the town and now there are new planters it will make life easier for them but the display will be equally as beautiful. Part funded by the Parish Council and the majority by the North Yorkshire locality fund through Yvonne.. so thank you Yvonne for that.

Our previous clerk Karen Prudden as you know suffered a life changing condition and we said goodbye to her in the New Year. I know that Karen didn't want to leave but it was obvious she couldn't carry on and we wish her well.

On a positive note, we have found Kate. We are incredibly lucky to have her. James Peacock the chairman of Bainbridge Parish Council and I joined forces and were delighted to welcome Kate who is also Clerk to Bainbridge as Karen was before. It's the perfect example of working together and we agreed we may be able to do it again if the situation arises. But not for a clerk, we won't let her go!!!

I can't end without thanking the font of all knowledge.. the Google equivalent of Hawes , Rob Ward... he has helped me with so many things, questions and practical help and I can't thank him enough for all his help.

Let's hope the next year is a good one and thank you all again for all your work.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2022 Meeting and any Other Issues of Concern to Residents

None had been expressed prior to the meeting and no-one was present to put forward any concerns.

4. Date of the Next Annual Meeting

The next annual meeting is due to take place in May 2024 with details advised nearer the time.

Signed as a True Record

Dated