

# HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Residents Meeting Held at Gayle Institute, Gayle On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### **Present:**

Cllr Jill McMullon (Chair)

Cllr Peter Metcalfe (joined late)

Cllr Yurek Waluda

Cllr. Sheila Alderson

Cllr. Ruth Lindsey

Cllr. David Cockett

Mrs Kate Kelly (Clerk)

### Apologies:

Cllr. Emma Blades

Cllr. David Stephenson

Cllr. Nichola Hillary

Five members of the Public.

### **1. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2025 had been issued to Councillors. These were confirmed as a true and accurate record and agreed by all. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

### **2. Chairman's Review of the Year**

It has been a busy year with a mixture of highs and lows

On the positive side, thanks to Ellie and her husband the gully at the play park has now been completed with us just paying a contribution of the large cost. We are incredibly grateful to them, it certainly proved a large and interesting job with all manner of things being discovered down there from Christmas trees to dead sheep! Hopefully now it's been done their property will now be safe from flooding.

The frustrating part of this year has been what feels like an ongoing issue with North Yorkshire council. Constant roadworks and poor communication all round. Roadworks needs doing no one can argue that, but not only has it appeared constant but has certainly caused much frustration with businesses and visitors alike. Whilst the Parish has no say or control over Highways, it definitely has a knock on effect.

As for communications, it has been particularly frustrating for Kate and we have a meeting in the next few weeks to hopefully improve things

I'm not going to list all the things we have done through the year, or we would be late for the next meeting, hopefully people will read the minutes and see the work we do and the responsibilities we have

It just leaves me to thank everyone who continues to do so much. Our grass areas, cemetery and

village greens, looked after so well by John and Neal Banks, Hawes in Bloom and all the work Richard and the volunteers do to make the Town look so colourfull, the Christmas Lights committee, for our wonderful display, Mark for looking after our play parks, and to everyone else for making the Town such a great place to live

I'd like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their support and hard work and finally Kate, so much work is done which people don't see, but I know how hard she works. I couldn't do my job without her, efficient, knowledgeable and tells me when I'm wrong, and I accept it! Something I'm not used to! but she does it in such a way I can't argue with it ..

No doubt this coming year will bring many more challenges, some no doubt from social media, I would however invite those people to attend meetings, always best to be informed in person I find. There is nothing wrong with criticism if it's constructive and much more helpful and honest for the whole of the council to hear it and act where necessary.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2025 Meeting and any Other Issues of Concern to Residents.**

Residents at the last meeting raised concerns over the cobbles on main street, the repairs to which are still outstanding.

Some areas have been repaired with tarmac but this has is already degraded in some places. This item is on the list for Highways covered in our regular meetings.

### **4. Date of the Next Annual Residents Meeting**

The next annual meeting is due to take place in May 2027 with details advised nearer the time.

Signed as a True Record

Dated