

## Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Present:

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

County Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

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

Pip Pointon, Report writer.

Approximately thirty members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs. Barry Wilcox; Marion Lloyd

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1.	Chairman reminded everyone present of the right to record the meeting although the Council would not be doing so. Pip Pointon was making an audio recording to assist with writing her subsequent report for the press.
2.	<b><u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u></b>  Cllr. Barry Wilcox who has recently been in hospital. Cllr. Marion Lloyd.
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.  Cllr. McMullon stated an interest in the planning application for Dryden House at Point 7 on the Agenda.
4.	<b><u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024</u></b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. It was agreed that they were an accurate record of the proceedings. They were proposed by Cllr .Waluda and seconded by Cllr. Alderson. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5.	<b><u>Councillor Vacancy</u></b>  Two applicants had been interviewed. They both completed a Legal Declaration of Qualification form and were invited to attend tonight's Parish Council meeting. A vote was held and Ruth Lindsay was the successful candidate, 3 votes to 2. Ruth was then co-opted as the new Councillor and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form which was also signed by the Clerk.  The Chairman welcomed Ruth to the Parish Council. A Welcome Pack was provided to Cllr. Lindsay

	by the Clerk. The Chairman thanked the other candidate and advised that they were welcome to apply again for any future vacancies.
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Ongoing Matters</u></b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>RTS Forestry proposed Widdale Woodland Consultation</b>  No updates received. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.
<b>6.2</b>	<b>WHP Telecoms regarding site of new telecoms mast</b>  No updates received. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Upper Wensleydale Dales Watch</b>  PC Campbell had written to thank the Council for agreeing at the last meeting to make a donation towards the cost of new radios but advised that funds had been found in a dormant account that would cover the cost of the radios. This matter is now resolved.
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Upper Dales Home Care</b>  No updates received. This matter is now resolved.
<b>6.5</b>	<b>Gayle Bus Stop</b> To discuss disrepair of bus stop. Cllr. Peacock advised that the bus stop has now been inspected by NYC and she is waiting to hear back from them.  This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Planning applications</u></b> To consider planning applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full planning permission for conversion of outbuilding to a holiday let at Honeycott House, Hawes, DL8 3LH - R/56/544  No comments were received.</li> <li>● Full planning permission for change of use of bar to 1no. dwelling and Manager's residence/office space to licensed tea room, plus retention of three letting rooms (retrospective) at The Moorcock Inn, Garsdale, LA10 5PU - R/56/154F  This application was discussed and it was noted that there has been a lot in the media about the closure of this historic inn. The Council acknowledged that it is sad to lose an historic inn but felt that it was perhaps unrealistic in the current economic climate to expect this to operate as a viable Inn at this time. Rather than see the building fall into possible disrepair and to not being used it was resolved to support this application for change of use.</li> <li>● 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, Hawes, DL8 3RG - R/56/540C  This amended application was discussed and concerns were again raised by members of the public in attendance. We note that the proposed door to the dwelling has been moved and that the height of the building has been altered. However it was felt that the alterations did not allay previous concerns. The property has no ground attached to it and right of access would be required. The applicant stated that a bit of the existing building would be removed to give a parking space, footpath, somewhere to store bins</li> </ul>

etc. but it was unclear whether this would be sufficient. The right of ownership to the ground around the property was again disputed and someone at the meeting stated that it is owned by them. Richmond Cottage next door has its lounge on the upper floor and the planned property would cut light from their window and overlook it. It was agreed by the Council that in view of these issues they would not be in favour of this planning application.

**Added to Agenda**

- Full planning permission for change of use from self-contained residential flat back to commercial office premises at Dryden House, Market Place, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3RA - R/56/211E

Cllr. McMullon did not take part in discussing this application as although she has no pecuniary interest in the property she is one of the trustees.

It was felt that the town needs businesses and as such the Council were in favour of this application.

**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.

This application has now been approved conditional.

- 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. Cllr. Peacock will contact the planners regarding the ATM as this is a vital resource for the community.

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

- . 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, Hawes, DL8 3RD - R/56/540B

This application was withdrawn although it is noted that a new planning application for the same property has been submitted - R/56/540C.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk had written to the planners voicing the Councils concerns. This matter is noted as under consideration by planners.</p> <p>It was resolved that it be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>This has been approved conditional.</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. Peacock advised that this is 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>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Highways matters</u></b></p> <p>To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resurfacing work needing repair, Junction by Café Curva :- The work has now been completed and this matter is resolved.</li> <li>• Update regarding the poor state of the A684 from Appersett to Garsdale, and the road to Hardraw:-  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.</li> </ul> <p>It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update re the area of the road cordoned off awaiting repair between Snaizeholme Road End &amp; Lanaker Lane. The traffic lights are still in place and no work has yet been carried out. Cllr. Peacock advised that she keeps checking on this but no progress as yet.</li> </ul> <p>It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It had been noted that The Hill opposite the White Hart is in disrepair. The steps are in poor</li> </ul>

condition.

The Clerk contacted the National Park regarding the footpath and the steps in front of Heriots which are in a bad state of repair. They have replied to say that the Ranger is happy that the majority of the footpath is in a suitable condition but will look closely at the steps. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

It was noted at the previous meeting 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 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.

Cllr. Peacock has contacted the Highways department and this matter is ongoing.

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

- 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.

The Clerk wrote to the Council regarding the condition of the surface and asking for this to be repaired. This request has been passed to an engineer for a report and we are awaiting an outcome.

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

- Email received regarding pool of water on Burtersett road at cemetery.

The Clerk had received an email regarding a large pool of flood water which when larger vehicles went through was causing water to be washed over the wall and onto graves on the cemetery. It was noted that there was a drain there which may be blocked and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the highways department regarding this matter.

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The resident who owns the land where the dog waste bin at Beulah Bank is currently situated has requested that this be removed from their land as this is private.

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to NYC and request that the bin be moved to the other side of the wall which is public land.

Whilst on the subject of dog waste it was suggested that a further dog bin at Gayle should be made available. The Clerk will contact NYC to request an additional bin.

It was noted that there was a lot of dog waste on the pavements in Hawes which is not being picked up and put in a bin. It was suggested that new signage may be required.

	<p>Cllr. Stephenson has agreed to have a walk around the town and look at the current signage that we have and report back to the next meeting.</p>
<b>9.1</b>	<p><b><u>Workshop for Highways</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Waleda had attended this on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The meeting had been interesting but he felt that overall it was a bit disappointing.</p> <p>It was noted that the streets in Hawes had been cleaned recently but that litter in the area was a concern. It was resolved to add this as an item to the Agenda for our next meeting.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p>
<b>10.1</b>	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary February 24 £192.50</li> <li>• HMRC – P30 Month 11 - £48.20</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly- Stationary- Stamps £12.00</li> <li>• E-ON Next – Electricity Jan. - £18.06pd</li> <li>• E-ON Next – Electricity Dec. - £17.36pd</li> <li>• Bainbridge Parish Council – Microsoft Subs.1/2 share £30.00</li> </ul>
<b>10.2</b>	<p>To acknowledge receipt of the following income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cemetery- C Kitching- £100</li> </ul>
<b>10.3</b>	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £26954.77.</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 that an Instant access savings account should be opened , unfortunately when the Clerk went to complete the forms to bring to the meeting for signature the Bank's system was down and she was unable to do so.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>To consider the following correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-</p>
<b>11.1.</b>	<p><b>YDNPA Spring Forum 24</b></p>

	<p>A request had been received asking for topics for the Spring Forum. There were none at this time.</p>
<b>11.2</b>	<p><b>Upper Wensleydale Dales Watch</b></p> <p>This item was covered in Point 6.3 of the Minutes.</p>
<b>11.3</b>	<p><b>Email received regarding Hawes Christmas Lights.</b></p> <p>An email was received requesting a donation towards this years Christmas Lights. The Council are keen to support the Christmas Lights. It was decided to look at what was donated last year and then make a decision on this years donation.</p> <p>This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>11.4</b>	<p><b>Email received from Stage 1 Cycles regarding pump track development.</b></p> <p>No further correspondence has been received and no one attended the meeting. It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p>
<b>11.5</b>	<p><b>North Yorkshire Council Subsidised Local Bus Services.</b></p> <p>An email had been received regarding changes to the bus service for school pick ups. Cllr. Peacock noted that this has no impact at all on her business interests but will have a huge impact on families choice of school and education for their children</p> <p>The proposals mean that instead of parents having a choice of sending their children to the catchment or nearest school from September all children would have to go to the school deemed nearest to them.</p> <p>It was felt that this policy would discriminate against children in our rural areas, particularly those whose families may not have the time or means to pay for transporting their children to a different school. At the moment if parents choose a different school to the one offered they can pay £800 for a school bus but what if these buses no longer run due to this change in policy. Also siblings could now be at different schools causing problems for parents trying to support their children by attending sports days, parents evenings etc.</p> <p>Parents at the meeting said that nothing had been sent out by the schools regarding these proposed changes and the consultation closes on 12<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>It was also noted that parents had already made their choices for the coming school year and this consultation was issued far too late. It was also stated that the nearest school for many pupils, Settlebeck is already full for the coming year.</p> <p>It was resolved that due to the short timescales those Councillors who use Facebook would post a message asking people to ensure that they complete the survey and make their views known.</p> <p>It was also resolved that the Clerk would complete the survey on behalf of the Council and write to Carl Les, Annabel Wilkinson &amp; Stuart Carlton to raise our concerns regarding this proposed policy which could prove a barrier to education and reduce opportunities for children in our area asking for their assistance.</p>
<b>11.6</b>	<p><b>Insurance Renewal</b></p> <p>This years annual insurance renewal premium has been received at a cost of £684.04. This is an increase of approximately 10%. This was deemed acceptable and it was resolved to renew the policy.</p>
<b>11.7</b>	<p><b>Association of Rural Communities</b></p> <p>An email was received regarding the health of the River Ure. There is concern over the poor quality of the river and they are considering setting up a group to monitor the water quality and generally</p>

