

Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th September 2025

Present:

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

Apologies : Cllrs. Yurek Waluda; David Cockett; Nichola Hillary; NYCllr. Yvonne Peacock
Parish Clerk: Mrs Kate Kelly, also Responsible Financial Officer.

Two members of the public.

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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> Cllrs. Dave Cockett & Nichola Hillary due to a prior engagement, Yurek Waluda due to ill health. NYCllr. Yvonne Peacock due to 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 29th July 2025</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 29 th July 2025 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> The Vacancy has been advertised. No applicants as yet.
6	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
6.1	Pavement kerbstones. No response from the Clerks emails to NYC.
6.2	A684 funding to improve road safety No response to Clerks email to NYC
6.3	Proposed Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Excess of 18 Tonnes MGW – New Bridge, Appersett. No further information at this time.
6.4	Gayle, Hardraw & Hawes Telephone Boxes BT will remove the payphones in Gayle but the box will be retained. The Parish Council have agreed to adopt the payphone. It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the owner of the land that the box is on regarding future use of the box. The pay phone in Hawes and the cash dispenser will be retained. The pay phone and box in Hardraw will be removed.

7	<u>Planning applications</u> To consider planning applications. • Full planning permission for siting of showers' pod and laundry storage pod on hardstanding with drainage to existing system at Bainbridge Ings Caravan Site, Old Gayle Lane, Gayle, DL8 3NU - R/56/10R – no objections received • Full planning permission for siting of three eco-conscious glamping pods at The Old Dairy Farm, Widdale, Hawes, DL8 3LX - R/56/555- this application has been withdrawn.
8	<u>Planning Decisions</u> To receive decisions/information relating to recent planning applications. • 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 - R/56/139E This has been approved and is noted as awaiting legal agreement. • Householder planning permission for formation of roof terrace above existing single storey dining area including glass balustrade, replace existing first floor bedroom window with french doors for direct roof terrace access at Abbotstone House, The Holme, Hawes, DL8 3QR - R/56/553 – approved conditional • Full planning permission to install 4.55kw solar system on the roof of the 'Ranger building' on the northern platform at Hawes National Park Centre, Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes (GR: 387571, 489932) - R/56/35E– approved conditional • Householder planning permission for erection of a two-storey side extension and associated alterations to existing dwelling, and alterations of existing outbuilding to form home office at W Iveson, Gaits, Gayle, Hawes, DL8 3RT - R/56/554– approved conditional • Full planning permission for retention of 6 extra static caravans (retrospective) at Bainbridge Ings Caravan Site, Old Gayle Lane, Gayle, DL8 3NU - R/56/10Q
9	<u>Protected Tree Applications</u> None received.
10	<u>Highways matters</u> To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:- • The road at The Holme which is in poor condition. The Clerk has logged this with highways, Area 1. It is on their list. • Wall in top carpark – repaired. This matter is now resolved. • Bridge adjoining Hawes Club. Cllr. Peacock has contacted NYC regarding our concerns and they agreed to have a further inspection. No further update has yet been received. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.

	- Keep clear sign at the entrance to Dyers Garth is faded and needs repainting. Cllr. Blades marked on the map where the signs are to go and the Clerk has sent this to NYC. - Yorkshire Water Traffic Chaos The Clerk wrote to Yorkshire Water but there has been no further response.
11	<u>Communicatons with NYC</u> Recent communications with NYC just seem to go into a black hole. The Clerk has to repeatedly chase for answers and doesn't get the courtesy of a reply. When it's a roads related matter they're asking us to provide maps of the Area. It was resolved that we would write to the Chief Executive of the Council voicing our disappointment in the service.
12	<u>Financial Matters</u>
12.1	To approve the following accounts for payment: - Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary July 25 -£199.11 - E-ON Next – Electricity – September £27.31pd - Mr J Banks- Grasscutting - August £630.01 - Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary August 25 -£199.11 - Mrs K Kelly – Stationery- Printer Ink Subscription - £11.99 - Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges- July - £6.00pd - Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges- August- £6.00pd - P.M. Iveson Ltd – Cemetery – Hedge & Grass Cutting - £216.00 - E-ON Next – Electricity – August £5.45pd Added to Agenda - Mr J Ogbourne- website host- £395.00
12.2	To acknowledge receipt of the following income: None received
12.3	To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements Copies of bank statements to 31st August 2025 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £26863.53 Current balance in Unity Trust Deposit Account is £10193.45
12.4	Unity Trust Bank The paperwork has been completed and sent to the Bank to amend the signatories on the Account.
12.5	AGAR Return The external Auditor has agreed our Account for financial year 24/25.
13	<u>Correspondence</u> To consider the following correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-
13.1	Hawes Methodist Cemetery An Email was received regarding damage to the walls in the Methodist cemetery. The walls were apparently damaged by people trying to make a quick escape from the cemetery. The cemetery committee are arranging for the walls to be repaired.
13.2	Hawes Town Investment Plan To discuss email regarding the above. NYC emailed about this initiative. A public meeting was held in Hawes. A member of the public who was at the meeting stated that their business and several residential properties were not even on the maps and screenshots being used. Rebecca Elsieck at YDNPA contacted the Clerk as they had no knowledge of this initiative. She will contact Cllr. Peacock for an update.

13.3	Gayle Back Lane An email was received regarding the work that was recently done on the Lane from Bainbridge Ings down to the cemetery corner. Part of the road was dug up and retarmacked. However the digger used has left a few holes in the road surface which had been covered up with excess soil. This has now been washed away and this may lead to potholes. It was resolved that the Clerk contact Highways regarding this matter.
13.4	Market Hall A letter was received regarding the above. The Market Hall committee is currently fundraising to repair the floor by asking people to sponsor a floorboard. They have requested that the Parish might consider doing so. Some of the Councillors have individually done so but it was not felt appropriate for the Council to sponsor floorboards. It was however resolved that the Council would make a donation of £100 towards the repairs.
14	<u>Children's Play Areas</u> Town Foot Playpark Cllrs. Stephenson & Waluda inspected the play equipment with Mark Murphy. Climbing structure The fabric of the ropes are worn in parts and bare wire can be seen. The two platforms require replacing. Mark had sent pictures to the suppliers and they had provided a quote for supplying & fitting replacement parts. It was resolved that the Clerk would obtain another quote for repairs and also a quote for new equipment. Fence at Top of Park The wood is rotten and posts are falling. Rocket There are some rusted holes that need repair. Cllr. Stephenson volunteered to tape over the holes meantime. Culvert Ellie kindly provided an update re the work on the culvert. One side of the culvert has been cleared and fixed. Huge stones, a dead sheep and a milk churn were amongst the items that were removed. Work on the second channel is underway. Cllr. Stephenson volunteered to look at repairing this. Update re slide This is taped off and will be welded to repair it. Gayle Park Update re shelter roof. Mark advised that the materials to fix the roof would cost £110 and that he and Ian would provide the manpower. This is ongoing. Bealah Bank Play Area Update re boundary wall The creamery were contacted by the Clerk and photos were provided showing the area in question. The creamery have asked us to pass on details of the local waller. Cllr. Blades is to provide these to the Clerk.
15	<u>Cemetery</u> No updates at this time
16	<u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u> Minutes from the September meeting were circulated to Councillors.

17	<u>Parish Clerk</u> The Clerk has been discussing updating our website with the website host. In the interim we have been advised that although having a gov.uk website is not compulsory at the moment it will now be one of the questions we have to answer in the AGAR return going forward. The YLCA have advised of a website that members may use and the costs are in line with what we are currently paying. It is only open to YLCA members. The Clerk had received a quote for the costs to join YLCA. Amongst other benefits this would allow to use their website provider as we would have peace of mind that everything was compliant. Further information was provided about the other benefits YLCA provide. The Clerk will get full details of two proposed website providers and a decision will be taken at the next meeting. It was agreed to pay our current provider meantime as getting things switched over could take some considerable time. NYC had sent out information regarding this years salary increase for Clerks. This has been set at 3.2%. It was resolved that this was approved, backdated to 1st April as per the agreement.
18	<u>Monthly Police Report.</u> The latest reports were discussed.
19	<u>Litter bin at Club in Hawes</u> It was noted that the bin no longer has a tray for smokers to stamp out their cigarette ends and these are now being dropped beside the bin. The Clerk wrote to NYC requesting a tray for the bin but has not yet received a response. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
20	<u>Steps at Herriots</u> These are in a state of disrepair. It was resolved that the Clerk will write to the National Park and ask for them to be repaired. YDNPA advised that this was NYC responsibility and the Clerk has logged that with them. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
21	<u>Speeding on the B2655 on the approach to Hawes</u> It was reported that vehicles on this road appeared to be going faster than the speed limit. The Clerk contacted the Police and requested that they monitor this area. PC Campbell replied saying that the speed van had been out in this area a few times recently and it is also on the patrol plan for traffic. This item is now resolved.
22	<u>Pollution at Gayle Beck</u> This had been reported to the Environment Agency who sent out an Officer to investigate. They indicated that the source had been found and that the Agency would take the necessary actions. They will not provide and further update as they are not required to! This item is now resolved.
23	<u>Emergency Plan</u> The Clerk could not find a copy of the emergency plan either on paper or PC. It was resolved that we will obtain a template of an emergency plan and complete
24	<u>Agenda Items</u> Little White Bus – picking up at corner.
25	<u>Date of next meeting.</u> The next meeting will be held in The Market Hall, Hawes on 18th November

Signed as a true record.

Dated.