

Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th November 2024

Present:

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

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

Members of the public.

Apologies : County Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

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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	<u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr. Yvonne Peacock due to attending another meeting.
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None received.
4	<u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2024</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 th September 2024 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. It was agreed by all that they were an accurate record of the proceedings. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<u>Councillor Vacancy</u> No applications have been received as yet. Cllr. McMullon asked all present to make people aware that we would welcome applications.
6	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
6.1	Gayle Bus Stop The bus stop has been inspected by NYC and the roof is to be repaired, however no timescale has been given. Cllr. Stephenson has cleaned the moss off slates on the roof and cleared the gutters. The Chair thanked Cllr. Stephenson. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
6.2	Pavement kerbstones.

	<p>Some repair work had been carried out on the pavement kerbstones outside the Chip shop at Pennygarth but they used tar, which is already crumbling, instead of replacing the stones. Cllr. Peacock has taken this matter up with NYC and it has been agreed that they will be repaired, without the road being closed.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
6.3	<p>Dog waste bin at Beulah Bank.</p> <p>The Clerk and Cllr. Peacock had again contacted NYC and asked them to move the dog bin a couple of feet as requested by the landowner. The Council have replied that a new bin will require to be put in place and that the Parish Council will have to pay for this. They also stated that although they currently empty the bin if they move or replace it they will only empty it if it is within 4 metres of the highway.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Cllr. Blades will advise the landowner of the position and report back at the next meeting.</p>
6.4	<p>Loose steps near toilets in car park</p> <p>Cllr. Peacock will take this up again with NYC.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
6.5	<p>Access and Parking on The Hill, Hawes</p> <p>No update at this time. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
6.6	<p>Replacement Notice Boards</p> <p>The new boards are in place in Sedbusk & Hawes near the community office. They look very good. It had been noted that the board in Hardraw requires repair and it was resolved that Cllr. Metcalfe will ask Mr Bushby to take a look at it.</p>
7	<p><u>Planning applications</u> To consider planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Householder planning permission for erection of first floor extension to bungalow to form two-storey local occupancy dwelling at Moorestones, Ings Drive, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3QT - R/56/516A <p>Concerns had been raised re the potential detrimental effect on neighbouring properties but it is understood that this application has been withdrawn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application to discharge the Section 106 Agreement (dated 02 August 2012) attached to planning permission R/56/24X (full planning permission for removal and construction of new all-weather serviced pitches, relocation of existing bin compound and new planting) in respect of removal/discharge of Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the legal agreement to align with the recent removal of Conditions 9 and 10 of R/56/24X at HAWES CARAVAN & MOTORHOME CLUB SITE, Brown Moor Farm, Hawes, DL8 3PS - R/56/533C ● No comments were received.

<p>8</p>	<p><u>Planning Decisions</u> To receive decisions/information relating to recent planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>This item has now been marked as approved subject to Section 106 (Local occupancy). It was noted that there was nothing in the conditions regarding the ATM and it was resolved that the Clerk should contact the planners and ask for confirmation that it will be retained.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>This matter is noted as under consideration by the planners.</p> <p>It was resolved that it be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>This application has been declined. The decision is being appealed. It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 73 application for removal of Conditions 9 & 10 of R/56/24X (full planning permission for removal and construction of new all-weather serviced pitches, relocation of existing bin compound and new planting) in respect of the specified number of units and the operating period at Hawes Caravan & Motorhome Club Site, Brown Moor Farm, Hawes, DL8 3PS - R/56/533B
<p>8.1</p>	<p>National Parks Local Plan</p> <p>Draft Version 7 of the Plan was circulated to all Councillors. Mr Tinson who attended the meeting and another parishioner had written to the Parish Council to note their objections to some of the proposed sites. Cllr McMullon stated that whilst we appreciate their concerns and thanked them for bringing them to the Parish Councils attention at this stage these are just potential sites for future developments. The Parish Council can object to individual planning applications on these sites if and when they may be received in the future. It was noted and agreed that we desperately need more housing for local people in the area.</p> <p>This matter will be ongoing as future updates received.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Highways matters</u> To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update regarding the poor state of the A684 from Appersett to Garsdale, and the road to Hardraw:-

- Update re the area of the road cordoned off awaiting repair between Snaizeholme Road End & Lanaker Lane.
- The Hill opposite the White Hart is in disrepair and illegal white lines have been painted.
- The road at The Holme which is in poor condition.

As Cllr. Peacock was unable to attend the meeting no updates on the above items was available and it was resolved to carry these matters forward to the next meeting.

- Wall in top carpark

The wall in the top carpark on the righthand side near the steps is starting to collapse. This was not noted on the recent walkaround. Cllr Blades will check if this has been sorted.

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

- The bottom of Chapel Street has some raised points and holes and cars are catching on it.

Cllr. Peacock had added this to her list for NYC at the last meeting.

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

- Bridge adjoining Hawes Club.

There is visual evidence of a split on the bridge and a representative from the Council was out to have a look. Cllr. Alderson spoke to him, he stated that he was unable to get down to the bridge for a full inspection but would report back via Cllr. Peacock.

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

10 **Financial Matters**

10.1 To approve the following accounts for payment:

- Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary September 24- £192.50
- Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary October 24 -£192.70
- HMRC -P30 Qtr2- £144.40
- E-ON Next – Electricity September - £19.56pd
- E-ON Next – Electricity October - £23.17pd
- Mr J Banks – Grasscutting – September £535.00
- Mr J Banks – Grasscutting – October -£265.00
- Mr M Hirst – defibrillator pads -£147.60pd
- Mr D Bushby- New Notice Boards- £760.00pd
- PWLB Loan - £860.88pd
- J T Atkinson- Playpark- Black Tape- £11.86
- J T Atkinson- Playpark- Rubble Sack £9.00

Added to Agenda

- NYC- Replenishment of grit bin- £90.00

10.2	<p>To acknowledge receipt of the following income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC Precept- £8750.00
10.3	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 3^{1st} October 2024 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £26289.47. Current balance in Unity Trust Deposit Account is £10003.77</p>
10.4	<p>Unity Trust Bank</p> <p>Internet Banking is now working for two of our signatories. Unfortunately Cllr. Metcalfe is still awaiting his password in the post. Cllr. Metcalfe will contact the Bank again regarding this matter.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
10.5	<p>Unity Trust Bank – Savings Rates</p> <p>The interest rate on savings account has been cut slightly. This is in line with the financial markets and no action is required at this time.</p>
11	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>To consider the following correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-</p>
11.1	<p>Consultation on a proposal to change the age range at Wensleydale School and Sixth Form by ceasing the Sixth Form Provision.</p> <p>It was noted that this provision ceased two years ago and that although transport is available many parents have to drive their children quite a distance to meet the buses provided. It was resolved that the Clerk should write and advise that the Council object to this closure on the basis that it discriminates against young people living in rural areas. Education should be readily available to all.</p>
11.2	<p>A684 funding to improve road safety</p> <p>An email was received regarding the above. The Council needed to refer to Cllr Peacock regarding some of the points and it was therefore resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
12	<p><u>Children's Play Areas</u></p> <p>Mark Murphy attended the meeting and once again provided updates. Cllr. McMullon thanked him for his ongoing work.</p> <p>Gayle Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The green bins are not used and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact NYC to remove them. • One side of the shelter roof is deteriorating and may need replaced in due course. Mark & Ian will see what is required to fix it. Mark is getting costs and will report back. • Cllr Stephenson repaired the centre support on the slide. Cllr. McMullon thanked him. <p>Town Foot Playpark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Foot 75th Anniversary -Pip's article is currently at the printers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play surface mats were worn in places and these have now been replaced. The Clerk will see if NYC will remove the old mats. Mark should be contacted prior to them being removed as some can be reused. • The slide is still taped off although it is reported that some people ignore the tape. Rob Ward & Callum have kindly agreed to repair the slide. • The toy chair with the spring is damaged. Kevin Nugent is looking at replacement parts which may cost £140. This is much less than a replacement. Mr Ward and Mr Nugent will get parts and repair this. <p>Cllr. McMullon thanked all the individuals concerned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The green bins are not used and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact NYC to remove them. • The signs around the park regarding dogs and putting toys way are faded now and a bit tatty. It was agreed that new ones should be ordered. Mark is happy to put them up once received. • Update re the blocked culvert. The Clerk had written to the owner and she had replied asking that a statement be read out. This was done. The statement will be attached to the Minutes. The owner does not feel that it is their responsibility to pay for the repairs, the Council took advise on this but it is a legal grey area. The Council discussed the matter and agreed that as a one off, although they are not liable for the flooding caused by the damage to the culvert, they would assist with the cost of repairs up to the sum of £3000. The Clerk and Chair will meet with the owners of the property which was damaged and who have agreed to fund the majority of the repairs to advise them and to draw up an agreement. The works will be required to be completed and the funds paid to the contractor before the Parish Council add the £3000. <p>Bealah Bank Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boundary stone wall near Beulah Bank in the Gayle Lane playpark needs attention. The owners have been contacted and are speaking to North Yorkshire Council. <p>It was resolved that this matter would be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>Cllr Blades has received notification of an interment. She liaised with the Clerk and a plot was allocated.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></p> <p>Cllr. Waluda gave an update regarding the latest correspondence. The UDHC have written to the government regarding funding and how services in the Area may have to be curtailed. It was noted that although the NHS are exempt from the recent increases in National Insurance contributions GP practises are not. This is an additional burden on practises which already have difficulties in stretching the budget, particularly in rural areas as additional work is done to save elderly or inform</p>

	<p>patients having to travel many miles to hospital for routine blood tests. The UDHC have requested that the Parish Council circulate a proposed letter to the Government for residents to sign if they wish and send off. Cllr. McMullon is not particularly in favour of this type of standard letter but agreed that the request and letter be added to our website.</p>
15	<p><u>Parish Clerk</u></p> <p>The new printer has been ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk will amend the email address.</p> <p>The Precept for 24/25 is due to be set before the end of the year. The Clerk had prepared & circulated projections prior to the meeting. This has not been increased in the last few years. The figures were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that due to increasing costs the Council would request a small increase to £20,000.</p> <p>NALC have provided a copy of the Clerk's proposed pay increase as per the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25. It was unanimously agreed that this pay rise should be implemented.</p>
16	<p><u>Monthly Police Report.</u></p> <p>The latest reports were discussed.</p>
17	<p><u>Remembrance Day</u></p> <p>Cllr. Lindsey attended the church on behalf of the Parish Council and Cllr. McMullon laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day service. It was noted that a few people came to the memorial expecting the service to be there at 11a.m. and it was agreed that the Vicar be approached to see if the church service could be moved back to its former earlier time culminating at the memorial for 11a.m. Cllr. McMullon will write to the Vicar. The forty large poppies were displayed on the railings through the town. They looked really good and Cllr. McMullon thanked Cllrs. Cockett & Stephenson for their work in placing and then removing them after the event.</p>
18	<p><u>Gayle Green</u></p> <p>As previously minuted Cllr. McMullon had been invited to a meeting regarding the above along with The Lords of the Manor who are the Guardians of the land.</p> <p>The Clerk also attended the meeting and took some notes in order that she could report back to the Parish Council. Minutes of the meeting were taken by a third party and circulated. Unfortunately the Clerk and Cllr. McMullon felt that the Minutes were not representative of the meeting and replied with requested amendments. The Lords of the Manor have also not agreed the Minutes.</p> <p>The Clerk read out her notes from the meeting and Cllr. McMullon read out a letter from Mr Kendray as requested. The Lords of the Manor who are guardians of the land are aware of the issues regarding parking & dumping on the green and the Council would support any efforts to tidy it up. After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not engage further in Mr Taylor & Mr Kendray's plans at this time.</p> <p>The Clerk's notes will be attached to the Minutes.</p>
19	<p><u>Parish Workshop</u></p> <p>Cllr. McMullon thanked Cllr. Waluda for attending on behalf of the Parish Council and giving us an update.</p>

	The Parish portal will close on 11/12/24 and any faults should be reported via the new site which will be advised by the Parish Liaison. The liaison officer for our area will be Peter Cole.
20	<u>Agenda Items</u> The traffic cones at Haylands Bridge are not lit and it was felt that they should be especially in these dark winter nights.
20.	<u>Date of next meeting.</u> The next meeting will be held in Gayle Village Institute on Tuesday 28th January 2025.

Signed as a true record.

Dated.