

HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSDIE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 20th May 2019

Commencing at Gayle Institute at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs J Blackie (Chairman), S Alderson, E Blades, A Fawcett, S Hunter, J McMullon, P Metcalfe, Y Waluda

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright (Clerk), 20 members of the public

1. The Parish Clerk to invite nominations for the Chairman of Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council for the next 2 Municipal Years, May 2019 - April 2021

The Parish Clerk, Francesca Cartwright, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council which will serve from 2019 - 2023. The Clerk invited nominations for the Chairman of Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council for the next 2 Municipal Years, May 2019 - April 2021.

Cllr Alderson proposed and Cllr McMullon seconded Cllr John Blackie for the role of Chairman.

Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council resolved John Blackie as Chairman*

The Chairman welcomed the meeting. The members who served previous terms are Cllrs Sheila Alderson, Stuart Hunter, Yurek Waluda, Tony Fawcett & John Blackie. New members are Jill McMullon, Emma Blades and Peter Metcalfe, a total of 8 and the Parish Council will be seeking to see if we can boost numbers to 11 by process of co-option.

2. Apologies - No apologies for absence

3. The Minutes of the Meeting of 15th April 2019 were under review with the Chairman

4. The Chairman to invite nominations for the Vice Chairman of Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council for the next 2 Municipal Years, May 2019 - April 2021

The Chairman explained that his health has been patchy recently and with a course of treatment is improving, but that is not to say that it may dip over the next 2 years and if it does, the Parish Council will need someone to take the Chair. The Chairman has spoken to Cllr Fawcett who has also had ill health and had missed a few meetings last year. The Chairman proposes that for the next 2 years we should have two vice chairman Cllr Fawcett and if unavailable someone to stand in. Having asked various candidates, the Chairman proposes Cllr McMullon who has had much experience of chairing, has been on the District Council twice, Scrutiny Committees, Licensing Committee and is a Justice of the Peace. Seconded by Cllr Alderson.

Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council resolved two Vice Chairman, Cllr Fawcett and Cllr McMullon.*

5. Matters arising - No matters arising

6. The Chairman to make some introductory remarks with regard to the Parish Council for the term 2019 - 2023

The Parish Council will continue as it has in the past, 5-6 meetings per year and if needs be, the Parish Council will call additional meetings. The usual chosen day is Monday at 7.15pm at Gayle Institute and business is conducted ideally in 2 hours. When the Community Pavilion is open that may be a more appropriate place to meet given the parking difficulties in Gayle. The Parish Council is running 3 Parish Councillors short so we are able to co-opt three Parish Councillors from either Hawes or High Abbotside. There will be a press notice inviting

people to get in touch with the Chairman or the Clerk, Francesca Cartwright and discussion will take place at the next meeting in July. The Chairman has the name of one potential person.

There were no questions.

7. Key Discussion Items - *The Chairman to lead the debate:*

a) Parking / The management of parking in Hawes Town Centre especially in The Cattle Market / The A684 Safer Roads funding awarded to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) – *The Parish Council to make proposals to the County Council to consider addressing these issues using the available Safer Roads funding*

The Chairman recapped that a year ago, it was announced that NYCC had been given windfall funding of £11m to deal with the A684 and other roads in the County with a higher than average accident record. Initially the County Council Highway officers came forward with a plan to make the Holme into 2-way traffic which was strongly rejected by the Parish Council meeting held at the Dales Countryside Museum where 125 members of the public attended. The scheme has been kicked into the North Sea. Funding is still available to spend on issues in Hawes A684 to Leyburn and the County Border. A consultation is due very soon on ideas as to how to spend the funding.

One idea strongly supported by the Parish Council is to create a raised footway to Penny Garth Café to Café Curva by following the frontage of the houses around the Cattle Market returning to A684 to Kiln Hill circumference and ending at café Curva. The reason that this has been proposed and County Council is in favour is anyone living in Rose Cottages (14 cottages), pushing a push chair or wheelchair are forced into the road which is unstable and pot-holed to walk from one end of Hawes to the other.

In addition, there has been concerns raised over the years re haphazard ways motorcycles park over the summer. The Chairman passed some photographs around the meeting. He made it clear that we are not against motorcycles visiting the town as they spend money in local business but it needs to be managed. The County Council are proposing (with agreement with the Lord of the Manor, Bainbridge) they would take over the maintenance of the Cattle Market and re tarmac it, put in pavements, and manage the parking in such a way so that the photographs you see are avoided.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment that it has taken a year and the plans are still not available. He has sent the photographs to the County Council and they are sorry for the delay and plans are progressing and soon some consultation documents will be available to the Parish Council and community so that we can see what they are planning.

The Police have promised greater enforcements. The Parish Council is still waiting to hear from the Traffic Wardens. There will be a T-junction at Mire Lane, Burtersett and a footpath from Hawes to Appersett as it is a popular walk.

