

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 31st March 2022 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

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

District Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Clerk
Mrs P Pointon - Website Administrator/Press Release

Members of the public: 4

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Freer, McGregor and Wilman.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the Meeting held on 17th February 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item # 7 Planning.
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
- 5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

The Clerk updated re e mails dated 31.03.22 from Area 1 Highways (circulated):

Historic

- **Feedback from Highways site meeting with Cllrs Dinsdale & Windle in Aysgarth from 2021** - Highways were looking into the following issues:
White linings, Layby outside Northampton House, Changes to layout at top of Mill Lane junction with A684, Area of tarmac by Institute steps, wall damaged nr. Constable Cottage, Thornton Rd.
- **Bridge at Bishopdale** - Cllr Peacock updated the meeting that the previously discussed proposals would be presented to the Area Committee in June 22.
- **East Field Lane (Spickles Lane), Thoraby/West Burton** - Cllr Peacock has contacted Ms Charlton at Highways and asked her to e mail dates to the two Parish Councils.
- **Tarmac on the entrance to the large car park outside the Falls Motel, Aysgarth** - Cllr Peacock updated the meeting that she had asked Steve Barker to look into this matter.

From 17.02.22 Parish Council Meeting

- **Potholes** opposite Cherry Tree Farmhouse on each side of the roadside layby in Aysgarth - the Highways Officer inspected the site on 30.03.22 and repaired three defects at intervention level whilst on site.
- **Blocked Drains** opposite 'Flatlands' in Aysgarth is blocked. The Highways Officer inspected on 30.03.22 and cleared out the top of gully, no blockage recorded before he left site.

New - Action - Clerk to report to Highways

Potholes - near War Memorial and 'Thoredale', Aysgarth. Number of potholes on Thornton Rust side of Low Gill.

Little Burns Bridge, Westfield Lane, Thoralby - Cllr Cooper reported that the bridge needed urgent attention as the water was getting under the large paved cobbles and the bridge was a health & safety issue at risk of collapse. **Action - Clerk to contact Highways.**

Bridge by Wash Dub, Thoralby - Cllr Cooper reported that the bridge needed urgent attention as it was collapsing. It had also been discussed at the Thoralby Parish meeting. **Action - Clerk to make the Ranger Matt Neil aware at YDNPA.**

Cllr Peacock said that a visit could be combined with Spickles Lane.

Bins - Further to the previous expression of interest submitted to RDC, the Parish Council agreed to order 1 x standard bin at a cost of £225 to be located in Thoralby. **Action - Cllr Cooper to mark the location on the map provided by RDC and e mail to the Clerk to submit to RDC.**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
101031	J Neate	203.40	Repairs to Rock Garden Water Feature, Aysgarth
101032	J Dinsdale	162.00	Defibrillator Parts, Thornton Rust (Power Outage)
101033	Thornton Institute	15.00	Room Hire 16.03.22 Parish Meeting
101034	F Cartwright	17.92	Clerk Expenses - April 22 (Inc 12 x 2 nd class stamps)
101035	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - April 22
Total		£511.24	

The following invoices had been received after the agenda was issued. The council resolved to authorise the following additional payments:

HMRC	225.60	PAYE Q4 ended April 22
Yorkshire Dales Acc	144.00	Payroll Services 2021/22
Hearing Products Ltd	276.00	Hearing Loop (Grant)
YALC	219.00	Annual Membership 2022
Total		£864.60

6.2 Letting Income Received from Parish Meetings (Cheques)

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the following cheques from the Parish meetings:

Mr R Cloughton	£80.00	Thornton Mire (inc shooting rights)
Ms S Pratt	£20.00	West Lane, Thornton
Mr M Lancaster	£70.00	Hawe Lane, Thoralby
Mr D Spence	£10.00	High Lane, Aysgarth

The Clerk had received the following cheques after the Agenda had been issued:

Mr D Wood	£440.00	Seata Quarry, Aysgarth
Mr M Cooper	£25.00	Skellicks, Thoralby

6.3 Banking Arrangements Update

The Clerk had received no response from HSBC to the Telephone Banking Application posted on 18.02.22. The Clerk had therefore obtained 'Online' Banking Forms from HSBC Branch. The Parish Council reviewed the Online Banking forms which the Clerk had completed to provide access to online banking. The Chairman signed the form. **Action - Clerk to take to HSBC Branch.**

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New

R/54/7X - Full planning permission for siting of 17 glamping pods comprising - (Area A) relocation of petting farm and siting of 11 glamping pods and associated development; and (Area B) removal of 2 holiday lodges, siting of 6 glamping pods and associated works at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Westholme Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SP

The Parish Council had considered this application via e mail and submitted concerns to YDNPA.

The previously considered planning applications are showing on the YDNPA Citizens Portal as:

Approved Conditional

R/57/3K - Full planning permission for erection of glass fused steel slurry store with cover at West Lane Farm, Bishopdale DL8 3TG (**Approved conditional 16.02.22**)

R/51/25K - Full planning permission for alterations to existing double garage store/beer store to facilitate an ancillary Deli Counter facility at Aysgarth Falls Hotel and Restaurant, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR (**Approved conditional 16.03.22**)

R/58/16H - Householder planning permission to replace coal fired central heating system with oil fired system, including replacement of stone coal store with double bunded plastic oil tank at Pen View, Westfield Lane, Thorlaby, DL8 3SU (**Approved conditional 16.03.22**)

Under Consideration

R/53/11A - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation with associated parking and works to access track; together with installation of new package treatment plant at Great Barn, Kidstones, Bishopdale.

R/53/33 - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation, together with installation of package treatment plant at Barn to south-east of B6160, Kidstones Farm, Bishopdale, DL8 3TQ

R/57/6X - Full planning permission for demolition of existing WC block and construction of 2 storey bedroom accommodation, bin store and general store, to include: 2 No ground floor en suite bedrooms with disabled access and facilities, 4 No first floor bedrooms (2 en suite), 2 No single storey stores, parking area and installation of sewage treatment plant at Street Head Caravan Park, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE

R/57/6W - Full planning permission for construction of two single storey buildings to provide 6 No letting rooms and 2 No staff accommodation rooms; removal of existing staff caravan; demolition of part of existing store; extension of existing car park and installation of sewage treatment unit at Street Head Inn, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE

R/59/50C at Hardbanks Barn, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AS

R/53/27G at Kidstones Bridge, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG

Awaiting Legal Agreement

R/53/32 at Big Laithe, Bishopdale

R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R

Refused

R/58/96A - Full planning permission for erection of a single storey local occupancy dwelling and provision of parking area 50m south-west of main site (adjacent to Stanley House) at Land to rear of the Reading Room, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU (**Refused 04.02.22**)

8. Thoraby Moss and Thornton Mire (*Standing Item*)

Thoraby Moss Grazing License - Cllr Dinsdale had spoken to Mr Fawcett but the Portal was showing that the Agreement had not been signed. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale to follow up.**

Stewardship Agreement - Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that he had made the necessary arrangements for a new agent WBW Surveyors to replace PWC Surveyors.

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

Action - Cllr Dinsdale to follow up with the solicitor re whether a 'cautionary note' could be advised to Land Registry.

10. Edwardian Rock Garden, Aysgarth (*Standing Item*)

Repairs to Water Feature - The Parish Council agreed to monitor the Water Feature.

Business Stream Water Invoice - The Clerk updated that the report from J Neate had been e mailed to Business Stream Contact Centre along with a request for financial assistance towards the £558.36 bill for the period 29.07.21 - 27.01.22. The Contact Centre had responded on 25.03.22 stating the report had been passed to their Finance Team for consideration.

British Gas - Electricity Costs - The Parish Council considered the letter dated 13.03.22 re Tariffs. It was decided to roll over and make decision once a decision had been made re water feature pump.

11. Parish Election - 05.05.22

The following documents had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- Timetable of Election Proceedings
- Procedural Guide Contents
- Nominations Template to help candidates complete their nomination

Hard Copy Nomination Forms were provided at the meeting. Councillors would arrange for the completed forms to be returned to Cllr Dinsdale who would make an appointment with Mercury House, Richmond by 4pm on Tuesday 05.04.22.

The Parish Council noted that Cllr Freer had decided not to stand for election. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Freer for his contribution to the Parish Council.

12. Feedback from Parish Meetings

Thoraby with Newbiggin and Bishopdale

- Grass Cutting to be arranged for 2022
- Shooting Rights Query, Thorlby Moss - The Parish Council said that this pre-dated the Parish Council
- Flood Warning Signs - **Action - Cllr Peacock is following this up.**
- Asset of Community Value - **Action - Clerk to Parish Meeting will chase RDC.**
- Thorlby Post Office Closure - The Clerk to the Parish Meeting had contacted MP Rishi Sunak to support Aysgarth Garage application for the Post Office.

Thornton Rust

- **Car Parking** - There is car parking issue and pedestrians were having to walk down the centre of the road as there are no footpaths. **Action - Clerk to e mail Highways to request signage re pedestrians.**
- **Stile is difficult to negotiate** - Located at the beginning of the footpath going south to Gayle Ings (first one from the road and lies in the garden of Purchase Farm) - **Action - Clerk to contact Ranger at YDNPA.**

13. Correspondence (Circulated)

The Parish Council noted and commented on the correspondence received as follows:

- E mail dated 11.02.22 from RDC - 05.05.22 Parish Elections (Item 11)
- E mail dated 14.02.22 from Upper Dales Community Partnership - Proposed Changes to Little White Bus route 156 - Hawes to Leyburn. Cllr Windle had reviewed the proposed changes which did not appear to affect Aysgarth residents.
- E mail dated 15.02.22 from Area 1 - Highway matters (prev circulated to PC for 17.02.22 meeting)
- E mails dated 16.02.22, 23.02.22, 09.03.22, 16.03.22 from RDC - Previous expression of interest for Litter & Dog Bins, price list and map to mark required bins (Item 5)
- E mail dated 16.02.22 from Neil Irving, NYCC - Second All Partner LGR Programme Update.
- E mailed dated 18.02.22 from YLCA - North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner meeting 26 May 2022 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- E mail dated 18.02.22 from Cllr Peacock - Feedback re Aysgarth 2021 site meeting and other highways matters
- E mail dated 22.02.22 from RDC - Response to PC e mail re Nominating an Asset of Community Value
- E mail dated 23.02.22 from Planning Enforcement Office (YDNPA) - Temporary Chalet at Kidstones not removed in line with planning application
- E mail dated 04.03.22 from Trees & Woodlands Office (YDNPA) - Town & Country Planning Act 1990 - Tree Preservation Order No 19 (Aysgarth) 1962. YDNPA have consented for the removal of one Sycamore to the rear of 1 Yore Mill and the crown reduction of one Sycamore located at the rear of Yore Mill. Dead wood in trees along both sides of the path up to the Aysgarth Church. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale had tried to contact YDNPA and would try again to arrange site visit to establish ownership.**
- E mail dated 07.03.22 from AJG Insurance - Confirmation that Aysgarth Rock Garden 'Water Feature' does not need to be noted on Insurance Policy
- E mail dated 11.03.22 from Cllr Freer - Meeting with Thornton Rust resident re request to site paving stones across the Village Green
- Letter dated 13.03.22 from British Gas - Rock Garden, Aysgarth Electricity Costs (Item 10)
- E mail dated 16.03.22 from AJG Insurance - Insurance 22/23 Renewal Confirmation
- E mail dated 18.03.22 from Mrs Pointon - The Association of Rural Communities (ARC) comment to YDNPA re R/54/7X Application for Full planning permission for siting of 17 glamping pods at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Westholme Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SP (Item 7)
- 22.03.22 - Hand delivered hard copies of Draft Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of Thorlby with Newbiggin & Bishopdale, and Summary of Relevant Matters (Item 12).
- E mail dated 23.03.22 from Thorlby Parish Meeting Clerk in response to PC e mail re nominating an Asset of Community Value. **Action - Clerk to Parish meeting to chase Callum at RDC.**

- E mail dated 25.03.22 from Business Stream Contact Centre - Maintenance Report passed to Finance Team for consideration of financial assistance request towards Rock Garden Water bill

14. Any Other Business

Tree to Commemorate Queens Platinum Jubilee - Cllr Windle said that the Aysgarth Institute would like to plant a Cherry Blossom tree to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 22. Potential locations identified were on the Village Green near 'Grey Stones' and 'Corn Lee', on the Village Green opposite Cherry Tree Farm, on Jammy Hill or near the bench by the Aysgarth sign on Thornton Rust Road. A number of residents had concerns about these locations re underground works, drainage, number of other trees, etc. Cllr Dinsdale suggested the triangle of Village Green by the Chapel as an alternative. It was agreed that he should take this suggestion back to the Institute and put a final proposal to the Parish Council at the May 22 meeting.

Notice Board Thoralby - Cllr Cooper said that a new notice board was required in Thoralby. She would report back on location once it had been discussed with the Reading Room in Thoralby.

15. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 26th May 2022 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

Meeting closed 9.03pm