

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th July 2021 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

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

District Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Clerk

Mrs P Pointon - Website Administrator/Press Release

Members of the public: 0

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllr Brian McGregor.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th May 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - None
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**

Action - Clerk to request a meeting with Highways and Cllrs Dinsdale & Windle re white lines in Aysgarth. Other matter to be covered in Aysgarth - parking on area of land outside Northampton House, Aysgarth.

Cllr Cooper updated that the Village Green in Thoraby had been tided and repaired. Cllr Dinsdale advised that the electrics had a job number and would be progressed in due course.

Public Rights of Way (PRW), Low Green Lane, Thoraby - The Clerk had received a response e mail from YDNPA stating that YDNPA had not carried out any PRW work in the lane as it is not a public right of way maintained by the Ranger Service. The route is recorded as an unclassified unsurfaced road number U7005/9/50 which is maintained by NYCC. The Clerk had contacted Highways on 27.05.21 and advised of the YDNPA information but had not received a response from Highways. Action - Clerk to forward the e mail sent to Highways to Cllr Peacock.

5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

The Clerk updated on the responses received from Highways on 09.07.21:

• Dangerous Trees

Tree on side of road opposite Well Garth, left of Burn Rigg Bungalow, Aysgarth - Highways have confirmed that this is not a highway tree as it is not within the extent of the Highway therefore it is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner to attend to and maintain.

Trees near The Warren, Aysgarth - The outcome of the inspection is that at some point the trees will need to be removed. There is no immediate risk so the work will be programmed later this year when resources allow.

- **Length of retaining wall fallen away, Aysgarth** - on the right-hand side of the road (riverside) if travelling from Aysgarth to Throstle Nest - Highways apologised for the delay in the wall repair which is due to current demand for service across the district. The work will be carried out as soon as operationally possible.
- **Layby Area near Mill Lane and Northampton House, Aysgarth** - query why this was not included as part of the Lay By project - Highways clarified that this was not included as part of the layby project as it is access to

a named road, Mill Lane. Engineers have advised that Highways is committed to investigate the matter and are currently looking at this specific site and determining what can be done to address the concern of water whilst maintaining access. It is anticipated that the design will be completed by the end of August and works will be programmed accordingly.

- **Collection of historic triangular warning signs re floods and ice from Newbiggin** - Highways had arranged for these to be collected. Cllr Jones confirmed that the signs had been collected but one had been missed on the hill towards West Burton.
- **Road Traffic Speed sign on Jammy Hill, Aysgarth Village** - intermittent fault - Highways confirmed that this has been reported to the Traffic Engineering team for attention.
- **Streetlight # 1 outage at the top of Mill Hill, Thoraby** - Confirmation had been received that this will be resolved.
- **Dog Foul Bin request, Thoraby**

RDC are not currently providing new bins re issues re collection. E mail had been received from RDC by councillors offering Dog Warden to meet with Councillors. Cllr Wilman said she had responded but received an out of office message. **Action - Cllr Wilman to follow up.**

New Matters

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

- **Long standing Bridge issue at Bishopdale** - reminder
- **Road resurfacing works at Bishopdale** - Make a complaint to Highways re Cllr Sayer had requested local access but the workmen were rude to her, and the result was no dustbin or post services, and it went on longer than it should have. A number of local residents have complained to Cllr Sayer and Highways.
- **Potholes in middle of the road on Church Bank, Aysgarth**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
100988	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - June 21
100989	F Cartwright	45.20	Clerk Expenses - June 21
100990	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - July 21
100991	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - July 21
100992	HMRC	112.80	PAYE Qtr 1 ending 05.07.21
100993	A Goulthorpe	1,104.00	Grass Cutting - June 21
100994	LC Parker	VOID	£8,364.00 VOID
100995	LC Parker	5,382.00	2 nd Invoice for Thoraby Drain Project
Total		£6,955.04	

The Clerk advised that there was a mistake on the agenda and the cheque numbers should have run from 100988 - 100992 rather than 100987 - 100991.

The following invoices had been received after the agenda had been issued:

A Goulthorpe - £1,104.00 Grass Cutting June 21.

LC Parker - Originally invoice # 2 had been received for full balance of £8,364.00. A replacement invoice was subsequently supplied by Cllr Wilman at the meeting for £5,382.00 a reduced value to reflect the work

completed to date. A meeting would be arranged between LC Parker and Councillors to agree the final work schedule.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New

R/58/59E Thorbers Barn, Howesyke Farm, Bishopdale - Full planning permission for change of use to allow civil marriage ceremonies to be held in the existing shoot barn

Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA to object strongly on the grounds of concerns re the nature of the change in use, the number of people who would be visiting, noise, impact on dark skies, and the impact on the tranquillity of the area.

R/53/27G Kidstones Bridge, Bishopdale DL8 3TG - Full planning permission for erection of three-bedroom rural workers dwelling

Action - Clerk to email YDNPA to object strongly on the grounds that the Parish Council feel that this would set a precedent for a new build house on a vacant site in open countryside. The applicant was given planning permission for two new workers house to be built at Howsyke, Bishopdale. That planning was for a farm worker and a game keeper. The applicant does not farm the land at Kidstones. He has a tenant farming the land at Kidstones Bridge who go to the stock each day. The Parish Council do not see the need for a rural worker's dwelling.

Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA re concerns about the number of planning applications and amendments from the owner at Howsyke and would like to receive confirmation from the YDNPA that the owner has adhered to all of the planning applications that he has been granted. The Parish Council feel that there have been a number of breaches.

Pending Update

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that she had received a response e mail from YDNPA to confirm that whilst the Parish Council would continue to receive details of new planning applications, decisions would need to be obtained by logging on to the Citizens Portal (which was currently experiencing problems). Action - The Clerk would access the Portal once the problems have been resolved and update on the below pending applications:

R/59/50C at Hardbanks Barn, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AS
R/53/32 at Big Laithe, Bishopdale
R/53/27F at Land west of Kidstones Gill Bridge, Bishopdale
R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R
R/51/54N/LB at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R
R/58/12R at Town Head Farm, Thoraby, DL8 3SU
R/58/95 at Bishop Fold, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU
R/51/54N/LB at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth
R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth
R/59/54 at High Meadow (formerly Brookside Barn), Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW
R/57/5Y/LB at Turn Syke Barn, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD
R/57/5Z/LB at Turn Syke Barn, Newbiggin, Bishopdale, DL8 3TD
R/58/55B/OH Thoraby Village
R/58/78A/LB at Holmeside House, Thoraby, Leyburn, DL8 3SZ
R/58/58C at Spickles Farm, Eshington Lane, West Burton, DL8 3BD
R/58/85 at New Cottage, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU

8. Thoralby Moss & Thornton Mire (Standing Item) - Land Grazing Agreement

The Clerk updated that Rob Harrison, PWC had agreed by e-mail on 19.06.21 to draft the agreements for £250 plus VAT. The Parish Council agreed to proceed. Cllr Dinsdale had chased Rob by e mail and phone on a number of occasions to discuss the details of the agreement. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale & Clerk to chase again.**

9. Ownership of Land/Rights of Way (Standing Item) - The Parish Council had no comment to make.

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

Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that this was in hand.

11. Correspondence (Circulated)

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

- E mail dated 27.05.21 from North Yorkshire County Council re Teckel Letter re Highway Contractor
- E mail dated 28.05.21 from RDC re Publication of Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation Paper
- E mail from Democratic Services, NYCC re Public Notice - Meeting of Richmondshire ACC on 9.06.21
- E mail dated 14.06.21 from Highways re Safer Roads Fund A684 Flood System Notification Letter/Plan
- E mail dated 15.06.21 & various e mails in July from Juliet Barker & Nick Gaskell re St Andrews Church, Aysgarth Church War Memorial Upgrading Project 2021 request for help with grant funding application
Action - The Clerk to liaise with Nick Gaskell to submit the CIF Grant Application on behalf of the Parish Council by 31.08.21.
- E mail dated 16.06.21 from Yorkshire Local Council Association re North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel seek co-opted members
- E mail dated 18.06.21 from RDC re Street Lighting Programme Application open - **The Clerk confirmed that this had been applied for on 18.06.21.**
- E mail dated 18.06.21 from local resident re problems re parking in Thornton Rust - **Cllr Dinsdale said that local residents had been made aware and the situation had improved. It was agreed to monitor the situation.**
- E mail dated 19.06.21 from Rob Harrison (PWC) re costs for Land Grazing Agreement, Thoralby
- E mail dated 25.06.21 from YDNPA Planning response re enquiry re Planning Application for The Farm at Throstle Nest and East Lane Farm, Bishopdale

The Farm at Throstle Nest - Application R/59/52A/GPDO Prior notification under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) (England) 2015 for erection of an agricultural building.

East Lane Farm - YDNPA have not received anything from them since 07.09.18 - R/59/52A/GPDO full planning permission for erection of general agricultural building for storage of farmyard manure, feed and straw

- E mail dated 29.06.21 from RDC re confirmation of garden waste subs at the Rock Garden, Aysgarth
- E mail dated 29.06.21 from Pip Pointon re phone box in Bishopdale

Councillors commented as to how could BT say that people were not using the service when it was out of order. Cllr Peacock suggested the Clerk contact Callum at RDC to advise of the location of the phone box, which was next to The Old School House, Bishopdale.

- E mail dated 01.07.21 from local resident re No Access sign (by the bin) at the Rock Garden, Aysgarth - **CLlr Dinsdale advised that he and Cllr Windle were making arrangements for a chain and private sign to be installed.**
- E mail dated 05.07.21 from RDC re Area Partnership Funding Scheme - **The Parish Council discussed the works needed at the Rock Garden Aysgarth re steps and boundary wall tops. The quote from J. Metcalfe was considered. An additional quote would be obtained from R. Parker. Action - Clerk & Cllr Dinsdale to submit the Area Partnership Grant Application by 30.07.21. The works would only go ahead if the Grant Application was successful.**
- E mail dated 07.07.21 from RDC Parish Council Guide to Affordable Housing

12. Any Other Business

The Clerk said that she had been approached by an Aysgarth resident re whether the lay by area opposite Hamilton's Tea Rooms, Aysgarth could have marked parking bays. The Parish Council said that this had been discussed and refused previously due to less parking available if marked.

The Clerk had also received a request from the Aysgarth resident to trim back the pink weeds near the steps opposite Hamilton's Tea Rooms, Aysgarth as they were obstructing the view for pedestrians to cross the road. Cllr Dinsdale said he would trim them back.

Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that alternative arrangements were being made re The Kennel Fields, Thornton Rust. No further consideration was required from the Parish Council.

Cllr Peacock advised that she would contribute some of her Locality Budget to assist with the purchase of defibrillator equipment for the Parishes. **Action - Clerk to e mail Cllr Peacock with the costings, etc.**

Cllr Windle advised that he had received an e mail from an Aysgarth resident re problems with school buses pulling off the A684 near his property in Aysgarth. The Parish Council felt that this should be referred to NYCC Passenger Transport. **Action - Clerk to provide the Passenger Transport e mail to the local resident to liaise direct.**

13. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

Meeting closed 9.30pm