	<p>look after the river between Masham &amp; Appersett. A public meeting has been organised in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm on 30<sup>th</sup> of April and anyone interested would be very welcome to come along and find out more.</p> <p>Cllr. Peacock also mentioned that there will be a drop in set up in Leyburn on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April regarding flooding in the area and wanted to encourage anyone affected by this issue to pop in. It will be open all day.</p>
<b>11.8</b>	<p><b>Hawes in Bloom</b></p> <p>An email was received requesting funding towards the cost of this years Hawes in Bloom. It was resolved that a donation of £500 should be made.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<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 Clerk had written to Matt Neale , Ranger for YDNP to ask whether they 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. He has replied that this would not be possible. We will need to find out the owners of the wall and speak to them.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter would be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr.McMullon has contacted a company and asked for quotes regarding the blocked culvert which crosses the Playpark and had caused a property to have flooding issues. No quote has been received yet and it was resolved that Cllr.McMullon will chase this up.</p> <p>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>The jagged metal edge on the slide has been made safe but the slide now needs treated so is still taped off. The gate at the bottom was checked by Cllr. Stephenson and is working.</p> <p>Mr Robin Peters had again provided an excellent written report on the playparks and play equipment. He has also written to advise that after seven years working as a volunteer he has decided that the time has come to handover to someone else. The Council are extremely appreciative of all the work that he has carried out over the years and wish to thank him for this and the huge contribution he has made to the community. Robin advised that Mark Murphy has kindly agreed to take over the work that he has been doing and the Council thanked Robin for organising this and also Mr Murphy for agreeing to take this on.</p> <p>It was resolved that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr Peters and a welcome letter to Mr Murphy.</p> <p>Pip Pointon had written to advise that this year will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Town Foot Playpark. There are no plans to mark this anniversary but Pip has an old photo of the volunteers when the park was opened and would wish to take a photo of the Current team to mark the occasion.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this item forward to the next meeting.</p>



13.	<p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk had noted that an Invoice for the cemetery was outstanding and will chase this up.</p>
14.	<p><b><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></b></p> <p>No further update has been received.</p>
15.	<p><b><u>Bealah Bank</u></b></p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
16.	<p><b><u>The Hill</u></b></p> <p>This item was covered in the discussion on Highways. Point 9 on the Minutes.</p>
17.	<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> <p>The Microsoft subscription and the McAfee security subscription for the Clerks laptop are both due for renewal at a cost of £49.99 for one year for Microsoft and £94.99 for two years for McAfee. It was resolved that these should be renewed. The costs will be halved with Bainbridge Parish Council.</p>
18.	<p><b><u>Monthly Police Report.</u></b></p> <p>This was discussed and will be added to the website.</p>
19.	<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>
20.	<p><b><u>Remembrance Day Commemoration</u></b></p> <p>The large poppy shaped emblems from the Royal British Legion The Clerk coare now available on the website at a cost of £5 each. It was agreed that the Clerk should order 20. Cllr. Metcalfe has agreed that they can be sent to him and he will store them.</p>
21.	<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 had contacted Diane? Regarding this. Cllr. Blades advised that nothing has been heard by the school regarding marking the occasion.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
22.	<p><b><u>Trees on Sedbusk Village Green</u></b></p> <p>The trees have had their canopies trimmed and this matter is now resolved.</p>
23.	<p><b><u>Wall in the top carpark.</u></b></p>

	<p>The wall in the top carpark on the righthand side near the steps is starting to collapse. Cllr. Peacock will take this to Highways.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>24.</b>	<p><b><u>Pavement kerbstones.</u></b></p> <p>The pavement kerbstones require to be redone. Cllr. Peacock will take this forward.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>25.</b>	<p><b><u>Additional memorial bench in Gayle.</u></b></p> <p>A parishioner wishes to place an additional memorial bench in Gayle in a particular spot where there is already a bench in situ. Unfortunately the area is not big enough for two benches so this will not be possible.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>26.</b>	<p><b><u>Flooding in the Area.</u></b></p> <p>Mr Stewart Armstrong had raised the issue of flooding in the area. Cllr. Peacock again advised of the drop in at Leyburn that is to be held.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>27.</b>	<p><b><u>Gritting Pavements.</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that the pavements were very bad during the recent snow and a parishioner offered to help with gritting these. Cllr. Peacock advised that if they sign up as a volunteer the Council will provide grit, equipment and a training course which would need to be attended prior to them starting.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>28.</b>	<p><b><u>Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p>None at this time.</p>
<b>29.</b>	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting.</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held in <b>Gayle Village Institute on Tuesday 21st May.</b></p>

Signed as a true record.

Dated.