A Highways Officer on Thursday took pictures of all the Keep Clear signs and the white lines which have faded away and in the next 6 weeks they are coming to re do the markings.

The Chairman invited comment from the meeting.

Brenda Peacock said that the bike problem goes back a long way, a footway is an excellent idea but she would like to know how it would be managed and policed.

The owner of a local business said she has to block her pavement at the weekend otherwise the bikes block it. Paths are a good idea but we need more policing. The PCSO's just walk past, they don't tackle it. We are also getting a lot of abuse when we ask the bikers to move their bikes.

Kathleen Martin said that on Saturday lunchtime a police vehicle was parked outside Bear Interiors blocking the entrance. Kathleen tackled her about it and the Police response was that it isn't a public right of way, Kathleen queried about ambulances, the Policewoman didn't realise there were houses down there.

Rob Ward agreed that it doesn't work because it isn't policed.

The Chairman said that Inspector (who is in charge of uniformed branch) has written to him and has said he will visit. The Chairman will pass these Parish Council meeting comments on to him.

It may be a possibility that Penny Garth Carpark to be designated for bikes only. The wall may need to be dropped and the area resurfaced. The owner of Lillie's was concerned that the numbers are so great that you won't fit them in Penny Garth.

Doug Taylor said that they should spend some of the funds on the footpath from the play park to Woodburn.

It was noted that it was considered that 12pm - 2pm is the best time for the Police to visit.

A resident raised the point that railings may be appropriate on the footpaths.

The Chairman concluded that it has been a long-standing problem but we now have the funding to deal with it. We need to wait for the County Council to bring forward its plans and have a special Parish Council / Public meeting so that they can hear what you have to say.

- b) **Tree lopping and trimming on Beulah Bank adjoining Gayle Lane, in the Gayle Conservation Area without the requisite authorisation** – *The Parish Council to consider making a representation to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) as the lead Authority in charge of administering / enforcing Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Area issues*

The Chairman outlined that a tree has been felled (dropped and cut at the base). It came to the attention of the YDNPA who are the local tree authority. The remains of the tree have been inspected and they have concluded that the tree was healthy and not diseased. It is against the law to fell a healthy tree in a conservation area. They have spoken to the owner of the land who has admitted that he authorised the cutting of the tree. He claims his architect told him he didn't need permission. It is presumed that later there will be a planning application. The YDNPA are now considering what action to take against the landowner. This could vary from ensuring proper replacements to court action. The next tree up has had some lopping too (trimming of limbs) which has worried a number of people. There are two further trees on the Chairman's land which already have a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Bealah Bank is considered an important open space which gives it particular planning rights and although it is a matter for the Planning Committee to decide any applications, in the Chairman's view it is unlikely that planning permission would be given. A lot of people are cross about the tree as it softened the area. The Chairman asked the Parish Council if we should e mail YDNPA about putting a TPO on the second tree.

Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council resolved to contact the YDNPA requesting a TPO.*

- c) **A Community Pavilion for Hawes & High Abbotside on the Community Fields / Retirement of the 3 original trustees at the Upper Wensleydale Sport and Recreation Association (UWSRA) Charity** – *The Chairman to advise the Parish Council in its role as a key member of the initiative that led to the formation of the Charity*

The Community Pavilion is going steam ahead under the stewardship of Gordan Sleightholme, Andrew Fagg and a number of enthusiastic and committed young people including Cllr Emma Blades who are determined to pull off this major asset to the Town. John Walker has given a donation of £50,000 if it could be called the

John Walker Community Pavilion (after his father). The Football Association is coming on 3rd June and are keen to support. Fund raising is taking place but there will still need to be a Sports Lottery bid. Cllr Blades added it will be a real asset for everyone not just sports, Young Farmers, Cubs, Brownies. The Chairman asked Cllr Blade to pass on thanks.

The Parish Council was a key player in getting the Community Fields 24 years ago so it is important that we keep this project on our radar screen.

We formed a Charity to ensure the asset stayed in the ownership of the community. The UWSCA had 4 trustees, Bob Tunstall, Stuart Dinsdale, Janet Dinsdale and John Blackie. Janet moved away, 3 remaining will be retiring at an AGM in June 2019 when we will hand over the stewardship to the new Trustees.

The Chairman asked for any comments.

- d) **B4RN Broadband** - *Griff Thomas of G-TEC to explain proposals to extend the roll out of hyper-fast B4RN Broadband to the Premise and to request the Parish Council to consider becomes becoming a local champion for this initiative*

The Chairman explained that Griff Thomas was going to come and explain proposals and request the Parish Council becomes a local champion. He will come to the July meeting as there has been a bereavement in the family.

