

HAWES & HIGH ABBOTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 7th October 2019 at 7.15pm at Gayle Institute

MINUTES

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

In Attendance: Francesca Cartwright - Parish Clerk

Members of the public: 17

1. **Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Tony Fawcett
2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.

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

The Chairman advised the meeting that Pip Pointon would be recording the meeting.

The Chairman briefed the meeting that the Recruitment Process had been cleared by Richmondshire District Council. The interviews were conducted in private meetings. The Parish Council will now formally vote on each of the candidates:

Barry Wilcox - Cllr Alderson proposed Barry Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Blades. **Votes for - unanimous**

Marion Lloyd - Cllr Alderson proposed Marion Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Metcalfe. **Votes for - unanimous**

Jake Dinsdale - Cllr Waluda proposed Jake Dinsdale, there was no seconder so the motion falls. The proposer not to accept was Cllr McMullon, seconded by Cllr Metcalfe. **Votes - 1 for (Cllr Waluda), 4 against.**

Chris Dunn - There was no proposer for Chris Dunn, the motion falls, the proposer not to accept was Cllr McMullon, seconded by Cllr Alderson. **Votes against - unanimous.**

Andrew Fagg - There was no proposer for Andrew Fagg, the motion falls, the proposer not to accept was Cllr Metcalfe, seconded by Cllr McMullon. **Votes against - unanimous.**

Resolved unanimously - *to appoint Barry Wilcox and Marion Lloyd as Parish Councillors to the Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council.*

The Chairman explained to the meeting that a request had been received from Andrew Fagg to address the meeting. The Parish Council would allow Andrew Fagg to make a statement for two minutes.

Andrew Fagg thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to speak and said that he has nothing but best wishes for the Parish Council. He talked about his views of disappointment re the Parish Councils views and actions re barns and second homes.

After a number of minutes had passed, the Chairman asked Mr. Fagg to bring his statement to a close. Mr. Fagg continued to speak and said that he needed longer. The Chairman said that the Parish Council had been reasonable in allowing him to speak for some time longer than the allotted time.

A local resident suggested that Andrew bring it up again under Any Other Business.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council had been subjected to a verbal attack from Mr. Fagg both during and after his interview. He had approached Parish Councillors and the Clerk at inappropriate locations and times and had sent unfortunate e mails, one of which referred to the Chairman herself as the Pope.

Barry Wilcox and Marion Lloyd were invited to join the Parish Council at the front of the meeting. The Clerk provided Forms of Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Pecuniary & Other Interests for signing.

4. **Declaration of interests** - Cllr Blades declared that she is a Trustee of the UWSRA
5. **Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
6. **To consider any items relating to Highways**

Ruth Annison

The Chairman introduced Ruth Annison to the meeting who wanted to talk about the Planning Application R/56/502 - Halfway House, Hawes. Ruth set out that what she had to say was regarding Highways not Planning. Also, it is not about the railway or occupancy, but it could be.

Ruth explained that the Application for Halfway House came before the YDNPA in February 2019 and Highways recommended against it re safety issues before the bend. Ruth has read all the documentation and was concerned at the time and spoke at the time re issues of occupancy, railway and Highways. She feels that if Highways are against this application, they must have good reason. The Decision Notice since February was not issued as the applicants have since amended the Planning Application. The stakeholders who objected in February were notified when the amended application was made, but the rest of the world were not notified. Highways are against the application re safety as the safety figures are half of what they should be. Ruth wrote to YDNPA again on Friday 4th October as there is no opportunity to speak at the Planning meeting on Tuesday. Ruth also highlighted that there have been several changes on the Planning Committee since February 2019. Highway matters seems to be overlooked/overruled.

Action - Clerk to write to YDNPA expressing Parish Council views - serious concerns about road safety issues. Back in January 2019, the Parish Council supported the application 'as proposed for use **solely** as a **local occupancy** residential dwelling'. The Parish Council have now considered the amended wording of 'or short-term holiday let' and now do not support the amended application. The Parish Council understand that suggestions have been made for a site meeting and for consideration to be given to the Safer Roads Government Funding Initiative for the A684, which the Parish Council consider to be a sensible way forward.

A684 Safer Roads Fund Project

A number of the members of the public enquired about various improvements and repairs needed in the Parish e.g. Zebra crossing, parking, lines, pot holes, etc.

Action - Chairman to chase NYCC re A684 Safer Roads Funding Project.

Jake Dinsdale enquired as to whether there was going to be flood markers in High Abbotside following the flooding. Action - Clerk to chase again.

7. Financial Matters

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 August 2019 Parish Council meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the bank account balance as at 4th October 2019 was £8,736.94.

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

2018/19 AGAR - Section 3 External Auditor Report received & Notice of Conclusion of Audit published on the Parish Council Website. The Clerk confirmed that the documents had been published on the Parish Council website.

UWSRA Community Pavilion Project - sign off on previous discussions re Parish Council contribution of £350 towards Architect Fees and £500 towards the Application Fee.

Chairman proposed, Cllr Alderson seconded. **Resolved unanimously** - *The Parish Council agreed to contribute £350 and £500 respectively to UWSRA.*

Cllr Blades thanked the Parish Council for the wonderful support. She would provide the Parish Clerk with bank details as soon as possible.

