

MINUTES OF THE ADEL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**HELD AT 7PM ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2025
AT THE ADEL WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION HALL**

Attendees: Jeremy Emmott (Chairman), Clive Hudson (Treasurer), Cllr. Barry Anderson, Cllr. Caroline Anderson (Minutes) plus 56 residents.

1. Jeremy welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined what the Forum does and that anyone who lives or has a business in Adel is automatically a member of the Forum. A separate Steering Group operates the month-to-month business of the Forum. Any residents are welcome to join the Steering Group.
2. Chairman's Report on Activities since the Last AGM

The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum was held in June, with an excellent turnout of residents voting. 95+% voted in favour of adopting the Plan. Jeremy thanked Ian Bond the previous chairman for all his hard work over the last 10 years, and thanked Clive for his joint chairmanship over the last couple of years and for getting the plan over the line.

There are lots of special areas in Adel that need protection in order to conserve the special character of Adel.

The Leeds Local Plan for the period to 2040 is now in progress. Consultation began in July. Anyone with land that they want to sell for development has been put forward to the Council who will assess all the land and make a decision as to which pieces will go into the final plan for consultation.

The Forum are happy with the Police Station site being in the Plan but there are 4 sites of concern:

- Land south of Dunstarn Lane
- Eastmoor Farm, next to Tile Lane
- Land behind the Sadlers
- Land opposite Adel Church

The Forum has objected to all of these being included and to the way the methodology and the scoring system has been developed.

The next stage is for Leeds City Council to decide which land will go forward and be included in their official consultation which will start in Summer 2026.

There is an issue with the redesignation of green belt to grey belt. Originally the definition of grey belt was bits of land in the middle of the green belt, for example, an old disused garage or such like. The definition is now being used to cover all green belt.

3. Treasurer's Report

Clive thanked previous Treasurer Graham Bond for his hard work as Treasurer. Graham stepped down from this role earlier in the year.

The Treasurer's Report had been prepared by Graham and Clive explained it. The Report is for the year ending December 2024.

A new website has been paid for and a hosting charge.

The Forum needs to look at future income and also identify any potential expenditure. All the money the Forum receives is either through small grants, or donations. There is no other money received therefore events like this AGM have to be paid for from these grants and donations. There is also the cost associated with leaflets to be printed to ensure all residents know about these events.

4. Communication with Residents

Primarily the Forum relies on leafleting every household in Adel as this is the only way to ensure that everyone gets to know about events.

The Forum website gives access to all the important documents that are relevant to its work.

Tonight people are being asked to give their email addresses so that an email subscription list can be created that will keep people updated with information.

5. Priority Issues for Expenditure

The community receives income from developers when a development is built. This money can be spent on infrastructure and capital projects. Suggestions are welcome and there is also a list on the back page of the Neighbourhood Plan document.

A resident suggested an upgrade to the Meanwood Valley Trail.

6. Future Activities

The Forum have never gone into litigation with the Council but other areas have, for example Menston, who challenged a planning decision via Judicial Review. However, this is extremely expensive.

Jeremy highlighted the survey which residents were asked to complete just over a year ago. The outcome was turned into a 1-page summary.

A resident suggested Adel War Memorial as a location to situate a children's play area.

7. Election of Officers

Cllr. Caroline Anderson asked those present if they agreed to elect the officers en bloc, but first gave all those present the opportunity to take up any of the positions.

The new officers, who are elected are:

- Chairman – Jeremy Emmott
- Treasurer – Clive Hudson
- Secretary – Judith Brindley

Caroline also took the opportunity to thank Ian Bond, John Hartley and Graham Bond for their hard work and tireless efforts on behalf of the Forum, all three have indicated this year they are stepping away from the Forum to pursue other activities.

Caroline also thanked Clive Hudson for supporting Jeremy as co-chair for the past few years and Jeremy, who has provided leadership and worked hard for the Forum's benefit for many years and as stated above is continuing as Chairman.

8. Question Time

The following questions were raised:

- a. Concern about run-off of water into Adel Beck which would appear to be an environmental issue, especially when it rains heavily.
- b. Footpath adjacent to Tile Lane needs to be maintained as it is currently a soggy mess.
- c. Request for bollards on the new footpath across Elysian Fields to prevent vehicles accessing the path.
- d. Seven Arches – some kind of obstacle needs to be in place to prevent people falling over the 12 foot drop.
- e. The Heath – when will the development be finished.
- f. The target of 1800 homes in the Council's plan, does this include current planning permissions not built yet.
- g. Will there be a local target in the Council's plan – it is thought so, eventually.
- h. Local schools – will there be enough school places once all the houses in the Council's plan are built locally? There is still the land at Elysian Fields set aside for a school. This will stay in the plans until 10 years from the date of the full planning permission being granted. There is around 5/6 years of that 10 years left.
- i. Parking on double yellow lines around both Adel Primary schools. The parking warden will be asked to visit more regularly.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm.