



Addingham Heritage Group

Planning Meeting 10th March 2025

Minutes

Present: Gill Battarbee (**GB**), Don Barrett (**DB**), Ian Cameron (**IC**) - Chair, Barbara Durack (**BD**), Richard Durack (**RD**), Rob Smith (**RS**) Chris Cobby (**CC**), David Johnston (**DJ**) - minutes, Mike Bolton (**MBo**), Jonathan White (**JW**), Gary Copping (**GC**), Paul Harris (**PH**), Malcolm Birdsall (**MBi**), Pam Birdsall (**PB**)

1. Introduction

IC welcomed Malcolm and Pam Birdsall to the group. They have recently returned to live in the village and Malcolm has a wealth of knowledge on vernacular architecture.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (10th February 2025)

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

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

3.1. Feedback from the meeting with Robbie Moore MP

The group thanked Gill Battarbee and Rob Smith for meeting with Robbie Moore MP, notes of which have been circulated.

3.2. Update on Farfield Quaker House

CC reported that Chris Skidmore is still waiting for the transfer of the property to take place. In particular, he is keen to understand what the liabilities will be for the new trustees.

Action CC

MBi and PB expressed their interest in being involved with the project.

3.3. To note the YHACS questionnaire has been circulated

The questionnaire is on pcloud.

3.4. Yorkshire Heritage Summit 13th May 2025

IC and CC will be promoting the Heritage Group. Other members of the group are welcome to attend.

3.5. Framed list of Overseers

IC had written to the chair of the Parish council but had received no reply. CC gave an update in regard to the suitability of the Hub and the Memorial Hall, which would be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting. IC to follow up on a response from the Parish Council.

Action IC

3.6. Bradford Council Planning update

GB and CC will attend the meeting on 11th March, and GB agreed to update at the next meeting.

Action GB

3.7. Feedback from West Yorkshire Heritage Toolbox Discovery event

IC has circulated formal feedback from this event..

3.8. Derek Law Diaries.

Mbo has been in contact with the Executors of the estate about the Orchard diaries and other diaries. The discussions were positive, however Mbo highlighted that proceedings may take some time as probate has not been granted. Mbo would continue to keep the group updated.

Action MBo

4. VE / VJ exhibitions

IC described the national events that had just been announced to celebrate VE day.

CC proposed that the film 'A Bridge Too Far' be shown in the village and had been in contact with the Film Society.. The cost is £120. CC suggested a split share between the Parish Council and the Civic Society. CC and GB will follow up with the PC and Civic Society respectively.

Action CC/GB

JW has been in touch with a number of village residents old enough to, perhaps, remember VE Day. He has also been researching various archives from 1945/6. He circulated copies of paintings drawn by children at the time. These may form part of the display.

RD offered to help with the VE exhibition

MBo agreed to co-ordinate the sub group of CC, JW and RD to curate the exhibition.

Action MBo

IC will contact the Primary School to elicit its plans, if any, for VE Day.

Action IC

5. Reprinting of Addingham: A View from Addingham Moorside

DB had been in discussion with Chris Ensor about the steps needed to reprint the book. The group discussed the option of converting already scanned double pages or to use/dismantle an existing book. The latter approach appeared easier. GC offered to scan a few pages of the book to ascertain whether or not it will be feasible to create a pdf suitable for Amazon on demand printing. Either Mbo or IC would supply a copy.

Action GC, MBo, IC

6. 1683 Project

MBo reported that good progress is being made. The sub-group will be meeting on 12 March to agree the process for the next phase. **Action MBo**

7. Heritage Walk

PH and RS are making good progress with the plans for the Heritage Walk on 11th May 2025. The walk will take slightly under 2 hours. The next step is to conduct the risk assessment.

The City of Culture logo will be included on the trail leaflet. **Action RS,PH**

8. Heritage Group Pull up Banner

IC,GB, RD have met to design a pull up banner. The aim is to have this available for the Yorkshire Heritage Summit on the 13th May..

Action IC, RD, GB

9. Spring Fair 5th April 2025

The current plan is that ACS, AEG and AHG will share one table. There were concerns about the lack of space for each group with this approach. GB will confirm the position following the planning meeting on 14th March 2025.

Action GB

10. New Photos

JW will contact Anne Knight to elicit more information regarding the 3 photos dating from the late 1960's / early 1970s. Following this a decision will be taken as to whether or not these should be added to the photo archive.

Action JW

11. New Publication - The Rise and Fall of Addingham Railway.

IC reported that Richard Walton has written a book on the Rise and Fall of the Addingham Railway. This was warmly welcomed. It is at proof reading stage. BD suggested that the ACS publications should have a 'House Style'. The group agreed.

PH offered to have the book proof read by his wife. IC was unclear about Richard Walton's intentions around design, readability, production, price and selling but would follow this up at the next Civic Society meeting

Action IC

12. Work Plan

The work plan can be found on pcloud.

13. Future ACS Articles

The rota for the ACS newsletter is

April	CC
May	CC
June	DB
July	RD
August	CC
September	JW
October	IC

14. AOB

- 14.1** GB reported that, in discussions with Alan Jerome and Dawn Brady, there is a 'Bradford on Film' lasting c45 minutes. Permission has been granted for a single viewing of this (noting that Addingham is not covered) at a cost of £90 + VAT. GB will approach the Film Club. PH expressed interest in seeing the film

Action GB

- 14.2.** IC described the Co-op robbery and aftermath as a significant event that should be represented in the Photo-Archive. PH agreed to look for photos/videos. There was acknowledgement of possible copyright issues but at this stage it was about gathering material.

Action PH, ALL

GB reported that the manager of the Coop has been invited to present the raffle prizes at the Spring Fair.

- 14.3.** CC reported that he is continuing his research into deaths in the Parish, particularly in the period 1777 - 1812.

- 14.4.** MBI has some slides that he will pass to DB for potential uploading to the photo archive.

Action MBI

15. Date of next meeting

Monday 14th April 2025 at 5.30pm in The Hub. (apologies noted from GC and CC).