- e) **Preparations for the World Road Racing Cycling Championship passing through Hawes & High Abbotside on Sunday 29th September 2019** - *To again review if there is interest for a working group of local residents and local businesses to be established to organise a welcome for the Race and the spectators on the day*

People are saying the crowds will be nearly as big as the Tour De France in 2014. It will come over Cray down to Aysgarth along A684 through Bainbridge into Hawes, out to Hardraw and over the Butter Tubs and through Swaledale. The Chairman asked at the last meeting if there was any interest from local residents and businesses to organise spectators on the day. The District Council are offering £2,000 in a grant to any organisation who have plans to welcome the competitors and spectators. The Parish Council cannot do it on own account but can be a facilitator but need local residents and businesses to show an interest. Cllr Blades said that at the Football Clubs and Pavilion Committee there is talk of a big screen, beer tent, bouncy castle on the community fields. The Chairman asked for Cllr Blades to get this in writing and we can then apply for funding.

Hawes In Bloom are doing a red white & blue theme and will welcome the race.

8. Chairman's Reports (CR) / Latest News (LN) / Progress updates (PU) / Pending File (PF) - Inviting commentary from Parish Councillors, and members of the public (through the Chairman)

- a) **Pending File** - The Chairman explained that the Parish Council keeps an ongoing watchful eye on these issues:

PF 01 - Services at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton

PF 02 - Services at the Darlington Memorial Hospital - 24/7, A&E & paediatrics

PF 03 - The future of the Friary Hospital in Richmond - which provides respite & palliative care

PF 04 - The provision of Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) Patient Transport - The Chairman said that he wants to hear about any issues with this

PF 05 - Richmondshire District Council > Cutbacks in street scene and toilet cleaning services in the Parish - is the 20p entry adding any value?

PF 06 - YDNPA > Barn conversions in Hawes and the Upper Dales - There is one coming which we strongly supported the Barn on Charcoals by the footpath between the Business Park & Haylands Bridge.

It appears that the YDNPA are wanting to refuse it but yet want to hang on to young families. We will need a Parish Councillor to attend the Planning Committee to argue the case. The Chairman said that he has a preliminary view that he supports but will wait until the Planning Committee before making his mind up. The Chairman proposed that Cllr McMullon attend the Planning Committee Meeting.

b) Late emerging and tabled issues - none

9. Play Play-parks update - on Town Foot / Bealah Bank / Little Ings play areas

a) The Chairman updated the meeting on the receipt of a grant of **£2,145.00** from the NYCC Upper Dales Locality Budget supervised by County Councillor John Blackie who recommended the approval of the grant to be used on play park and public realm improvements, including the painting of all the equipment as appropriate at all the 3 play areas. All 3 Play Park equipment is being painted. There will also be a 4-metre bench on memorial green due to arrive on 29th May as confirmed by Richard Noble. Rob Ward has kindly offered to help.

b) In Aug 2017, the Chairman was advised by a parent that a child had fallen off the roundabout , gone to Lancaster Hospital was ok and they were not intending on putting in a claim. The Clerk wrote to the insurance company to report the accident. Two years later the Parish Council has received a claim for compensation.

10. NYCC Highways

Resident Parking on Gayle Lane - The Chairman explained that he has approached Highways about applying white lines after the double yellow lines after the entrance to the Dairy to where the Little White Buses are parked. If the Dairy carpark is full, people are parking right up to bus shelter and making it impossible for cars to come down, pedestrians to walk, it is a danger to Bealah Bank Play Park. In the event that white lines are not possible, we may have to apply for yellow lines. The Chairman asked if there were any objections to yellow lines. There were no objections.

A resident reported that during the last big flood which occurred at end of March 2019 at Haylands Bridge two trees came over the wall and blocked the road. The following day it was 8-9 inches deep in sand and sludge, and on Monday morning a council van turned up and said they were coming the next day to clean but they did not return.

11. Correspondence - Yorkshire Local Councils Association - Appointment of a Richmondshire Parishes member to the YDNPA will be voted on at the next meeting once the Ballot papers have been received from YLCA. The Chairman asked if anyone wanted to be put forward. There was no interest from the meeting.

12. YDNPA Planning - Planning Applications

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

Resolved - *The Parish Council supported this application*

R/48/165 Cotterdale Farm, Cotterdale - Full planning permission for conversion of a barn to form a one-bedroom holiday cottage / local occupancy dwelling

Resolved - *The Parish Council supported this application*

R/56/475 - Cornclose Appersett - Full planning permission for conversion of existing agricultural building to form single local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation

Amended plans were discussed at the meeting. They have now put in two access gates but looks to be in a field not the road. There has been no amendment to the name.

13. Financial Matters

a) 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 April 2019 meeting of Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

b) Bank Balance - The Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council Bank Balance as at 17 May 2019 is **£8,326.86**
This includes the refund of VAT for the year April 2018 - March 2019 of £1,454.51

c) Annual External Audit of the Parish Council accounts - To approve the AGAR submission to the External Auditor for the year 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019

c) Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19*

c i.) Resolved unanimously - *The Parish Council approved the Accounting Statements 2018/19*

14. Date of next meeting - Monday 15th July 2019 commencing at 7.15pm at Gayle Institute.

15. Any Other Business - none

Meeting closed at 9.10pm