

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th May 2025 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Rob Cromey-Hawke, Alison Sayer, Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman, Peter Windle

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Members of the public: 1

1. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Cllr Cromey-Hawke proposed Cllr Dinsdale for Chairman seconded by Cllr Cooper, resolved unanimously
Cllr Cromey-Hawke proposed Cllr Walker for Vice Chairman seconded by Cllr Cooper, resolved unanimously
The Declaration of Acceptance Form was signed.

2. Consideration of Apologies for Absence - Apologies were received for Cllrs Chris Parker and David Wood and District Councillor Yvonne Peacock

3. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on - The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2025 were approved as a true and correct record

4. Declaration of interest

Cllr Dinsdale declared an interest in item 8 - R/53/27J & R/58/65G

Cllr Sayer declared an interest in item 8 - R/53/24H

5. Newbiggin Councillor Vacancy - The Parish Council agreed to display the notice provided by North Yorkshire Council on the Newbiggin Village Noticeboard and the Parish Council website. **Action - Clerk to make arrangements**

6. Appointment of Cllrs to Committees

The following Councillors were appointed to the Committees:

Upper Dales Area Partnership (UDAP) - Cllr Windle

Yorkshire Local Council Association (YLCA) - Cllr Dinsdale

Cemetery - Cllr Cooper & Cllr Wood

Upper Dales Health Watch (UDHW) - Cllr Dinsdale

7. Matters arising from the last meeting - none

8. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

New Matters from 15.05.25 Meeting - Clerk to report to Highways

- **Potholes, Littleburn** - the potholes had been repaired. Clerk to send a thank you e mail to Highways
- **Bishopdale Bridge** - Cllr Sayer is very concerned that the bridge is deteriorating. The Parish Council is concerned it poses a health & safety risk

9. Financial Matters

9.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101110	F Cartwright 189.38 + 8.32 =	197.70	Clerk Pay - May 25
101111	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - May 25
068	Thoralby & District Village Hall	20.00	17.03.25 Hire for Annual Parish Meeting
2577	Yorkshire Dales Accountancy	174.00	Payroll Services 01.04.24 - 31.03.25
Total		£401.70	

Online payment for £241.00 to YLCA re annual renewal 01.04.25 - 31.03.26 paid on 11.04.25 as agreed at April meeting

The £8.32 adjustment to the Clerk's pay for May 25 was the annual pay increase which had not been updated by the Payroll Bureau in April 25

The Parish Council agreed to pay an invoice received after the agenda had been issued from Business Stream for £22.15 for Aysgarth Rock Garden Water 29.01.25 - 28.04.25

9.2 Income Received since the 03.04.25 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
01.04.25	Mr D Wood	480.00	Rent of Flout Moor/Seata Quarry, Aysgarth
04.04.25	Mr J Lancaster	50.00	Rent of Haw Lane, Thoralby
28.04.25	Scotts Hall & Birtles Solicitors	1,580.51	Legacy payment from Avril Douglas Estate
30.04.25	NYC	6,000.00	Precept 25/26 Instalment 1 of 2

Action - Cllr Dinsdale to obtain a quote from William Lambert for a wooden bench 'engraved' with 'In Memory of Avril & Bill'. The bench will be sited on the village green near to Avril's former home Aries

Outstanding rents - S Pratt - £20 West Lane, Thornton

10. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications

R/51/8H - Full planning permission for erection of ANPR and satellite equipment at The Falls Car Park, The Falls, Church Bank, Aysgarth DL8 3SR - **The Parish Council decided to object to the application as it felt that it would be obtrusive and not appropriate for the setting. Action - Clerk to contact YDNPA.**

R/51/8J/AA - Advertisement consent for site signage (retrospective) at The Falls Car Park, The Falls, Church Bank, Aysgarth DL8 3SR - **The Parish Council had no comment to make**

R/53/15E - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation and installation of Klargestar package treatment plant and ASHP at New House Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG- **The Parish Council had no comment to make**

R/53/15F/LB - Listed building consent for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation and installation of Klargestar package treatment plant and ASHP at New House Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG- **The Parish Council had no comment to make**

