



Addingham Civic Society
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees
Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7.15 p.m.
Mount Hermon



1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies

Present: Roger Seddon (Chair). Jane Welby (Minutes). Chris Ensor. Richard Walton. Pat Weatherill. Ian Cameron. Stephen Noblett. Margaret Keating. Jayne Hood.

Apologies: Gill Battarbee. Gary Copping. Malcolm Keeble. Seamus Bloomer.

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes of the Trustees' Meeting of and Matters Arising

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Margaret Keating and seconded by Pat Weatherill. All in favour.

Matters arising not on the agenda

5i Ian, Gill and Margaret to arrange meeting to consider current risk mitigation strategies. - completed

8ii Gill to advise Chris how to order low stocks of publications. – In progress

9iii Gill to request the process and Malcolm will discuss with the Planning Group and feedback to the Heritage Group. – completed.

9iv Gill to remind Simon and Lucy about a review of the Neighbourhood plan. – Agenda item

10i Stephen Noblett to liaise with BCC to publicise the Heritage walk. Gill to make the links to the ACS social media. Heritage Group to prepare poster and publicise the event in the village. – completed.

12iv – Gill will confirm change of October dates (Speaker meeting and Autumn Fair), and that the ACS will be making up a Quiz team. - completed

14i Gill to inform the AEG of the residents concern about benches. - completed

14iii Trustees to forward dates to Jane. Gill to arrange write access on the calendar for Jane. – In progress

4. Correspondence

- I. Confirmation that insurance has been renewed
- II. Roger contacted Michael Jarosz for advice on cyber security insurance – response awaited.

5. Risk Register

- I. Register reviewed for actions already in place. All in favour of adopting the register and monthly review.
- II. Margaret suggested using a red, amber and green system i.e. at this meeting risks identified were Trustee vacancies as there was no recruitment to the Trustees at the AGM, and cyber security. Both were considered to be amber risks.

Action –

5.ii Jane to update the risk register for this month with identified risks using the traffic light system.

6. Finance

- I. Seamus emailed to update the Trustees – ‘April has been fairly quiet on finances. The most relevant are receipts of £2000 from Gillian Robinson for tree planting and spring fair receipts of £920. On payments, £225 to Dales Web Design and £366.04 for the ACS general insurance.’
- II. End of year report was signed off by Ian Drysdale and he had no queries.
- III. Insurance – awaiting quote for cyber security and advice from Michael Jarosz.

7. Membership Update

- I. Membership now totals 396 including 10 honorary members.

8. Book Sales

- I. There have been a few sales this month.
- II. Gill and Chris to meet to discuss ordering of books.
- III. Email from Don Barrett re printing via Amazon of out of print book "Views from the Moorside". If purchased from Amazon the book will cost £15. ACS can get copies for approximately £9. It cost about £100 for the book to be formatted for printing, therefore the general consensus was to sell the book for £12.50 in order to recoup the costs. There is no minimum order for author copies but a maximum figure is imposed. Richard asked if the ACS receive any commission for Amazon Sales and it was believed that they do based on previous financial updates.
- IV. Ian commented that the ACS books are relatively inexpensive and perhaps this should be reviewed at some point.
- V. Richard is currently in the process of editing his book.
- VI. Margaret commented that the stock of some books at the library is depleted.

Action

8 vi Chris to check library stock and replenish as required.

9. Planning

- I. Richard reported that the Parish Council have 5 applications to consider on their meeting agenda this month. Two of particular interest to the ACS are
 - a. the application from the Lord Addingham to convert a building to create a fish and chip shop. General view was to support this as a new business.
 - b. Replacement of roof over a cattle shed on Oak Tree farm, Parsons Lane. Some environmental considerations but expected that the planning department will pick up on these.
- II. Neighbourhood Plan – Gill followed this up and the Neighbourhood planning committee is to be reinstated. The review process is expected to start in June. The Planning Group were largely involved in the initial planning process and have registered an interest in continuing as ACS representatives. The general consensus was that the ACS should be adequately involved.

10. Heritage Group Update

- I. The VE Exhibition in the Hub is up and running and receiving very good reviews. The childrens pictures have been changed mid way through the month to ensure that all of their work is represented. The VE film was well attended and ensured that costs were met.
- II. VJ Day is on the 15th August and the Heritage Group intend to provide another display. A sub group is currently working on this and the size of the display is yet to be determined but the Hub is booked for August.
- III. Sixteen people attended the Heritage walk including three newcomers to the village. Again. It was very well received.
- IV. The Yorkshire Heritage Summit was held at Skipton Town Hall and received a high level of interest. Several people mentioned how inspired they were by the ACS.
- V. Chris Cobley has written a book on Death in Addingham centred on three graveyards and he would like to publish it. The Trustees present were all in favour of this and Ian will advise him to use the Amazon printing service.
- VI. Ian has reviewed the aims and objectives of the Heritage Group and determined that they are all still relevant.
- VII. The Heritage Group have been offered a donation of a Domesday book with a really interesting section on Addingham and have been pleased to accept this donation.

11. Environment Group Update

- I. No representation this meeting but Wildlife week is approaching and dicussed under programme.

12. Speaker Timetable

- I. Timetable for 2025 – 26. Ideas to Jayne please although she mentioned that she has quite a few suggestions already.
- II. Auction of Promises – The date has been changed to 23rd October to accommodate the Drama group. Jayne contacted Charles Hartley but he suggested that these type of events tend to function better when hosted by a well known village figure as it adds to the entertainment value. Jayne requested forming a small committee to organise the event. Stephen and Pat volunteered and Jayne will also ask Kathy if she would like to be involved.

Action

12 ii Jane to send Kathy's email address to Jayne

13. Programme

- I. AEG Walk, City of Culture will be held on Sunday 15th June. It is a Moorside Connections walk and booking will be essential. This will be advertised in the June Newsletter.
- II. June Speaker Meeting – this will be revisited at the next Trustees meeting nearer the event.
- III. Wildlife week – 14th – 22nd June. The timetable for this week is being finalised and will be advertised in the June Newsletter, but will comprise Balsam bashing events for volunteers and the Addingham Guides and Brownies; two further walks i.e. a nature walk and a bat walk, and participation in the Open Gardens weekend.
- IV. Summer trip and social meal. Jayne provided a list of suggestions for the trip this summer. Some were dismissed due to distance or mobility difficulties and Jayne is striving to keep the cost within £30 if possible. She is pricing the options favoured at the meeting and will advise the Trustees. Jayne agreed to organise the meal following the trip.
- V. YHAC's visit has been confirmed for Friday evening 25th July and Saturday 26th July. The programme has been organised and involves walks held by the AEG and Heritage groups respectively.
- VI. Summer Party 15th August – The Band has been booked.

Action

13 iv Jayne to cost the trip and meal and advise the trustees.

14. Projects

- I. Maintenance – Richard Mulligan has completed almost all of the jobs assigned apart from painting the back board on the display board outside the Hub.
- II. Low Mill Bench – Gill spoke to Mick again on 11th May and it's on his list to do.

15. Chairman's Items & AOB

- I. Margaret raised a question about the care of the church orchard and it was confirmed that the AEG are helping to maintain it currently.
- II. Ian commented that the speaker for the meeting this month was very good but that the AGM overran and cut into his time quite considerably. Following a brief discussion it was proposed that in future the AGM should start at 7pm and that rather than providing an explanation of the finances, questions should be posed by members if they have any as they will have already seen the final accounts. All in favour.

16. The meeting closed at 9pm

The date of the next meeting: Mount Hermon Tuesday 17th June at 7.15pm.