

## Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Present:

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

NYC Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

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

Five members of the public.

Apologies : Cllrs David Stephenson; Nichola Hillary; Ruth Lindsey

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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> Cllr David Stephenson due to ill health ,Nichola Hillary due to prior engagement & Ruth Lindsey due to flooding on road.
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. Cllrs. Metcalfe & Cockett re Little White Bus as both are Directors of UDCP.
4	<b><u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026</u></b> The minutes of the meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. Cllr. Blades proposed that they be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings and this was seconded by Cllr. Metcalfe. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<b><u>Councillor Vacancy</u></b> No applicants as yet
6	<b><u>Hawes Town Investment Plan</u></b> A public meeting of the Town Investment Plan was held today in the Market House and Cllr. McMullon attended. The plan is in line with the discussions at the previous Parish Council meeting and NYC will provide an update in due course.
7	<b><u>Ongoing Matters</u></b>
7.1	<b><u>Communications with NYC</u></b> Deborah Flowers has advised that the Parish workshop is not the best place to discuss our issues. Deborah has offered to meeting with the Clerk and a suitable time will be arranged. Cllr.McMullon will also attend.
7.2	<b><u>Hawes Methodist Cemetery</u></b> A further letter has been received advising that the repairs cost £1720.00. Although it is not our wall

	<p>It was agreed that a donation of £300 will be made.</p> <p>This item is now resolved.</p>
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Gayle Telephone Box</b></p> <p>Nothing further from BT.</p> <p>This item will be added to a future Agenda once there has been a further update from BT.</p>
<b>7.4</b>	<p><b>Litter Bin at Club in Hawes</b></p> <p>We are awaiting NYC fitting the bin with a tray for cigarette ends. The Clerk will ask NYC when it is scheduled to be done.</p>
<b>7.5</b>	<p><b>Parish Workshops</b></p> <p>We are awaiting a date. This item will be added to a future Agenda once details received from NYC.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Planning applications</u></b></p> <p>To consider planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full planning permission for the installation of a 15m lattice training tower and concrete base along with ancillary development thereto at GTec House, Unit 5 Charcoals Way, Upper Wensleydale Park, Hawes, DL8 3AU - R/56/437D- This Item had been circulated and no comments received however it was disappointing to note that YDNPA had already approved it on 20<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• Full planning permission for retention of touring caravans (tourers) pitches and access works (retrospective) at Bainbridge Ings Caravan Site, Gayle Lane, Gayle, Hawes DL8 3NU - R/56/10T</li> </ul> <p>Added to Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full planning permission for internal alterations and change of use of part of an existing traditional farm building (barn), and its physical connection to the attached dwellinghouse to provide ancillary residential accommodation for extended family use at Browna Paddocks, Breconbar, Askrigg, DL8 3JJ - R/48/175</li> </ul> <p>No comments were received for these applications.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Planning Decisions</u></b></p> <p>To receive decisions/information relating to recent planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 – under consideration</li> <li>• 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 – approved conditional</li> <li>• Full planning permission for formation of new access and closure of existing access (retrospective) at Land at Burterset Road, Burterset, Hawes, North Yorkshire (GR:388695, 489696) - R/56/557- approved conditional</li> <li>• Full planning permission for replacement of existing unauthorised kitchen extract ventilation flue to rear of existing public house (part retrospective) at Board Hotel, Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3RD - R/56/172C</li> <li>• Full planning permission for erection of a two storey side extension to the west elevation of</li> </ul>