R/53/12C - Full planning permission for alterations and repairs to existing dwelling and conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional domestic accommodation at East Howgill, Kidstones Bank, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG - **The Parish Council had no comment to make**

R/53/12D/LB - Listed building consent for alterations and repairs to existing dwelling and conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional domestic accommodation at East Howgill, Kidstones Bank, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG - **The Parish Council had no comment to make**

Approved Conditional

R/51/81B/LB - Listed building consent to take down and rebuild damaged section of parapet wall, ashlar band and coping stones using existing and imported stones and lime mortar at Yore Bridge (GR:401071,488614), Aysgarth - **Approved Conditional 09.04.25**

R/59/15F - Full planning permission for return of property to its original status as a wholly residential dwelling from current use as a B&B and dwelling; removal of external fire escape; removal of fire escape door and reinstate with window to match existing windows at Thornton Lodge, Thornton Rust - **Approved Conditional 11.04.25**

Refused - none

Withdrawn – none

Approved S106 - none

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

Under Consideration

R/57/49A - Full planning permission for proposed extension and conversion of holiday let to form 1no. local occupancy dwelling at Bishopdale Bunkhouse, Cross Lanes, Thoraby, DL8 3TB

R/51/54(P) - Full planning permission for conversion of the outbuilding called "The Bothy" into a holiday let; repairs to the access road and kerbing; installation of Aco drainage channels to replace drainage ditches and the relaying of a stone flagged footpath at 4, St Joseph's Mews, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR

R/51/54Q/LB - Listed building consent for conversion of the outbuilding called "The Bothy" into a holiday let; repairs to the access road and kerbing; installation of Aco drainage channels to replace drainage ditches and the relaying of a stone flagged footpath at 4, St Joseph's Mews, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR

R/53/24H - Full planning permission for conversion of barn with infill extension to create a games room, WC, laundry & drying room, plus an educational/social area at Ribba Hall, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG

R/57/57 - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to create a two-bedroom residential dwelling for local occupancy or holiday let and installation of a package sewage treatment plant at Barn adjoining Hargarth Cottage, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD

R/58/65G - Full planning permission for erection of 1no rural workers dwelling, conversion of barn (Barn C) to short term holiday lets with associated garages (as approved under application reference numbers R/58/65C and R/58/65F), extension of existing site office (Barn F) to provide kitchen facilities (as approved under application reference numbers R/58/65C and R/58/65F), erection of 1no agricultural barn (Barn D) and provision of new internal site access road at Howeskye Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG (**Planning Committee Meeting 15.10.24, no decision on Planning Portal**)

R/53/27J - Full planning permission for the erection of a 3-bedroom rural workers dwelling at Kidstones Farm, Bishopdale, Leyburn, DL8 3TG (**Planning Committee Meeting 26.11.24, no decision on Planning Portal**)

R/58/29K - Householder planning permission for demolition of existing double garage with mezzanine and existing timber conservatory to facilitate single storey extension to main house on east and west side; removal of existing tennis court to facilitate installation of natural living swimming pool, with native landscaping at Chapel Garth, Smithy Close, Thoraby

R/58/29L - Householder planning permission for renovation, alterations and extension to existing annex accommodation at Chapel Garth, Smithy Close, Thoraby

R/51/42L - Full planning permission for change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of 2 Shepherds huts to provide short-term holiday accommodation, with landscaping and boundary treatment at Home Farm, Thorngarth, Aysgarth

R/51/42M - Full planning permission for change of use of old disused bulk tank room, workshop and cake storage to create 1no. agricultural workers dwelling at Home Farm, Thorngarth, Aysgarth

R/51/152 - Householder planning permission for conversion of existing garage to create additional living accommodation; erection of rear extension and extension to front to create new garage; installation of solar panels and Velux style roof lights to south and east roof slopes at Hill Crest, Aysgarth

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

Thoraby Moss Grazing - Cllr Cooper enquired as to whether Robert Fawcett had brought Brian Fawcett's Agreement on behalf of Brian Fawcett (as had been advised at the Annual Thoraby Parish meeting held on 17.03.25). Robert responded that he had not brought an agreement

Thoraby Moss - The clerk advised that she had received a phone call from WBW enquiring whether the Parish Council had received any forms from RPA as WBW had not. The clerk had confirmed that no forms had been received. WBW would follow up with RPA accordingly

Thornton Rust - Cllr Cromey-Hawke updated that the April meeting took place at Thornton Rust Village Institute with Harry and his team from Northern PowerGrid. Cllr Cromey-Hawke to advise Northern PowerGrid whether there are any objections

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

- **Risk Assessment dated 05.04.25** - The Parish Council agreed the Risk Assessment circulated
- Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that he had banked donations after deducting £49.00 for the payment for the green garden waste bin

13. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

The Parish Council considered the correspondence received and commented as indicated below in bold:

- 31.03.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Easter Holiday Activities and Meals for Families
- 01.04.25 from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England - Draft Division Boundaries
- 02.04.25 from YDNPA - Spring Parish Forum at West Burton Village Hall 23.04.25 at 7pm - **Cllr Dinsdale gave a summary of the Forum. The YDNPA are taking steps to encourage access to the National Park without using cars. There are plans to open the Garsdale to Hawes route. This is opposed by some landowners. There is now wheelchair access to the Falls, Aysgarth and motorised wheel chairs for hire. Local occupancy sites in West Witton are being opposed by some landowners. The YDNPA continue to upgrade styles, gates and footpaths in the National Park**
- 07.04.25 from WBW - Response to PC e mail of 06.04.25 re instruction to continue to act on PC behalf for Annual Declaration/Claims for Existing Stewardship & Woodland Schemes
- 08.04.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - 'Climate Change Adaptation' Webinar 30.04.25 at 7pm
- 09.04.25 from YDNPA - Recording of Planning Webinar for Parish Councils held on 02.04.25
- 14.04.25 from solicitor - Land Registry update
- 16.04.25 from Jane Ritchie - Public Roadshows for the Catterick Integrated Care Centre (CICC)
- 22.04.25 from Northallerton Automobile Club Ltd - Yorkshire Dales Rally 29.03.26
- 23.04.25 from Scotts Hall & Birtles Solicitors - Letter & cheque for £1,580.51 Legacy payment from Avril Douglas Estate for the purchase of a bench in memory of Avril & Bill
- 26.04.25 from Thoraby resident - Query re footpath diversion - **The Parish Council suggested that the resident should contact NYC and YDNPA. In principle the Parish Council had no objections**
- 28.04.25 from NYC - Remittance advice for £6,000 1st instalment of Precept for 2025/26

- 30.04.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Parish Update April 2025
- 02.05.25 from UDHW - Synopsis of the minutes of the UDHW meeting held on 29.04.25
- 07.05.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Revenues and Benefits System Upgrade
- 07.05.25 from NYC - Planned Road Restriction Notification - Thoraby Road, Aysgarth CP, Aysgarth - Road Closure for Quickline Communications Ltd Fibre Scheme between 27.05.25 - 30.05.25 20:00 & 06:00
- 08.05.25 from YDNPA - Active Travel Plan Public Consultation

14. Any Other Business

- **Crusher Run, Tip Lane, Aysgarth** - Cllr Dinsdale said that Cllr Wood had obtained a price from Mr Dent for 15 tonnes @ £13 per tonne = £195. The Parish Council agreed for the Crusher Run to be ordered
- **White Posts, Thornton Rust** - 17 posts would be replaced/installed. Mark Cooper's (Grass Cutter) concerns re not strimming up to the posts would be taken into consideration. The posts are currently drying out and will be sanded and painted in due course
- **Dandelions in all villages** - The Parish Council agreed that there is a dandelion issue in Aysgarth, Thoraby & Thornton Rust. Cllr Cooper said that Mark Cooper had offered to trial using a targeted weed killer in Thoraby. The Parish Council agreed and would decide what to do with the other villages after the Thoraby trial
- **Caravans at Wath Bridge** - The Parish Council had concerns about a number of caravans which had gathered at the land along the river near Wath Bridge. A Councillor had been advised that this was for a birthday party rather than a regular occurrence
- The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to YDNPA to obtain details of the 28 day rule process for future reference

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 26th June 2025 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute
The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour