

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th February 2021 By SKYPE Call at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Tim Freer, Margaret Jones, Alison Sayer (by phone), Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman, Peter Windle, David Wood

District Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Clerk

Members of the public: 0

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Brian McGregor and Pip Pointon (Reporter and Website Administrator).
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th January 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - None
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - None
- 5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

The Clerk updated on the responses received from Highways on the following matters:

- **Thornton Rd near Constable House, Aysgarth** - Damaged stone wall access road - there is no further update than the previous response.
- **Flooding/wall at Bridge, Bishopdale** - the County Structures team are currently programming the work at this location and a date will be confirmed asap. There is no funding to allow for the realignment of the road and construction of the bridge.
- **Lane from Cross Lane up into Newbiggin Village** - culvert that goes under road 2-300 yards from junction, blocked drain - the Highway Officer is currently collating an order for attendance of a high pressure jetter to clear this culvert.
- **Bushes need trimming back from Thornton to Cubeck** - the Highway Officer has inspected this section of road and was unable to find any bushes on highway land that he considered overhanging. **Action - Cllr Freer said that he would provide the Clerk with some photos to send to Highways.**
- **Road Markings, Aysgarth** - **Action - Clerk to chase Highways for a response to the Parish Council e mail dated 15.01.21.**

New Matters

Action - The Clerk was asked to report the following new matters to Highways / RDC /YDNPA:

- Pot holes outside South View, Thoraby - pot holes were repaired but have re-appeared (Highways)
- Street Light # 19 out, Thoraby (RDC)
- Low Green Lane, Thoraby - some work has been carried out by Public Rights of Way but further work was required to unblock drain outside Chapel Garth garden wall (YDNPA)

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
100969	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - February 21
100970	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - February 21
100971	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - March 21
100972	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - March 21
100973	Business Stream	24.00	Rock Garden Water 15.10.20 - 12.01.21
Total		£345.04	

7. Planning

New Applications

R/57/5Z/LB at Turn Syke Barn, Newbiggin, Bishopdale, DL8 3TD - Listed Building consent re-roofing and roof insulation - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/58/55B/OH Thoralby Village - Reg 5 The Overhead Lines (Exemption) Regulations 2009 to replace 16 No. low voltage wooden support poles and renew stay rods, stay wires and service conductors where required - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

Pending Update

R/59/50C at Hardbanks Barn, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AS - full planning permission for widening of pedestrian access track, extension of an existing stone flagged area, installation of external safety lights and submission of a stone wall with a hedge (retrospective)

R/53/32 at Big Laithe, Bishopdale - full planning permission for conversion of barn to create 1 No. dwelling with associated parking and curtilage works and installation of package treatment packs

R/53/27F at Land west of Kidstones Gill Bridge, Bishopdale - Section 73 application to vary/remove conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 9 of R/53/27 (full planning permission for creation of access gateway, upgrade of access track and erection of replacement agricultural building (part retrospective))

R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R - full planning permission for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three-bedroom holiday let

R/51/54N/LB at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R - listed building consent for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three-bedroom holiday let

R/58/12R at Town Head Farm, Thoralby, DL8 3SU - full planning permission for erection of agricultural building

R/58/95 at Bishop Fold, Westfield Lane, Thoralby, DL8 3SU - householder planning permission for demolition of conservatory and erection of garden room to south elevation (amended plans)

R/51/54N/LB at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth - listed building consent for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three- bedroom holiday let (also see pending below)

R/51/54M - full planning permission for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three-bedroom holiday let at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth (also see pending below)

R/59/54 at High Meadow (formerly Brookside Barn), Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW - full planning permission for re-occupation of a former dwelling and installation of package treatment plant

R/57/5Y/LB at Turn Syke Barn, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD - listed building consent to retain the external boiler which has been installed to the rear elevation

Approved Conditionally - None

8. Thoralby Moss & Thornton Mire (Standing Item)

Cllrs Wilman and Cooper updated the meeting that Thoralby Parish had distributed 75 letters re the proposed drainage work. A majority of 73 residents supported the proposals. Thoralby Parish had decided to go ahead with the works when the weather permitted. The invoice(s) would be sent to the Parish Council for approval in due course.

9. Ownership of Land/Rights of Way (Standing Item)

10. Natural England Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreement expires in 2021.

Cllr Dinsdale advised that no further update had been received (the agreement would roll over in 2021 pending the new scheme being introduced).

