

## Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Present:

Parish Cllrs: Jill McMullon (Chair); Peter Metcalfe; Marion Lloyd; Sheila Alderson; David Cockett; David Stephenson; Emma Blades; Yurek Waluda.

County Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

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

Approximately forty members of the public. PC Heather Campbell and colleague.

Apologies: Cllr. Barry Wilcox

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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> Cllrs. Barry Wilcox due to transport issues.
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. No declarations of interest stated.
4.	<b><u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023</u></b> The minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. It was agreed that they were an accurate record of the proceedings. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5.	<b><u>Councillor Vacancy</u></b> Two applications have been received for the vacancy and interviews will be held as soon as possible. The new Councillor will be co-opted at the next Parish Council meeting.
6.	<b><u>Ongoing Matters</u></b> None
7.	<b><u>Planning applications</u></b> To consider planning applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (plans) &amp; 3 (materials) of R/56/540 (Full planning permission for proposed part demolition and rebuilding of existing garage) relating to change of</li></ul>

material finish to roof at Car Park, Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3RD - R/56/540A

Cllrs had stated that it would be preferable for the roofing material to match the surrounding buildings and the Clerk had advised the planning department accordingly. It was noted that this application has been approved by the planners.

This item is resolved although it is noted that a new planning application for the same property has been submitted - R/56/540B.

- Full planning permission for the installation of a new telecommunications base station comprising; a 20m lightweight lattice mast with 3no. radio antennas, 3no. 600mm dishes, radio equipment housing, a solar array and ancillary development within a new compound area (SRN32) at Land at Black Hill Moss, Cotterdale, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3LT - R/48/169

There was a lot of discussion around this application, parishioners have serious concerns over the siting of this mast and also the masts mentioned in Item 11.4. It was pointed out by the Chair that as Item 11.4 was a provisional document and that this had not yet gone to planning they could only decide on the proposed mast in Cotterdale. Mr Mike Sparrow addressed the Council on behalf of residents, they have concerns over the safety of these masts, the detrimental effect on the Pennine Way footpath, and on wildlife. Mr Sparrow provided Councillors with handouts regarding the potential health risks that some studies have found may be of concern due to radiation levels particularly where there are people living within 500 metres of these masts.

Cllr. Blades addressed the meeting to advise that a lot of the area had no or very poor mobile phone coverage and that this was a matter of concern in an emergency situation.

The current situation is that although some mobile phone users can get limited coverage in the area at the moment others don't have any at all depending on providers.

Mr David Colley had emailed a copy of his letter addressed to the planners to the Council highlighting concerns around the visual impact of the mast. He joined the meeting after this item was discussed but the Chair advised that although the points in his letter had been discussed he could briefly address the meeting. He highlighted other concerns such as lack of consultation with the residents of Cotterdale, would the low flying aircraft in the area mean that the tower would require navigation lights and the disturbance to wildlife such as grouse was also a concern. Other members of the public at the meeting supported all the concerns mentioned. Cllr. Peacock agreed that she would request that this application go before a planning committee.

It was resolved that although the Parish Council are in favour of better mobile phone communications in the area that the Clerk should write to the planners regarding the proposed siting of the mast and requesting that an alternative site with less visual impact be considered.

- Approval of reserved matters following outline application R/48/162B, approved on 22- Aug-2022, for erection of agricultural workers dwelling, construction of associated highway access and track, and installation of package treatment plant at Woody Bank, Appersett, Hawes, DL8 3LR - R/48/162C ( plus additional letter Jan.24.

The applicant Mr Prince attended the meeting and confirmed to the Council that the plans had been amended to show the situation of the bore hole. The Council discussed the application and were in favour of it.

It was resolved that the Clerk would advise the planners accordingly.

- Full planning permission for demolition of existing garage workshop and replace with a one-bedroom local occupancy dwelling/holiday cottage at Garage/Workshop adjacent to Fell View, Market Place,

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This application was discussed and some members of the public present raised concerns. It was noted that as there is no outside space at all which is owned by this property, the door to the property would open onto private land. There is no right of access to the property, space for refuse bins etc. or access for vehicles or parking. It was also noted that the proposed build would block light to the neighbours lounge which is situated on the first floor of their property.

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the planners raising these concerns.

It was also suggested that individuals with objections should also contact the planners.

**8. Planning Decisions**

To receive decisions/information relating to recent planning applications.

- R/56/139E - 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.

The Clerk had written to the planners voicing the Council's concerns. This matter is noted as under consideration by planners.

It was resolved that it be carried forward to the next meeting.

- R/56/498A - Full planning permission for change of use of public building (former Methodist Chapel and Sunday School) to 2 No. local occupancy dwellings (part-retrospective) at Sundays, Chapel Street, Hawes.

The Clerk had written to the planners voicing the Council's concerns. This matter is noted on the planning website as awaiting legal agreement.

It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.

- 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.

The Clerk had written to the planners asking for clarification regarding whether the dwellings would be local occupancy use and also to ask for a guarantee that the ATM would be retained. The planners have replied confirming that the dwellings will be for local occupancy only and this can be secured by way of a planning agreement. They also state that the plans show that the ATM is to be retained but will seek further clarification from the Applicant and come back to us.

This matter is noted on the planning website as awaiting legal agreement.

It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.

- R/56/358E Full planning permission for alterations to the existing dwelling; extension of living accommodation into the existing domestic outbuilding/store; erection of first floor extension to create an upstairs en-suite and erection of detached single garage and store at Ingledene, Burtsett, Hawes.

	<p>This has been approved conditional.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R/56/358F Full planning permission for conversion of existing garage and outbuilding to form a one bedroom holiday let at Ingledene, Burtersett, Hawes.</li> </ul> <p>This has been approved conditional.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full planning permission for erection of agricultural building over livestock pens at West Birkrigg, Hawes, DL8 3LP - R/56/511A</li> </ul> <p>This has been approved conditional.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listed building consent for Internal works to ground floor entrance lobby, bar and dining area and to bedrooms 3, 5 &amp; 26 on first floor at Stone House Hotel, Sedbusk, Hawes, DL8 3PT - R/48/155D/LB</li> <li>• Full planning permission to replace the existing gravel finishes at the front of the hotel with stone paving and for the addition of wrought iron gates between two existing gate posts at Stone House Hotel, Sedbusk, Hawes, DL8 3PT - R/48/155G</li> <li>• Listed building consent for erection of low stone rubble wall externally to the Gate House and conversion of the external wood store into a beer store at Stone House Hotel, Sedbusk, Hawes, DL8 3PT - R/48/155F/LB</li> <li>• Full planning permission for erection of low stone rubble wall externally to the Gate House and conversion of the external wood store into a beer store at Stone House Hotel, Sedbusk, Hawes, DL8 3PT - R/48/155E</li> </ul> <p>The four applications listed above for Stone House Hotel have all been approved conditional.</p> <p>It was resolved that these matters are now closed.</p>
<p><b>8.1</b></p>	<p><b>National Parks Local Plan</b></p> <p>Cllr. Peacock advised that discussions are ongoing but nothing further to report at this time.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>8.2</b></p>	<p><b><u>NYC Draft Housing Strategy 2024-2029</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Blades had attended the meeting regarding this matter on behalf of the Parish Council. A survey had been issued by NYC but it was felt that most of this was not relevant to rural areas. This was communicated back to NYC.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p>

## 9. Highways matters

To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:-

- Resurfacing work needing repair, Junction by Café Curva :-  
Cllr. Peacock advised that the work is scheduled to be carried out in March.

It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.

- Update regarding the poor state of the A684 from Appersett to Garsdale, and the road to Hardraw:-

The bridge has been repaired and the road has reopened. The weight limit restriction is still in place as more work will be required before that can be raised. The potholes were not done at the same time although Cllr. Peacock had suggested that to them.

Cllr. Peacock advised that this matter is ongoing.

It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.

- Update re the area of the road cordoned off awaiting repair between Snaizeholme Road End & Lanaker Lane. This is on an already fairly narrow road and a motorbike accident has already occurred nearby

The traffic lights are still in place and no work has yet been carried out.

Cllr. Peacock advised that this matter is ongoing.

It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.

- It had been noted that The Hill opposite the White Hart is in disrepair. The steps are in poor condition.

It was noted in the last minutes that some of the land is owned by highways but part of it was also owned by the Lords of the Manor. The Clerk contacted the Lords of the Manor as agreed and they have advised that they do not own this land. The National Park may be responsible for part of it as well. The Pennine Way footpath comes through this area and the steps in front of Heriots are in a bad state of repair.

It was noted that the potholes on the lower part of the hill had been filled in presumably by the Highways department but that white lines showing a keep clear area had been painted on by someone unknown. These lines are not legal and will require to be removed. The top half of the hill is still full of potholes. The cobbled area had been adopted by the Highways department. Mr Stewart Lunn who lives in the area addressed the meeting to advise that it is very unclear from a legal point of view who owns some of the land on the Hill.

It was also reported that prior to the potholes at the bottom being filled in someone had been sweeping them out and that the debris from this had caused a drain to be blocked near the little shop on the hill.

It was agreed that Cllr. Peacock would contact the Highways department looking for clarification about the work carried out, and that the Clerk will contact the National Park authority outlining the Councils concern over the poor condition of the area around the steps.

It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident had advised that the road at The Holme was in poor condition. The Clerk had written to the Lord Trustees of the Manor who have confirmed that although they own the land maintenance falls to highways who took over the surface of the Holme.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Council regarding the condition of the surface and asking for this to be repaired</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>Financial Matters</u></b>
10.1	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Hirst – Replacement Defibrillator Cabinet - £540.00pd</li> <li>• North Yorkshire Citizens Advice – Donation- £100.00</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary &amp; Back Pay November 23- £289.68</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary December 23 £192.50</li> <li>• HMRC – P30 Month 8 - £72.40</li> <li>• HMRC – P30 Month 9 - £48.20</li> <li>• Mrs P Pointon- Parish Reports - £100.15</li> <li>• Bainbridge PC re Webinair Finance &amp; Budgeting £12.50</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly- Stationary- Stamps £12.00</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Flowers – Cllr. Blades £30.00</li> <li>• Unity Trust Bank – Qtly charge £18.00</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary January 23£192.70</li> <li>• HMRC – P30 Month 10 - £48.00</li> </ul>
<b>10.2</b>	<p>To acknowledge receipt of the following income</p> <p>No income received.</p>
<b>10.3</b>	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £28394.23.</p>
<b>10.4</b>	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank</b></p> <p>Cllr. Forbes has now been added as a signatory but she hasn't received sign on codes for Internet Banking. Unfortunately Cllr. Metcalfe has forgotten his.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the Bank to have these sent and that signatories would then meet to make an initial payment.</p>
<b>10.5</b>	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank – Savings Rates</b></p> <p>It was resolved at the last meeting that an Instant access savings account should be opened and now that Cllr. Blades is on as a signatory the Clerk will be able to obtain forms for that. The Clerk reported that the Fixed Rate Deposit mentioned at the last meeting required a minimum balance of £100,000</p>

	<p>and was therefore not suitable.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email from Yorkshire Water regarding White House, Shutt Lane, Sedbusk:- Cllr. McMullon had written some months ago requesting an update but had had no further contact from them.</li> </ul> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p>
<b>11.2</b>	<p><b>Emails received from Mike Hirst regarding defibrillators.</b></p> <p>The defibrillator cabinet has been replaced and the Council wished to thank Mike Hirst for arranging this work and also the local Electrician who very kindly fitted it without charge.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p>
<b>11.3</b>	<p>Email received from RTS Forestry regarding proposed Widdale Woodland Consultation.</p> <p>The Council had no objections to this but would wish to see full planning before making a final response.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should write and advise them of this.</p>
<b>11.4</b>	<p><b>Email from WHP Telecoms regarding siting of new telecoms mast.</b></p> <p>An email was received and circulated to Councillors from WHP Telecoms regarding a proposed base station installation at Cam Houses to improve 4g coverage in the area. This would include the installation of a 20 metre tower. This is a pre-planning proposal. It was noted that this is one of a chain of towers that would be required. This item was also discussed in relation to the proposed mast in Cotterdale in Item 7 on the Agenda.</p> <p>In principal the Council would like more mobile coverage in the area however they acknowledged the concerns of members of the public who attended the meeting. The Chair pointed out that as this was a pre planning notification they would discuss it in full once planning permission was applied for.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should write to WHP Telecoms mentioning the concerns raised by the public at the meeting but advising them that the application would be discussed in full once it had gone to planning.</p>
<b>11.5</b>	<p><b>YDNPA Autumn Parish Forum 23</b></p> <p>Slides from the event had been circulated to the Councillors. There were no comments.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>11.6</b>	<p><b>Introductory Webinar for the North Yorkshire &amp; York Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)</b></p> <p>Cllr Stephenson had tried to join this Webinar meeting but had been unsuccessful.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p>