	<p>the dwelling and for conversion and extension of the existing outbuilding to provide a self-contained annexe for use ancillary to the main house at Wyngate, Burtersett, Hawes, DL8 3PB - R/56/100B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full planning permission for internal refurbishment of existing farmhouse, and for change of use of the adjoining stone barn to create additional residential accommodation at Yore House, Lunds, Sedbergh, LA10 5PX - R/48/174</li> <li>• Full planning permission for siting of 1no hut for short-term, self-catering visitor accommodation within the southwest corner of the woodland at Thorneymire Barn, Appersett Gill, Appersett, DL8 3LU - R/56/185K</li> </ul> <p>These applications are currently shown as under consideration.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b><u>Protected Tree Applications</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b><u>Highways matters</u></b> To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge adjoining Hawes club.- Highways have stated that the bridge is structurally ok, however as they didn't inspect it underneath Cllr. Peacock will follow this matter up.</li> <li>• A684 road safety – double yellow lines outside florists have been done. - This matter is now resolved.</li> <li>• Gayle Bank Lane</li> <li>• Large Vehicles on Kit Lane, The Gaits, Gayle. No update from NYC re Gayle Bank or Kit Lane. The Clerk will add to Agenda for meeting with Deborah Flowers.</li> <li>• Update re the area of the road cordoned off awaiting repair between Snaizeholme Road End &amp; Lanaker Lane. Cllr. Peacock advised that the work will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> April. The road will be closed for two weeks. This repair has been required for 4 years &amp; NYC have spent £32k on the traffic lights.</li> <li>• Keep clear sign at Dyers Garth- This has been done and this matter is now resolved.</li> </ul> <p>Complaints from residents re Highways.</p> <p>The following items were raised at the meeting by residents:- Kit Lane – another car has been damaged. Gayle Back Lane- Quickline left ripped tarmac which has resulted in potholes. Burtersett Road- again Quickline have left damaged surface leading to potholes. Pothole coming out of ford in Gayle. The kerbstones between the Fish Shop &amp; Market Hall were repaired with tarmac which has just come off again. The Clerk will add these to the NYC Portal.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b><u>Insurance Renewal</u></b> It was resolved to renew the Annual policy.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p>
<p><b>13.1</b></p>	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary September 25 -£199.11</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary January 26 -£205.48</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary February 26 -£205.48</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs K Kelly- Stationery- Printer Ink - £6.49</li> <li>• E-on Next- Electricity-February £20.18</li> <li>• E-on Next- Electricity- March - £19.15</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly- McAfee protection- £114.99</li> <li>• Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges- Jan-£6.00</li> <li>• Zurich Insurance- Annual Renewal- £703.57</li> <li>• Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges- Feb- £6.00</li> </ul>
<b>13.2</b>	To acknowledge receipt of the following income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYC- Grant- Play Equipment- £500.00</li> </ul>
<b>13.3</b>	To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements  Copies of bank statements to 28th February 2026 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £22137.57 Current balance in Unity Trust Deposit Account is £20307.75
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b> To consider the following correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-
<b>14.1</b>	<b>The Hub</b> The Hub has now closed. The ladies who used it to meet for coffee are now meeting in the Café. An alternative safe and warm space is still being sought and Cllr. Peacock may be able to help with some funding if something becomes available. This matter is now resolved.
<b>14.2</b>	<b>Tree at Hawes Primary School</b> The tree removal has been scheduled within the next 4/8 weeks. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
<b>14.3</b>	<b>Little White Bus</b> An email was received requesting funding for location tags for the vehicle keys. The Parish Council is minded to help once a suitable quote has been received.
<b>14.4</b>	<b>Application Notification CA6 061 - Abbotside Common CL17</b> Email circulated- No comments received.
<b>14.5</b>	<b>Application Notification CA6 060 - Abbotside Common CL17</b> Email circulated- No comments received.
<b>14.6</b>	<b>The Sandemanian Cemetery</b> A letter had been received from Mr Stanley Roocroft requesting funds to repair the wall in the graveyard at the back of Gayle Institute. Mr Roocroft was unable to attend the meeting due to another commitment. An estimate of between £100 & £200 has been received. Although it is the landowners responsibility the Parish Council would in principal be prepared to contribute towards the costs. The Council wanted to know if the landowner and also Gayle Institute had been approached to contribute. They also wanted to know what the consequences would be if the wall was not repaired. The Clerk will write to Mr Roocroft regarding these points.
<b>14.7</b>	<b>Hawes Business Closures</b> An Email was received from a resident raising concerns regarding the number of businesses closing in Hawes. She and a few other residents suggested a meeting to discuss the issues. Cllr. McMullon and the Clerk went along to this meeting. Cllr. McMullon stated that there used to be a Business Association in Hawes, it was felt that it might be an idea to start up something similar. It was suggested that a letter be sent to all businesses in Hawes asking their thoughts on starting up and joining a new Association. The Hawes Town Investment Plan was also discussed as this may benefit local businesses. Cllr.McMullon stated that the Parish Council would support their ideas and help if

	<p>we could but this was not something that we would manage going forward. The other members of the meeting agreed that they would take things forward.</p> <p>Subsequent to the meeting Cllr. McMullon was advised that no one who attended the meeting was in a position to take on the work involved at this time.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>14.8</b>	<p><b>Hawes in Bloom</b></p> <p>A request for a donation to this years planters etc. was received. The Council thanked Mr Richard Noble and his team for their work each year. It is much appreciated by locals and visitors to the town.</p> <p>A donation of £500 was agreed.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>15</b>	<p><b><u>Children's Play Areas</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Town Foot Playpark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climbing structure Quotes had been obtained for repairs. A quote for £5899.02 plus VAT which includes fixing the decks and a quote for £5572.49 plus VAT. This did not include repairing the decks. The Council wishes to know about timescales and guarantees for the work. It was resolved that the Clerk will obtain this information for the next meeting.</li> <li>• Fence at Top of Park</li> <li>• Rocket</li> <li>• Culvert</li> <li>• Slide Mark Murphy was unavailable to attend the meeting and no update was given re these matters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gayle Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update re shelter roof. This is ongoing.</li> <li>• <b>Bealah Bank Play Area</b></li> <li>• Update re boundary wall The wall repairs have been carried out. However it was noticed that some coping stones had been knocked down further along where children climb over to retrieve their football.</li> </ul>
<b>16</b>	<p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b></p> <p>No further updates</p>
<b>17</b>	<p><b><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Waluda provided an update.</p>
<b>18</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Clerk</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Lindsey had taken a look at the Parish Online website and felt that it was good value in terms of the setting up costs. Askrigg &amp; Bainbridge Parish Council have both set up their new websites with this provider and are pleased with the results so far. The Councillors had had a look at the Bainbridge site and thought that it was good. It was resolved that Parish Online would be our new website &amp; email provider.</p> <p>The Clerk also read out a letter that had been received re public transport this summer and this will be displayed on the notice board.</p>
<b>19</b>	<p><b><u>Monthly Police Report.</u></b></p> <p>The latest reports were discussed.</p>

<b>20</b>	<b><u>Emergency Plan</u></b> At the last meeting Cllr. Peacock advised that NYC should be able to provide a template for an emergency plan. The Clerk will obtain this and forward it to Cllrs. It will then either be discussed at the next meeting or if required a separate meeting may be called.
<b>21</b>	<b><u>Agenda Items</u></b> None at this time.
<b>22</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting.</u></b> The next meeting will be held in The Gayle Institute on 19th May 2026.

Signed as a true record.

Dated.