11. Asset Register (Circulated)

The Parish Council reviewed the 2020 Asset Register and asked the Clerk to update in preparation for the Year ended 31.03.21 Accounts and in preparation for the insurance renewal discussion (item 12). The following additions were added:

Asset	Notional Value
• Church Steps, Aysgarth (closest to Church with hand rail)	£10,000.00
• Rock Garden, Aysgarth	£25,000.00

12. Insurance (Circulated)

The Parish Council reviewed the following documents:
Pre-renewal Risk Presentation for 01.04.21 Renewal
Previous Year Policy Schedule
Previous Year Statement of Fact

The Policy Schedule and Statement of Fact had not yet been received for 01.04.21 renewal.

The Parish Council approved the insurance cover. Providing the 2021 details were in line, the renewal would be approved via e mail. Insurance for the Kennel Field would be arranged separately if the Parish Council decided to lease the Field.

13. Rock Garden, Aysgarth - Requirement for Green Bin

The Parish Council discussed the logistical difficulties of using a green bin. Cllr Dinsdale agreed to further look into options.

Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that he had sourced a grant from the Crouche Trust to cover the costs of new steps at the Garden. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale to arrange the application paperwork with the Clerk.**

14. Local Plan Forum Zoom Meeting 11.02.21 re Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan 2023 - 2040 Consultation No. 3 - Exploring our options: Building new homes January - February 2021. Village Boundaries

Cllr Windle and Dinsdale attended the meeting. The Clerk to the Local Plan Forum would circulate minutes in due course. **Action - Clerk to e mail localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk expressing Parish Council views that the Local Plan should be as flexible and responsive to change as possible, the red Boundary Lines should not be too restrictive, individuals should make applications direct and applications should be dealt with on their own merit.**

15. Kennel Fields, Thornton (Circulated) - Report from The Kennel Field Trust and Feedback from Parish Council Insurers

The Clerk confirmed that she has provided further details to the insurers on 15.02.21. The insurers had requested additional information and photos on 18.02.21. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale to provide photographs and postcode to the Clerk to provide to the insurers.**

Parish Councillors had reviewed the Report from the Kennel Field Trust dated 11.02.21. A decision regarding whether to lease the Kennel Field would be taken once the quote from the insurance has been received.

16. Brookside, Thornton Rust - permission requested to have a professionally laid gravel track over the western edge of the Green between the road and the boundary of Brookside (garage and gate area) bordering the Beck.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council is awaiting a response from YALC.

17. Correspondence (Circulated)

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

- E mail dated 26.01.21 from Coverdale Connect & Protect re 5G
- E mail dated 28.01.21 from Area 1 Highways, NYCC re Location Plan re Lay By Works
- E mail dated 11.02.21 from Cllr Dale, RDC re Local Government Reorganisation

- **E mail dated 06.02.21 from Aysgarth resident re dog fouling in Aysgarth**

The Parish Council expressed concern about the dog fouling. RDC and the Dog Warden were looking into the matter.

Councillors raised a further issue of dog fouling in Thoraby. **Action - Clerk to look into a bin. Suggestions were made for opposite Town Head Cottage.**

- **E mail dated 08.02.21 and 09.02.21 from Northern Power Grid re update on Cable Tidy in Thoraby and proposed scheme to underground overhead powerlines in Thornton Rust**
Councillors were pleased to hear that progress was being made with the cable tidy in Thoraby.
Action - Clerk to e mail to express the Parish Council's concerns re the proposed scheme in Thornton Rust given there are a number of unmarked drains. Various problems were experienced when this was carried out in Aysgarth in the 1990's.

18. Any Other Business

Grazing Agreement for Thoraby Moss - Cllr Cooper suggested that the Grazing Agreement which had been arranged circa 10 - 15 years ago between the Thoraby Parish and Mr Fawcett be reviewed. **Action - Clerk to circulate agreement to the Parish Council.**

Covid Coordinator /Deputy Roles - The Clerk said that she had received a call from Mr. Pool (Leyburn Covid Hub) requesting an update re the Covid Coordinators and Deputies for Thoraby. Cllr Willman said that she was no longer in a position to coordinate and she did not have a deputy. Cllr Walker said that he was no longer in a position to deputise for Cllr Windle who is the Coordinator for Aysgarth. No volunteers were available for any of the vacant roles due to members of the Parish Council shielding.
Action - Clerk to update Mr Pool.

Cllr Windle has also received similar correspondence. He had also seen a concerning advert in Yorkshire Life Fare Share Food bank saying that residents in Aysgarth were struggling financially. **Action - Clerk/ Cllr Windle to investigate the source of this, statistics, etc. so that the Parish Council could look to see what could be done to help.**

Upper Dales Community Land Trust Charity (UDCLT) - Cllr Peacock asked that if there was any interest in the future of the Chapel, Aysgarth, residents could contact the UDCLT.

19. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 8th April 2021 at 7.30pm (Venue/format TBC)

Meeting closed 9.35pm