<p><b>11.7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line</u></b> - Complimentary membership offer</p> <p>The Council thanked them for their offer but didn't feel that it was appropriate to take this up.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p>
<p><b>11.8</b></p>	<p><b><u>Upper Wensleydale Dales Watch</u></b></p> <p>PC Campbell had emailed to advise that the Upper Wensleydale Dales Watch is no longer to have access to police radios. They do not wish to go out without some form of communication and due to poor reception in the area mobile phones are not suitable. They have written to the three Parish Councils in the area requesting that they consider funding new radios at a cost of £853.99. It was felt that the watch was needed in the area and Cllr. McMullon proposed that if the other Councils were also contributing that Hawes PC should make a donation of £300 towards this, Cllr. Lloyd seconded this proposal.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk would liase with Clerks from the other Parish Councils and arrange to forward the monies in due course.</p>
<p><b>11.9</b></p>	<p><b><u>Email received regarding Tree Preservation Order No.7 (Hawes)</u></b></p> <p>The above order had been received from the YDNPA advising of a 10% crown thin of a sycamore at Wildfell, Burtersett Road, Hawes.</p> <p>There were no comments and this matter is now resolved.</p>
<p><b>11.10</b></p>	<p><b><u>Email received regarding Upper Dales Home Care</u></b></p> <p>Email updates had been received regarding the above. Cllr. McMullon will check that these are displayed in the community office.</p> <p>It was also resolved that they be made available on the Parish Councils website.</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Children's Play Area</u></b></p> <p>The boundary stone wall near Beulah Bank in the Gayle Lane playpark needs attention. The Council wondered whether the YDNP might consider doing this as part of their drystone walling projects or if the National Park volunteers might consider doing so on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Matt Neale at the Park to request their help.</p> <p>Cllr.McMullon had received an email from a resident advising that a culvert which crosses the Playpark was blocked and that their property had been flooded. Mr Pete Iveson had had a look and advised that it looked as if the culvert had collapsed and that it needed proper investigation possibly by putting a camera in to assess the problem. The Parish Council have the use of the land for the Playpark but do not own it.</p> <p>It was agreed that the owner should be advised of the problem and that her contact details would be given to the Clerk who will then write to her.</p> <p>It was resolved that in the interim the Council will do what it can to alleviate the problem.</p> <p>Cllr. McMullon had seen a post on social media showing that the slide had a jagged metal edge near</p>



	<p>the bottom. Mr Robin Peters went along and verified this and he taped off the area to prevent the slide being used. Mr Rob Ward has kindly agreed to look at repairing the slide.</p> <p>Cllr. Blades advised that the seating area at the bottom of the park was a mess and that the gate was hanging off. Cllr. Stephenson volunteered to go and sort this.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this item forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Lloyd advised that everything is up to date for the Cemetery and all the Certificates have been sent out.</p> <p>Cllr. McMullon thanked her for all her work on this on behalf of the Council.</p>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b><u>Review of Asset Register</u></b></p> <p>Cllrs. have updated the Asset Register and this has now been given to the Clerk.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>15.</b>	<p><b><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Lloyd had attended the November meeting and gave an update. The minutes of the UDHW meeting are available on our website .</p>
<b>16.</b>	<p><b><u>Gayle Bus Stop</u></b></p> <p>It had been reported that the bus stop looked in a state of disrepair, particularly the roof which is covered in moss. Cllr. Peacock has contacted North Yorkshire Council and correspondence between them is ongoing.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>17.</b>	<p><b><u>Bealah Bank</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. McMullon had been advised that bones which were possibly animal remains had been scattered in the area and that there was a concern that they possibly had rat poison on them. Cllr McMullon contacted the rural PC who is investigating, the police have been very helpful in this matter.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>18.</b>	<p><b><u>The Hill</u></b></p> <p>This item was covered in the discussion on Highways. Point 9 on the Minutes.</p>
<b>19.</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Clerk</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk is still using up ink already purchased in her current printer but a new printer will be purchased shortly.</p>
<b>20.</b>	<p><b><u>Monthly Police Report.</u></b></p> <p>This was circulated and will be added to the website.</p> <p>Cllr. McMullon thanked the two police officers who attended the meeting.</p>

21.	<p><b><u>Potential BT Payphone and Telephone Box Removal</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Peacock advised that this is ongoing and no further updates had been received.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
22.	<p><b><u>Remembrance Day Commemoration</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Blades had asked at the last meeting whether it would be possible to purchase large poppy shaped emblems from the Royal British Legion for next year. The Clerk could not find these on their website. Apparently West Witton have these so the Clerk will contact their Clerk to find out who supplied them.</p>
23.	<p><b><u>D-Day Celebrations June 2024</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that it would be good to take part in the Celebrations by lighting the beacon on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15pm. Cllr. McMullon agreed to find out who normally would light the beacon. The literature sent to us was also aimed at schools and Cllr. Blades will find out if the school had received this and were planning on doing something to mark the occasion.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
24	<p><b><u>Trees on Sedbusk Village Green</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Stephenson raised the matter of overhanging trees on Sedbusk village green which scratch the minibus when it goes up there.</p> <p>It was resolved that the trees should have the canopy trimmed to prevent this..</p>
25.	<p><b><u>Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p>The wall in the top carpark on the righthand side near the steps is starting to collapse. – Cllr. Peacock noted this and will take it forward.</p> <p>The pavement kerbstones require to be redone.</p> <p>A parishioner wishes to place an additional memorial bench in Gayle.</p> <p>Mr Stewart Armstrong raised the issue of flooding in the area.</p> <p>It was noted that the pavements were very bad during the recent snow and a parishioner offered to help with gritting these.</p> <p>Workshop for Highways on 3<sup>rd</sup> February- Cllr. Waluda will attend.</p>
26.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting.</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held in <b>Gayle Village Institute on Tuesday 26th March.</b></p>

Signed as a true record.

Dated.