

**Addingham Heritage Group
Planning Meeting
Monday 13th July 2026 at 5.30pm in The Hub
Mintes**

Present: Ian Cameron, Chris Cobby, Richard Durack, Mike Bolton, Barabara Durack, Gill Battarbee, Jonathan White, Paul Harris

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Pam, Malcolm, Gary, and Don.

2. Minutes

2.1 The minutes from the previous meeting (13th June) were approved and agreed for publication on the ACS website.

- **Action Item:** Publish approved minutes on the ACS website.

3. Matters arising

3.1 **Feedback from the Summer Gala (July 11th):** Paul and Barbara reported that the group did not receive the space promised, resulting in being one table short in total. Attendance dropped off quickly after the parade, likely due to the weather.

- **Action Item:** Gill to follow up ACS payment for tables. **Action: Gill.**

3.2 **St Peter's Church and the crypt:** The church has officially responded to the Civic Society stating they are not pursuing the matter. In addition, a pro bono request to Churchill Memorials was declined.

3.3 **Follow up on Fleece fire photographs:** Mike is currently editing the images. Notable photographs, including those of the 2015 fire, will be added to the archive site within the next one to two weeks.

- **Action Item:** Mike to upload photographs to the archive site. **Action: Mike**

3.4 **Squalor, Water and Cholera book sales:** Chris gave an update on sales. Ian is still awaiting a decision from the Thackray Museum.

- **Action Item:** Ian to chase the Thackray Museum for a decision **Action: Ian.**

3.5 **To note acceptance to speak in 2027 at Ilkley Manor House:** Ian had accepted an invitation to speak about the Heritage Group next year, though still awaiting further confirmation from the organisers.

4. New Blue Plaque proposal

4.1. **Meeting and recommendations:** Paul, Ian and Seamus Bloomer (Civic Society) met and visited the church and assessed the nomination form. The conclusion was support for a blue plaque, sited on the right of the building but that the focus should be entirely on Father Richard Kirkman. They are awaiting a response from Margaret Keating regarding this proposal and confirmation of the church's permission. While not supporting the inclusion of the Clarke-Foley's as part of the blue plaque, the group did question whether there was appropriate commemoration of the Clarke-Foley's contribution to the village as a whole. Ian would raise this with the Civic Society.

- **Action Item:** Ian to await a response from Margaret Keating and feedback to the next Civic Society meeting, **Action: Ian.**

- **Action Item:** Paul to work with Margaret et al. on the plaque wording once the go-ahead has been approved. **Action:**

Paul

5. Blue Plaque Trail app

5.1 **Testing and next steps:** Paul and Gary have undertaken further testing with minor modifications implemented by Gary. The broader walking "hub" app concept will be pursued by Gary from September onwards.

- **Action Item:** Gary to initiate contacts for the broader walking app project in September. **Action: Gary**

6. Blue Plaque Exhibition at the Hub

6.1 **Heritage Group contribution:** The exhibition is up and running and been well received. Gary had provided details about the app for the exhibition.

7. Embroidery - October exhibition

7.1 **Update:** Pam's article in the newsletter has received positive feedback. A planning meeting for the exhibition is scheduled for late July.

- **Action Item:** Pam and relevant members to attend the planning meeting in late July **Action: Pam.**

8. Addingham High School Honours Board

8.1 **Transfer:** The board is stored safely in Gill's garage along with the WWI Memorial Board.

8.2 **Exhibition:** An exhibition in the Hub has been booked for April 2027.

8.3 **Interest:** Ian and Paul volunteered to research the history of the Honours Board and scholarship recipients for the exhibition. **Action: Ian, Paul**

9. Conversation with Catherine Snape (18th June)

9.1 Ian reported on a conversation with Catherine Snape. Ian and Chris offered to meet her to discuss next steps. **Action: Ian.**

10. October Speaker's meeting

10.1 **Proposed title:** The Chair has been in contact with Chris Gaffney who has provided a title: "Uncovering the Bradford 1904 Exhibition – the lost festival in Lister Park"

11. Addingham Community Network

11.1 **Feedback:** The Chair and Gill attended the meeting on 25th June. Key issues raised included storage, volunteer recruitment, and the need for a central village diary. A further meeting would be organised in six months

- **Action Item:** None.

12. Nomination for Local Historian award

12.1 Chris gave an update on the nomination process which should be completed shortly. **Action: Chris**

13. Updates on current work

13.1 **The 1683 project:** Mike gave an update. Most images have been edited. Final editing and improvements to the archive's structure are ongoing plus the need to review the collection structure **Action: Mike.**

13.2 Photographing all our listed buildings: Jonathan had contacted Dave and gave an update on progress and the challenges of gaining permissions. Jonathan agreed to compile a list of those sites for which there are no images on the Photo Archive. This would then be used as the basis of a discussion on any next steps. **Action: Jonathan**

13.3 Updating Glimpses of the Past: No update provided.

14. Social Media and Photo Archive usage update.

Gary had provided an update: Instagram 906 followers. Facebook 782 members.

15. To identify future updates for ACS website

No new items were identified.

16. Health and Safety

16.1 Paul provided an update on his risk assessment work with the Environment Group and there was a discussion about the need for confirmation, from the Memorial Hall Committee, of the Memorial Hall capacities (both seated and standing).

Action: Paul

17. Newsletter timetable

17.1 August (PH), September (BD), October (GC), November (Mbi, PH),
December (RD)

18. AOB

18.1 Chris had identified the subject for his next publication – millstones.

18.2 Jonathan reported that Pam was wanting a small cabinet for the October display and would follow this up with Ilkley library. **Action: Jonathan**

18.3 Ian provided reflections on the film showing of “National Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis on 3rd July.

19. Date of next meeting

19.1 There was agreement to CANCEL the 10th August meeting.
Ian would circulate a note

Action: Ian

19.2 Date of next meeting would be Monday 14th September 5.30pm