

**Meeting of the CAA Working Group
Monday 9th June 2025, 7.30 pm
The Hub**

1. Election of Chair for the Meeting- Gill Battarbee

Present:

Parish Council –Chris Coble, Wes Wilcox, Jonathan Walsh, Lucy Steer

Addingham Civic Society – Gill Battarbee

Community Groups – Carol Miles (Addingham Garden Friends), Jan Hindle (AEG Wildlife),

Rachael Sharples (AEG Zero waste), John Sykes (AEG Zero carbon), Ian Benson (Bracken Ghyll),

Clive Brook (Resident)

Jane Welby (Minutes)

Apologies:

Rick Battarbee (AEG Water),

Richard Walton (Addingham Civic Society and Cricket Club)

Stewart Taylor (Addingham Gardens and Allotments),

Geoff Mills (Resident)

2. Approval of the March 2025 minutes – All agreed.

3. Matters Arising –

6i In progress

7ia/b Completed

8i Agenda item

8iii Agenda item

8v Ongoing

8vi Ongoing

9i Ongoing

4. Finance

a) The expenses for Zero waste week amounted to £115.50

b) The ACS have transferred £500 to the Parish Council for CAA.

5. Bradford Draft Climate Action Plan

This document aligns with the CAA objectives whilst taking account of wider issues. It presents an opportunity to work closely with this plan and to receive support. Clive attended the Consultation event and reported back to the group members. He referred to a card that has been produced asking people what they thought were important issues among those listed. However, he highlighted the probability that all would be considered important. There is a similar plan for West Yorkshire which covers the same priority areas, and it was noted that CAA and the village as a whole are already working on most of those that are pertinent to the village, whilst acknowledging the larger remit of the wider community and industry. The Parish Council are also due to review the Neighbourhood plan this month.

The consultation is open for six weeks until 15th July. **Please send comments to Rick.**

6. Partners

- I. Bracken Ghyll Golf Club. – Ian reported that the club has been trialling electric mowers (robotic) and that whilst the groundsmen were impressed, implementing them is costly and complicated. There are 18 fairways, therefore 18 mowers would be required. It is unclear as to their capability during the summer months with increased use and more work is required before a decision can be made. Ian also noted that there is a badger sett on the course.

7. Events 2025

I. Zero Waste Week

- a) Rachael reported that the Jumble trail was a success but that it took quite a bit of organising. She has written a guide for future use when organising this event. [Email to Jane to file on pcloud.](#)
40 tables were booked, and a questionnaire was made available to review the event. Feedback from the questionnaire will be distributed with these minutes and filed on pcloud. It was noted that it is a difficult event to evaluate, and the suggestion was made that feedback forms could be made available on stalls in the future with completed forms being entered into a prize draw. Also, as there are several sites for stalls, it was suggested that there could be a quiz of some form or marker particularly for children to find in an effort to tempt buyers to the more outlying stalls.
- b) The Litter pick was a success and supported well by Villagers and Bradford Council.
- c) Pop up shop – This was incorporated into zero waste week and saw a small increase in purchases/attendance.

II. Wildlife Week

- a) This starts 14th June for one week. A display is already in situ in the Hub. It also coincides with the Balsam Bashing season and residents are invited to contribute to this work alongside the AEG team.
- b) An Addingham Moorside Connecting Walk has been planned, and leaflets and Maps are being printed. However, these will also be available on the AEG/CAA websites for self-guided use. A guided walk has been organised for Sunday 15th June. Booking is required.
- c) AA&GA Open gardens 21st/22nd June. This event will end wildlife week and will include children's activities. There will be a mixture of private gardens, and public green spaces.
- d) In addition, there will be a nature walk and a bat walk during the week.

III. Sustainable Water Week

- a) Planning is underway and will include a leaflet for each household which will be produced with Yorkshire water.

IV. Zero Carbon Week

- a) Planning is in progress with a focus on workshop and exhibition.

V. Village annual review – Saturday 15th November 2025.

- a) Considering the Bradford Draft Climate Action Plan, it was agreed that the event should focus on this with a speaker from Bradford Council.

8. Project Updates

- I. Hoffman Wood Field. – The Parish Council have sanctioned moving forward with planning this and Jan and Wes are in consultation with the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust Landscape team who have experience in designing spaces for imaginative play. An initial meeting has taken place to determine what they have to offer. They have funding to help communities, and it is hopeful that this project may fall within their guidelines for working on open spaces. Jan and Wes continue to consult with them but stress that this will not be rushed into and that consultation with relevant stakeholders has to be undertaken including children, residents local to the field and the Parish Council before decisions can be made.
- II. Wharfedale Greenway – Progress is being made and since the Dales Way was identified as the most suitable route, work is underway to identify and contact landowners within the route. The Tennis club are supportive of this on their land and have offered the support of some of their groundsmen's time to maintain the particular section. There is a potential development area along the route, but it has been suggested that the Dales Way will be kept as part of the proposed country park land. Costs for materials are being obtained and issues relating to rights of way are being discussed.
- III. Mill Stream – Work is progressing
- IV. Old First school site – The old playing field is being considered as separate to the old school footprint which it is anticipated will increase the likelihood of retaining it as a dedicated nature reserve.
- V. Harvesting Water – No representation at this meeting – ongoing.

9 CAA Next Steps

- I. Business links – Some progress is being made.

10 AOB –

- I. Chris advised the members about the Veolia plant in Leeds dealing with incinerating household waste which contributes significantly to powering homes with electricity and using the ash for road aggregate.
- II. Chris introduced his newly published book which is a historical analysis of three Addingham Cemeteries.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Hub (TBC).