8. Discussion Items

- a) **YDNP full council meeting 24th September 2019** - Feedback by the Chairman on statement read out re Cllr John Blackie. The Chairman read out the statement and response.
- b) **Parish Mapping Portal for B4RN Broadband Project** - The Clerk updated the meeting that Mr. Griff Thomas was finding the portal very useful.
- c) **BT Payphones - Undated Removal Notices in Simonstone Box, etc.** - The Chairman explained that some boxes have notices from BT saying they are going to be removed within x days but the notices are not dated. RDC are a consultee and will be objecting.
- d) **Update re Poors Charity - Handover back to Trustees of the Charity** - The Clerk updated the meeting that she along with the Chairman had met with Sara Mason and Dave Calvert (two of the current Trustees) on 30th September to handover historic paperwork. The Trustees are liaising with The Charity Commission.
- e) **Play Parks** - Condition Report September 2019 (*Circulated to Parish Councillors*)

Ian Fraser and Robin Peters were thanked for their continued hard work at the Play Parks.

Robin briefed the meeting that 2.5 years ago they tried to get funding to redo the surfaces as some of it is quite old. It was agreed that a separate meeting of Parish Councillors was needed to prioritise a schedule of works, costs, etc. The Chairman had an idea re asking the children at Hawes School and Youth Club what they would like to see at the Play Parks.

Robin advised that the money collection box had been removed. The Parish Council agreed that this matter needed further consideration.

Robin advised that the new resident from the Chapel Gallery needs to repair the wall where the grass bin is located and they would like to remove the ivy. The Parish Council agreed that the ivy could be removed.

It was agreed that Robin should continue to liaise with the Clerk direct for ordering small sundry items e.g. cable ties, etc.

9. YDNPA Planning Applications:

New Applications

R/48/119B at Garth House Sedbusk - Householder planning permission for erection to south elevation of dwelling to provide disabled access to first floor - **The Parish Council had no objection**

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) - **The Parish Council had no objection**

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

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

Approved

R/48/165 at Cotterdale Farm Barn, Cotterdale - Full planning permission for conversion of a barn to form a one- bedroom holiday cottage / local occupancy dwelling - amended plans, consultation of 14 days - **approved s106**

Appeals

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

Cllr Alderson explained that she had attended the YDNPA Planning meeting with John Blackie and had read out a personal statement. She wasn't allowed access to any e mails or to take photographs. There is a real lack of communication and interested parties would not know about the Appeal had it not been for the Parish Council.

The original reasons for objection re over development, traffic issues, parking etc. were reiterated by the Parish Council and members of the public.

Resolved - Action - Clerk to write to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating original comments of objection, Cllr Alderson's statement and photographs of traffic problems.

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

Action - Clerk to make the YDNPA aware that the pods etc. are for sale on various websites and at Hoppers Estate Agents.

Withdrawals

R/56/510/AA at Highway Verge, B6255, Gearstones - Consent to display 1 No. post mounted 'Craven' boundary sign - **withdrawn**

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 13th 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 13th 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)

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 8th October 2019**

Action - Clerk to e mail the YNDPA with Parish Council concerns re change of use in six months and road safety issues.

Other Planning Matters

Complaint received re Barn adjacent to the Old Farm House, Simonstone - Action - Clerk to report to YDNPA.

10. Correspondence

- a) Resignation received from Parish Councillor Stewart Hunter - **Action - Clerk to write a letter to thank him for decades of service.**
- b) The Clerk was delighted to say that a memorial plaque in memory of the late Councillor John Blackie had been arranged on a bench in Thoraby by Aysgarth & District Parish Council.

A suggestion has been received by the Chairman to rename the Community Office in Hawes as the John Blackie Community Office. The Parish Council agreed that the Parish Council should do something in memory of John Blackie. The Parish Council agreed to discuss this further once suggestions from the Parish had been received at the Community Office.

- c) The Parish Council copied into letter to YDNPA from McGarry & Co Solicitors re Tree Preservation Order No 2 (Hawes) 2019. The letter indicates that the client has taken it upon himself to plant a beech sapling and has fenced this round to avoid damage by stock - **Action - Clerk to write to YDNPA expressing that the Parish Council was not happy about this matter.**
- d) Complaint received regarding vehicle damage to verge/grass bank near the entrance to the Cemetery on the A684 as you approach Hawes - **Action - Cllr Metcalfe to speak to the Auction Mart**
- e) Updates on bins, street lighting, etc. - **Action - Clerk to report the light out on the house end again**

11. Date of the next meeting - Monday 2nd December 2019 at Gayle Institute at 7.15pm

12. Any Other Business

Andrew Fagg asked to address the Parish Council again. He explained he comes in the spirit of peace. He was disappointed because a local resident had suggested he stand for Parish Council, and some councillors had initially supported his application. He tried to bring considered remarks to the interview but feels his application was unsuccessful because of what he said about barns and second homes.

He went on to say that he feels that it is staggering that the Parish Council has done nothing about second homes. He is not against second homes or holiday lets but he feels there are now too many of both of them. 30% of homes in the Richmondshire part of the National Park are empty. There is less room for the local community, local young people are squeezed out. This year Hawes school has gone from 4 classes to 3 classes and the pupil roll fallen to 86. There could be fewer than 50 pupils at Hawes School in a four years' time. He would ask the Parish Council to revisit this matter.

He went on to say that he was delighted the Parish Council opposed the Hawes Church conversion and this is the kind of spirit the Parish needs. He hopes the Parish Council works hard when local plans come to limit the number of holiday-lets and actively try to retain housing for local residents.

Jake Dinsdale asked to address the Parish Council. He explained that he is not here because of any disenchantment with the process but rather disappointed that the Parish Council is not complete and not representative of the community. He feels that it is so disappointing that there are empty seats on the back of the interview process. He urged the Parish Council to fill the seats and to be representative of the parish and community. He feels that young people should be welcomed to the Parish Council to give a broader representation.

The Parish Council were in agreement that they would like a Parish Council representing all age groups, etc.

13. Items for next Agenda

Meeting closed 9.15pm