

Addingham Heritage Group

Formal Minutes of Meeting

Date: 9th February 2026

Location: The Hub

Chair: Ian Cameron

Minutes Prepared By: Ian Cameron

Present: Gill Battarbee (GB), Ian Cameron (IC), Barbara Durack (BD), Richard Durack (RD), Jonathan White (JW), Paul Harris (PH), Don Barrett (DB), Malcolm Birdsall (Mbi), Pam Birdsall (PB), Gary Copping (GC), Mike Bolton (MB)

1. Apologies

1.1 There were no apologies received.

2. Minutes

2.1 Approved as correct and can be published on the ACS website.

3. Matters arising

3.1

3.2 Embroidery donation.

Pam gave an update and will see the embroidery soon, which will help with the next steps. As there had been no response from Bradford University to the offer for a display in October, it was agreed to pursue a display on the embroidery. This could involve three boards. and the other two about preservation. Pam would be able to advise in due course on potential case requirements. Pam informed the group that the quilts would need secure cases. Pam would keep the group updated.

Action: Pam

3.3 Yorkshire Heritage Summit 2026

Ian confirmed a table had been booked and as well as symposium tickets for Chris and Jonathan.

3.4 Feedback on iBase

Gary confirmed he had responded.

3.5 Samuel Cunliffe-Lister book sales.

Don gave an update.

3.6 Archives

Archives had been successfully transferred from Paul to Jonathan.

4 Exhibitions and Heritage Displays

4.1 October 2026 Heritage Slot.

The group agreed to prioritise an embroidery quilt exhibition for the present. A Samuel Cunliffe Lister exhibition is an option or an additional exhibition. The suggested University of Bradford exhibition will be shelved due to lack of response.

4.2 Tour de France Exhibition – July 2027

Rob Smith had suggested a July 2027 exhibition on the Tour de France in view of the women's Grand Depart starting from Leeds. This would give an opportunity to remember the memorable two 2014 Tour de France rides through Addingham. This was agreed. Ian would book the slot with Wendy Green.

Action: Ian

5. 1683 Archive Project and Historical Research

5.1 Mike reported on the continuing progress of the 1683 project. Mike would provide an update for the ACS website.

Action: Mike

5.2 Mike reported on a 1930's press article about the transfer of deed boxes from Fairfield Hall and a boundary dispute in the 1700's between Addingham and Silsden. Ian reported that this dispute features in Kate Mason's book, so she must have accessed these papers.

There followed a discussion on reviewing the West Yorkshire Archives but recognition of our capacity limitations.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Review and Heritage Policy

The Parish Council has agreed to update the Addingham Neighbourhood Plan through a light-touch review rather than a full rewrite. There was a need to:

- Align with Bradford Council's emerging local plan.
- Address anticipated 'grey belt' development policies.
- Strengthen heritage protections.
- Reduce risk of outdated policies being exploited by developers.
- Position the village to benefit from increased community planning powers.

Ian shared details of documents from Historic England that could be reviewed in the heritage section of the current plan. Paul volunteered to help along with Ian and Chris. Malcolm Keeble had set a date for the end of March for initial comments. Ian would provide details of national guidance notes to Paul.

Action: Ian, Paul, Chris

7. Current Work and Operational Updates

7.1 COVID-19 Project

Ian gave an update and would report back again in due course.

7.2 Banner design

A meeting has been arranged with Dotty Print on the 10th February, Richard and Ian would report back.

7.3 Work programme review

Ian suggested a review be undertaken in May or June and this was agreed.

8 Website and Communications

Gary reported back on Facebook and Instagram usage.

9. Events and Public Engagement

The group confirmed participation in the Spring Fair on 18 April with a dedicated stall. There will be a separate ACS book stall .Barbara would co-ordinate and suggested promoting the October talk for the “third board”. Ian would liaise with Barbara on this.

Action: Ian, Barbara

10. Financial Balance

This stands at £89.77 as on 31st December 2025,

10. Newsletter articles

10.1 February (IC), March (IC), April (IC), June (PB), July (PH), August (BD)

10.2 An article has been produced for the Spring Village Newsletter.

11. Any other Business

11.1 The group discussed the email flyer sent by Joshua Daniels. After looking at the videos on the link provided there were discussions about there being an unclear market fit and funding requirements. There was agreement not to pursue this.

11.2. There was a discussion about the disappointing lack of a response back to the Parish Council on The Crown restoration. The lack of progress and potential for deterioration is a concern.

12. Next Meeting

Monday, 9 March at 5.50 pm at the Hub.