

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of 4th January 2016 held at Gayle Institute at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs J Blackie (Chairman), Ms D Allen, Ms A Caygill, G DiDuca, A Fawcett, S Hunter, Mrs A Rhodes, A Sunter, I Woolley.

In Attendance: Mr I King (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs S Alderson, B Fawcett

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of 9th November 2015 were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chairman. There were no Matters Arising.

2. Chairman's Items

- a. Foul Smells.** It was noted that no new smells had occurred. This confirms the thesis that the cause is an inadequate infrastructure exacerbated by visitor numbers in the summer. A meeting of interested parties (the Parish Council, Richmondshire District Council Environmental Health, NYCC Highways, Yorkshire Water and the Wensleydale Creamery) will take place shortly.
- b. Yorkshire Dales National Park.** There has been no government consultation yet on the proposed structure of the Authority.
- c. Post 16 Education at Wensleydale School.** Cllr Blackie said that there are still serious concerns, and the numbers are “on the cusp”. He is a Governor at the school, and said that the Governing Body is undecided about the dangers. He is urging action including working with other partners to stop the downward spiral.
- d. Rishi Sunak MP.** The Clerk had received no response to the Council’s revised invitation. It was agreed to wait until the end of the Parliamentary Recess.
- e. Grit Bins.** It transpires that the Parish Council may keep the 2 grit bins - by the Primary School and in the West End at Gayle – at no cost, but has taken on responsibility for keeping them stocked.
- f. Residents’ Parking.** The Chairman had taken this to the Richmondshire Area Committee. There was concern about the administration costs, and it was emphasised that there will be a charge to residents. This is still under discussion.
- g. War Memorial.** Cllr Woolley has had further discussions with Mr Spensely, and will produce a wooden jig to help him with the design. He felt that there is still some confusion over the exact location on which the Memorial is to be built. It was agreed that there should be another Site Meeting on Friday 15th January at 12 noon. A local resident, Mrs Margaret ????, suggested the removal of the tree in the middle of the green, and placing the Memorial in its place. Cllr Woolley produced a sample of the printing for the proposed plaques, with a total cost of £175 for both plaques. Councillors were generally unhappy with the quality of the sample, and it was felt that better

results could be achieved with stone or slate carving. Councillors were asked to contact anyone who might be able to assist in this area. The wording for the dedications is still undecided, and it was agreed that there should be a consultation process in the Community Office, with proposed sets of wording made available for public comment. Cllr di Duca said that Mr Dave Allen had suggested 4 further names of people who died in WW1 who may have had connections with Hawes. Cllr Mrs Allen said that she would ask someone to do further research on these names to see if they should be included. It was agreed that the March meeting of the Parish Council would make final decisions on:

- i.** exact location
 - ii.** material for the plaques
 - iii.** the names to be included
 - iv.** the wording of the dedications and the format for the names.
- h. Cemetery.** The Clerk reported a response from the Rev. Janet Park, but had not heard from anyone else. Mrs M Heseltine / Mrs K Cockett said that the issue had been discussed with the Rev. Ann Chapman, who was anticipating inviting a Bishop to the Consecration. Council agreed that the Ceremony should take place in early May 2016.
- i. Gayle Green.** A letter had been received from Mr Allen Dinsdale urging the Council for more action to get the Green cleared without waiting for the Meeting. The Chairman is to speak to him.
- j. Planning Issues.** Mr Richard Graham had responded to the Council over its concerns on the Lawful Development Certificate at Appersett and the planning process for the proposed café at the Dales Countryside Museum. The Chairman will respond on behalf of the Council.

3. Highways

The Clerk is to attend a Parish Council Workshop at the Highways Depot. Mossy Lane, Gayle (from the Gaits to Bands) has serious water damage to the road surface. The Clerk was asked to remind Highways that the road through Harddraw is a Priority 1 gritting route as it was recently missed on an icy day.

4. YDNPA Planning Applications

- a. R/56/477OH Duerley Farm, Gayle** – notification under Reg 5 The Overhead Lines (Exemption) Regulations 2009 to replace existing wooden poles and open wire conductor with a single aerial bunch conductor. **Supported.**
- b. R/56/476/AA Upper Wensleydale Business Park** - consent to display one free standing sign. **Supported.**
- c. R/56/9E Crown Hotel, Hawes** – full planning permission for erection of cold store for commercial kitchen. **Supported.**
- d. R/56/354A/LB Gayle Bridge** – listed building consent to take down, repair and rebuild unstable/damaged stone parapet wall and coping stones. **Supported.**

5. Correspondence

- a. **Great North Air Ambulance** – Agreed to make a donation of £200
- b. **Moorcock Community Defibrillator** – Receipt of a Residents’ Petition. The Council was sympathetic to this request and is prepared to meet it subject to the following conditions (which were also applied to the earlier requests at Hawes and Hardraw):
 - i. That the bulk of the cost should be met from the Community Opportunities Fund (COF) operated by Richmondshire District Council.
 - ii. The local community will be expected to provide a fund-raising contribution of £100. (A Collecting Tin placed on the bar of the Moorcock Inn is likely to quickly accumulate this contribution.)
 - iii. The balance of the costs incurred will be funded by the Parish Council.
 - iv. Upper Dales Health Watch – Minutes of the November Meeting – **Noted.**
- c. **Richmondshire District Council**
 - i. **Dog fouling campaign.** Council expressed interest in this campaign to mark non-removed deposits. Clerk to inquire further.
 - ii. **Private Hire Licensing Consultation.** Council was concerned about the short notice attached to this Consultation just before Christmas. The Chairman had complained and had received an extension. Agreed that he should respond on behalf of the Council.
 - iii. **NYCC** – Information request for details of properties flooded in December in the Parish. Clerk to respond naming No 1 Hardraw Road, Hawes; Nether Bar East at Appersett and the Green Dragon Inn at Hardraw.
 - iv. **Dales & Bowland Buses** – Appeal for donation towards the Summer Sunday Bus Service to / from Hawes. The Clerk was awaiting a *pro forma invoice* for the donation of £100 agreed at a previous meeting. Council agreed to donate a further £100, conditional on the Summer Service actually being operated.

6. Financial Matters – Agreed the payment of the following Accounts:

- a. **Andrew Ramsden** – Repairs to the Memorial Bench opposite the playground - **£64.80**
- b. **YDNPA** – Hire of the DCM for the November PC meeting - **£50.00**
- c. **P.M. Iveson Ltd** – New Cemetery : digging of trial holes - **£72.00**
- d. **Cardiac Science Ltd**– Supply of Defibrillator, Hardraw - **£1542.00**
- e. **John Banks** – Grasscutting October - **£289.00**
- f. **Richmondshire DC** – Rubbish clearance after the Hawes Gala - **£34.00**
- g. **R.J. Farrow** – Hawes November 5th Community Bonfire clearance - **£228.00**
- h. **HMRC** – PC Clerk PAYE - **£201.11**

i. Scottish Hydro Electric – Electricity supply at The Hill (ex Gent’s Urinals) - **£25.22**

7. Any Other Business

Cllr T Fawcett reported on a build-up of gravel near Hardraw Bridge after the recent flooding. He considers this a threat to the bridge, but is unwilling to take a digger in to clear it because of likely punitive action from the Environment Agency. He and the Chairman were delegated by the Council to resolve the issue.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Date of next Meeting – Monday 7th March 2016, 7.15pm at Gayle Institute.