

# HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSDIE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.15pm at Gayle Institute

## MINUTES

**Present:** Parish Cllrs: Jill McMullon (Chair), Sheila Alderson, Marion Lloyd, Peter Metcalfe, Yurek Waluda, Barry Wilcox

**In Attendance:** Francesca Cartwright - Parish Clerk

**Members of the public:** 15

1. **Consideration of apologies for absence** - Cllrs Tony Fawcett and Emma Blades
2. **Minutes** - To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019
3. **Declaration of Interests** - Cllr Lloyd declared an interest in agenda item # 8 Planning re land in relation to railway.
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting if not on the Agenda below** - none
5. **To consider any items relating to Highways, Bins, Street Lighting**

### **NYCC A684 Safer Roads Funding - Update from Neil Linfoot, Improvement Manager, Area 1, Highways**

The Chairman advised that Neil Linfoot would not be attending the meeting due to a miscommunication between the Chairman and Area 1 Highways. He will attend the next meeting in February 2020.

Rob Ward said that it had been four years since the Kerb stones / tarmac from Hawes School corner down to Penny Garth had been looked at. The Chairman said that Highways had acknowledged that the passage way is too narrow.

The edge of the footpath from the field to the Richmondshire District Council Car Park is breaking away. There were also complaints that the road outside the Hawes Chemist is disgraceful. Cllr Alderson raised that the 'keep clear' signs have not been done.

The Chairman said that these points could be discussed with Area 1 Highways at the next meeting in February 2020.

There were complaints that Dog foul bins are overflowing. The Chairman advised that arrangements had been made for the Gayle bin to be emptied. It was reported that Mossy lane is now overflowing.

### **6. Financial Matters**

#### **6.1 Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council HSBC Bank Account Statements (*Circulated to Parish Councillors*)**

To approve the Accounts paid and note the Income received since the October 2019 Parish Council meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the bank account balance as at 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was £5,287.38.

**Resolved unanimously** - *The Parish Council approved of all the payments and income paid/received.*

#### **6.2 Precept 2020/21 (*circulated to Parish Councillors*)**

**Resolved** - The Parish Council agreed a Precept Request of £17,500 in line with last year's increase. **Action - Clerk to request via Richmondshire District Council.**

## 7. Discussion Items

### a) Memorial for John Blackie

The Chairman updated the meeting that many suggestions had been received from the local community in the Suggestion Box at the Community Office. By far the majority of suggestions were to rename the Community Office in John's name, which was a lovely idea. The Directors of the UDCP Ltd have not approved a name change yet, but the suggestion is with them for discussion.

Another suggestion which was also popular is a structural Memorial to John in Hawes. One resident said it should be a column as John was the bedrock of society.

The Chairman advised that Richard Noble and Rob Ward have been asked to look into this and invited Richard to address the meeting.

Richard Noble showed the meeting a draft sketch that he had produced of the proposed Design. It is proposed that the Memorial will be sited near to the War Memorial in Hawes. Discussions were underway with a local Architectural Stone supplier for a circa 5-foot sandstone Memorial with an additional limestone flag for the memorial words. A flower bed would be planted around it by Richard Noble which in the Summer would be 'Hawes in Bloom' coloured planting, and in the Winter, something along the lines of Polyanthas and the like.

The Chairman suggested wording as:

### **“In memory of John Blackie 1949 - 2019 A true Community Leader and Champion of the Upper Dales”**

The Chairman said that she would like to look at the proposed stone and said that others were welcome to have a look too.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any comments, questions.

Cllr Wilcox said that he was sorry to pour cold water on elaborate plans, and whilst he finds the design excellent and very worthy of John Blackie, he has concerns about the location. He asked whether the triangular patch of green on the top, where the high road meets low road at Turfy Top had been considered. He felt that there are better views and it looks over John's major project - The Filling Station!

Cllr Metcalfe said that it would be safer to view at the original proposition rather than walking up to Turfy Top. Cllr McMullon said that she thought Cllr Wilcox's idea was lovely, but the original idea is a safer spot.

The Chairman asked Richard Noble to advise estimated costs. Richard said that preliminary cost was estimated at £400.00 and suggested an advert be placed in the local magazine as many locals would want to contribute. The Chairman agreed that this was a good idea. The Chairman asked whether the Parish Council would be happy to contribute.

**Resolved unanimously** - The Parish Council were very happy to contribute as John had given and achieved so much for the Parish Council and local community.

The Chairman thanked Richard Noble and Rob Ward for the work that they had carried out. Richard's sketch was complimented by the Parish Council.

### b) RDC Housing Needs Survey (*circulated to Parish Councillors*) - re approach by a landowner offering land as a rural exception site to accommodate affordable housing to meet an identified need

The Chairman advised that the Survey format was agreed by the Parish Council by e mail and it would be useful for the Parish Council to be aware of local needs.

### c) Play Parks

The Chairman advised that she had included this on the agenda as some places in the country have put equipment in Play Parks for older people e.g. Bedale. The Chairman thought it may be a good idea to introduce into the Parish Play Parks. Sometime early next year the Parish Council could also write to the local school to ask the children for their ideas.

**d) BT Payphones Survey (*circulated to Parish Councillors*) - Progress update**

The Chairman advised that the Survey needed to be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> November and she has spoken to Richmondshire District Council and they are in consultation with BT re retaining the phone boxes. Cllr Peacock confirmed that the Council papers are out today and the recommendation is to retain the boxes.

**e) Hawes/Appersett/Hardraw Name Signs - Working Group**

The Chairman advised that as she has been driving around the Parish she has noticed that the village / town Name Signs are looking tatty compared to other areas which have flower beds, etc. and these are the responsibility of the Parish Council not Highways. She suggested that in early Spring time the Parish Council could arrange a Working Group to tidy up, clean with natural products and plant flowers. She has approached Richard Noble (who organises Hawes In Bloom) to see if he would be willing to help.

Richard Noble confirmed that there are four signs which require maintenance. He is happy to arrange the supply of the plants, to mark out a bed around them but said that the Parish Council need to consider watering, maintenance and vermin damage. He advised that they should be planted low key without a container so as to minimise watering requirements. There will be a cost of approx. £50 per sign x 4 = £200 in total. Richard suggested that each sign has a dedicated person from the Working Group to look after them as he is not in a position to do that.

The Chairman confirmed that she is happy to be part of the Working Group and asked that any volunteers contact her or Richard.

Cllr Peacock advised that she would give consideration to allocating some of the Locality budget for this Project.

- 8. YDNPA Planning Applications:** *Parish Councillors are asked to go on to the YDNPA website, select Planning and Development, then Application search, then select either Hawes or High Abbotside from the drop-down Parish Council list, tick the terms and conditions box, and review the application documents for those shown below.*

**New Applications**

**R/56/285C at Hawes Community Fields, Brunt Acres Road, Hawes, DL8 3UW** - application from The Upper Wensleydale Sports & Recreational Association Limited for full planning permission for erection of single storey community and sports facility with ancillary car parking

The Chairman welcomed Ruth Annison to the meeting. Ruth said that she feels that the local community are very lucky to have Jill McMullon and Yvonne Peacock carrying on John's work and thanked them both.

Ruth supports the Planning Application but a group of us interested in reopening Garsdale Railway have been discussing with UWSRA for some time. We are all on same side to try and find a resolution. She is asking the Parish Council to support both parties. Had the item that should have been in the December Newsletter been advertised the Parish Council would have known more about it. The trustees want to avoid traffic near the fields when young people are about. We have a precedent dealing with this kind of difficulty. 15 years Network Rail wanted to place a mast near Garsdale Station and a compromise was reached. She is hoping we can achieve the same here. The problem with the Planning Application is plans to use access which belongs to YDNPA across the railway. Looks common sense, but you cannot mix pedestrians and vehicles with oncoming trains. The Trustees have said they will look for an alternative if the track comes back, however it would be problematic and costly to do it later.

Ruth asked for the support of the Parish Council to adopt a common sense approach to get a solution so we get railway and the Sports Pavilion is not delayed while a solution is worked out. The Trustees have offered what we want but it needs to be more substantial.

Cllr Lloyd enquired what would happen to land owned by her. There was confusion over the legalities.

Ruth Annison does not expect an answer from the Parish Council at the meeting as the Parish Council only received the information on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

Ben Adams addressed the meeting and introduced himself as a Trustee of the Upper Wensleydale Sports & Recreation Association (UWSRA) which runs the Community Fields on behalf of the community. He explained that the UWSRA accept there is an ambition to reinstate the Railway, the Trustees support it and will in the future, but the Trustees do not want to delay the plans for the Pavilion.

The Chairman suggested that Ruth Annison and Ben Adams of the UWSRA continue their discussions outside of the Parish Council meeting.

**Resolved unanimously** - The Parish Council supported the Planning Application **R/56/285C at Hawes Community Fields, Brunt Acres Road, Hawes, DL8 3UW.**

**R/56/450A at No. 38 Little Ings, Gayle, Hawes, DL8 3RP** - householder planning permission for erection of two-storey side extension to provide kitchen and bedroom and erection of single storey extension to utility to create rear entrance

**The Parish Council had no objections**

**R/56/32R at Barn at Honeycott Caravan Park, Hawes, DL8 3LH** - section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 of R/56/32K (full planning permission for conversion of barn to provide holiday accommodation) (retrospective)

**The Parish Council had no comment to make**

**R/56/504A at East Birkrigg, Birk Rigg Farm Road, Hawes, DL8 3LP** - section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 (plans), Condition 4 (roof material) and removal of Condition 6 (windows and doors) of R/56/504 (full planning permission for erection of single storey front extension and formalisation of the living accommodation on the ground and first floor)

**The Parish Council had no comment to make**

**R/48/162 at The Cragg and Carr, Land at East Birkrigg, Appersett, DL8 3LP** - full planning permission for erection of new livestock building, general purpose storage building and creation of access track (**see correspondence agenda item**)

Cllr McMullon advised that she has written as District Councillor as there are concerns about highways implications.

Cllr Alderson thinks the Parish Council should support it, as it is a young family who cannot farm without buildings.

The Parish Council considered the letter from the applicant (Correspondence Agenda Item # 10)

**Resolved unanimously** - The Parish Council support the application.

**R/48/13F at Low West Ends, Lunds** - full planning permission for conversion of traditional building to form 2 local occ dwellings or holiday lets and installation of one package treatment plan per dwelling

**Resolved unanimously** - The Parish Council support local occupancy only

**Withdrawn**

**R/56/447A at Steppe Haugh, Town Head, Hawes** - Full planning permission for conversion of annexe to form a separate, independent, 2-bedroom holiday cottage - **withdrawn**

**Approved Conditionally**

**R/56/271J/LB at Dales House, Market Place, Hawes** - listed building consent for replacement of 8 No. uPVC windows and 2 No. brown timber doors on the south elevation, and 1 No. timber window on the east elevation, with softwood timber double glazed units in arctic white - **approved conditionally**

**R/56/274E/LB at Foss Cottage & Force Head Farm, Gayle** - listed building consent to retain internal works undertaken to block up openings between cottage and house - **approved conditionally**

**R/56/509 at Bolton House, Town Foot, Hawes** - full planning permission for change of use of ground floor retail space (A1) to residential use as part of existing house (C3) - **approved conditionally**

**R/48/68J/LB at Rigg House, Appersett, Hawes** - listed building consent for replacement of 7 No. windows to south west elevation and the tall stair window on north west elevation with slim profile double glazing system - **approved conditionally**

### Refused

**R/56/491A - Mike Barn, Lanacar Lane, Appersett** - full planning permission for conversion of traditional stone barn to form 1 No. local occupancy dwelling - **refused**

**R/56/490A Pike Hill Barn, Ashes, Hawes** - full planning permission for conversion of traditional stone barn to form holiday cottage - **refused**

### Appeals

#### **Planning Appeal Ref APP/C9499/W/19/3235925 - Hawes Methodist Church R/56/498**

Full planning permission for change of use and conversion of church and Sunday School (use Class D1) to three Apartments and two cottages for holiday let accommodation (Use Class C3) - Hawes Methodist Church, Hawes

#### **Planning Enforcement Appeal Ref ER/56/137B - Bainbridge Ings Caravan Site, Old Gayle Lane, Hawes**

Unauthorised siting of camping pods not in accordance with Condition 2 of planning permission R/56/10G - Bainbridge Ings Caravan Site, Old Gayle Lane, Hawes

### Pending

**R/56/501 at Greens Farm, Snaizeholme** - full planning permission for i) alterations to existing dwelling and conversion of adjacent outbuilding to additional living space; ii) change of use of land to rear to form flagged area with new boundary wall and erection of rear utility room for dwelling and iii) change of use of other outbuilding into a holiday cottage - **to be considered by the Planning Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**R/48/13E at West End Barn, Lunds, Garsdale Head** - full planning permission for conversion of barn to form 1 No. local occupancy dwelling or holiday let, and installation of package treatment plant - **to be considered by the Planning Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**R/56/141S at Cocketts Hotel, Market Place, Hawes** - full planning permission for sub-division of existing hotel to create 2 No. two bedroom dwellings for holiday rental, and a six-bedroom hotel

**R/48/12P/LB at Shepherds Cottage, Longshaw, Hawes, DL8 3PZ** - listed building consent to change the existing wooden windows in the end part of the cottage with Heritage Aluminium windows to match those in the main cottage

**R/56/124P at Blackburn Farm, Gayle Hawes** - full planning permission for change of use of field to enable extension of existing campsite to provide 6 no. touring caravan pitches and 5 no. tent pitches with a new vehicular access and conversion/extension of garden store to form toilet and washing facilities

**R/56/327B at Access to Field No. 668 Land off B6255, Hawes** - full planning permission for new access track from B6255 to OS Field 668 (retrospective)

**R/48/119B at Garth House Sedbusk** - householder planning permission for erection to south elevation of dwelling to provide disabled access to first floor

**R/56/447B at Annexe to Steppe Haugh, Town Head, Hawes, DL8 3RH** - full planning permission for the separation of the Annexe to Steppe Haugh to form 1 no. local occupancy dwelling

### Planning Committee

**R/56/502 - Halfway House, Hawes** - Note change in wording from 'full planning permission for conversion of attached barn to form a separate local occupancy dwelling' to read '**full planning permission for conversion of attached barn to form a separate local occupancy dwelling or short-term holiday let**' - to be considered by the Planning Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Other Planning Matters

**Complaint received re Fossdale House, Simonstone** - progress update

The Clerk confirmed that the YDNPA were in regular contact and investigations were ongoing.

## **9. Co-option of Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Councillors**

The Clerk confirmed that there are currently three High Abbotside Parish Councillor vacancies. The Chairman confirmed that to date there have been 3 expressions of interest and the Parish Council are keen to fill the vacancies as soon as possible. The closing date for the vacancies was agreed as Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**Action - Clerk to update the Parish Council website.**

## **10. Correspondence**

- a) e mail from YDNPA dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 re Dark Skies Reserve Status - **Action - Clerk to e mail letter of support**
- b) e mail dated 28<sup>th</sup> November from applicant - Planning Application R/48/162 at The Cragg and Carr, Land at East Birkrigg, Appersett, DL8 3LP - The Parish Council considered the e mail received and supported the Planning Application under Agenda Item # 8

## **11. Date of the next meeting** - Monday 3rd February 2020 at Gayle Institute at 7.15pm

## **12. Any Other Business**

**Gritting** - Concerns were raised about gritting in the Parish. The Chairman said that Cllr Peacock is the County Councillor now. The Chairman has already written re Buttertubs. Cllr Peacock said the Buttertubs is priority # 2 before 8am. The problem is if they change the priority, priority # 1 becomes priority # 2. The Chairman reiterated how important the Buttertubs is. Cllr Peacock said the state of the Buttertubs improves cumulatively.

Richard Noble asked to address County Councillor Peacock and asked is there any understanding between councils as he has found we have been very lucky with our gritting, but Ingleton etc. is a different story. The Chairman added that when driving the bus to school leaving Hawes in between Garsdale and Sedbergh there is no gritting. Cllr Peacock agreed to raise the issue.

A member of the public said the quality of the salt/grit appears to vary, sometimes it is like clay.

**Councillor Attendance at Parish Council Meetings** - The Clerk had received an e mail dated 28<sup>th</sup> November from RDC offering for Cllrs Angie Dale (Leader) and Helen Grant (Deputy) to attend future Parish Council Meetings.

**Action - Clerk to respond by e mail thanking RDC for the offer and advising that this is something the Parish Council may look to arrange next year.**

Ruth Annison said that on the A684 at Halfway House there is a bad bend, Ian Beighton (Area 1 Highways) recommended objection to a Planning Application due to the danger of the road. Ruth enquired as to whether the A684 Safer Roads Funding could be used. The Chairman said this could be raised at the next meeting in February when Neil Linfoot from Area 1 Highways would be updating the Parish Council.

A number of people complained that near Bealah Bank footpath the landowner has put 6 Geese on the land which is resulting in excrement mess and makes it difficult for people with prams, etc.

It was agreed that individual members of the public can decide if they want to write to the YDNPA to complain about this matter.

### **13. Items for next Agenda**

Co-option of Parish Councillors

**Meeting closed 8.30pm**