



Addingham Heritage Group

Planning Meeting

Monday 8th June 2026 at 5.30pm in The Hub

Minutes

Present: Ian Cameron, Don Barrett, Chris Cobley, Paul Harris, Richard Durack, Barbara Durack, Jonathan White, Gary Copping, Pam Birdsall, Malcolm Birdsall

1. Apologies for absence

Mike Bolton

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting (11th May) were approved and will be posted on the ACS website..

3. Matters arising

3.1 Update on the proposal for a new Blue Plaque

Paul gave an update and an application will be submitted soon.

3.2 Update on historical documents and Ilkley Civic Society

Ian had passed over the documents to the Ilkley Civic Society.

3.3 The new work programme (April 2026 onwards)

This was noted as having been uploaded on pCloud.

3.4 Follow up on Fleece fire photographs

Mike has reviewed these and will upload images onto iBase.

3.5 Squalor, Water and Cholera.

Chris gave an update on sales. Ian would follow up with the Thackray Museum of Medicine.

Action: Ian

3.6 Health and Safety.

Paul gave an update on progress in regard to other Civic Society groups and would provide an updated spreadsheet in due course.

Action: Paul

4. Embroidery offer, future exhibition

4.1 Update

Pam reported that the article for the July edition of the ACS newsletter is nearly complete.

Helen Barnes will create a small artwork inspired by one of the couplets, which can be photographed for the exhibition. Pam has begun inquiries with Skipton and Craven Museum for onward placement of the couplets.

4.2 Membership of a sub-group to create the October exhibition

Jonathan, Barbara, and Malcolm volunteered to form a subgroup to help set up the October exhibition.

5. Blue Plaque Trail app

5.1 Update on progress

Gary has circulated the latest version of the Blue Plaque Trail app and would add the Heritage Group logo. Gary and Paul will conduct a test walk to identify any necessary amendments. Ian would ask Rob Smith if he would like to be involved. The aim was to be completed before September. Gary confirmed the app works directly on mobile devices without requiring app store downloads, which is preferred due to the complexity and cost of publishing to Google/Apple stores.

Action Gary, Paul, Ian

5.2 To report on a discussion at the ACS meeting 19th May on funding and potential ACS apps

Gary discussed the time needed plus credits – these had been beyond the free credits available. As agreed from the ACS meeting, Gary had purchased one month of development platform credits for \$50 USD to progress the work. There was discussion about future apps including and creating a single collective walking app that would incorporate Heritage Group, Environment Group, and Addingham.info trails for a better user experience. This proposal will be added to the Civic Society Trustees' agenda

Action: Ian, Gill

5.3. To note proposal by Margaret Keating for a Blue Plaque exhibition

Margaret Keating proposed a blue plaque exhibition at The Hub in July. Gary suggested including information about the app including a QR code., Ian would suggest this to Margaret at the Civic Society meeting.

Action: Ian, Gary.

6. Addingham High School Honours Board

6.1 To report on a visit to the Methodist Church 20th May

Gill was contacted about the discovery of an honours board (5' x 4') and a smaller framed certificate (~2' x 3') in the Methodist Church attic. Chris and Ian had inspected the items, noting the local significance of the names on the board

6.2 Offer for a temporary home

Gill offered temporary storage for the boards, which need to be cleared from the church by July 31st, 2026. Gill and Ian would collect the boards shortly. Longer term, the Youth Club and the school were suggested possibilities.

6.3 Photograph the Boards

John Fontana had kindly photographed the boards. Don confirmed that the image of the smaller board about those serving in WWI was in the Photo Archive.

6.4 To discuss possible future research/exhibition

The Honours Board raises many historical questions, such as why entries stop in 1939 and details about scholarships and local family connections. There was agreement to use the Honours board as the basis of a future exhibition in 2027 on the school and other schools.. Ian agreed to explore possible dates.

Action: Ian

7. Summer Gala July 11th

7.1 To note agreement by the Heritage Group to have a table (ACS, Env Group will have tables)

The stalls day for the Summer Gala is Saturday, July 11th, 2026, not July 10th as circulated.

7.2 Volunteers for the event and Gala arrangements on the day

Paul and Chris indicated their availability.

7.3 To discuss any new content in the light of feedback from the Spring Fair.

Barbara, Ian and Paul (subject to availability) agreed to meet to revise material about the October Speakers meeting for the third board.

Action: Barbara, Ian, Paul

8. St Peter's Church

8.1 Explorations at the crypt

Chris outlined a historical research project to inspect the church crypt, aiming to assess its condition and document niches without disturbing coffins. Permissions from the Church has

been indicated. Access requires lifting a large stone slab, which presents a breakage risk. Chris will seek professional assistance from monumental masons and obtain a quotation if needed. The project is proposed, by Chris, as a joint venture between the Civic Society and the Church. Numerous concerns were expressed about the health and safety of such a venture. The proposal would be discussed at the next ASC meeting.

Action: Gill, Ian, Paul,

9.Updates on current work (where appropriate)

9.1The 1683 project

Mike had provided a written update and reported that most new images have been edited and uploaded to P Cloud, with selections made for iBase. 183 previously missed images have been located and uploaded, and approximately 50 images from Malcolm Skerritt are being reviewed for inclusion. The project is nearing completion

9.2. Photographing all our listed buildings

Jonathan reported little progress as Dave, the coordinator, has been in France. Jonathan will contact Dave for an update on the project status.

Action: Jonathan

9.3Updating Glimpses of the Past

Malcolm gave an update, reporting that progress had been slow but a meeting was to be arranged. Paul agreed to re-send his new email address to group members.

Action: Paul.

9.4 Covid-19 experience

Ian reported that there was no update..

9.5 Any other updates

Jonathan reported that the missing photographs had been found, scanned and uploaded.

10.Social Media and Photo Archive usage update

Gary reported 950 Instagram followers and approximately 750 Facebook followers.October (.

11.ACS Website Updates

No immediate updates identified.

12.Financial Balance

12.1 Funding:

The ACS had agreed that the Heritage Group will no longer require a separate budget; expenses will be claimed directly from the main Civic Society account.

13.Newsletter Timetable

June (Ian), July (Pam), August (Paul), September (Barbara). October Gary), November (Malcolm and Paul), December (Richard)

Ian agreed to send out details of where to send completed articles.

Action: Ian

14.AOB

14.1 National Emergency Film:

Ian to attend the 3rd July screening.

14.2 Parish Council meeting on 25th June;

Ian to attend. Discussion regarding long-term museum space and Memorial Hall usage as topics to include at the meeting.

Action: Ian

14.3 Manor House Ilkley talk invitation

Ian had received an invitation to speak at an Ilkley Civic Society coffee morning at the Manor House, likely in 2027. The group agreed to accept the offer, with Ian willing to give a talk.

Action: Ian

15.Date of next meeting

Monday 13th July, 5.30pm, The Hub.