

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th November 2020 By SKYPE Call at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Tim Freer, Alison Sayer (by phone), Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman, Peter Windle, District Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Clerk
Mrs P Pointon - Reporter and Website Administrator

Members of the public: 0

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Linda Cooper, Margaret Jones, Brian McGregor, and David Wood.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th October 2020 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - None
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - None
- 5. Highways/Bins**

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

- **Heather Cottage, Aysgarth** - The single white lines require repainting outside the Cottage - **The site was inspected on 10.10.20 and whilst the road marking is showing signs of wear it does not meet the intervention criteria and Highways will continue to monitor.**
- **Hestholme Bridge, Aysgarth** - Trees need to be cut back as pedestrians cannot get off the road - **An order has been passed to contractors to be programmed according to priority.**
- **Dyke Hollins Lane, Aysgarth** - Ash Saplings require cutting back - **An order has been raised.**
- **South View, Thorlby** - There are two potholes outside with sprayed markers. They are collapsing into the main storm drain, a 3-foot hole needs cutting out and a reinforcement support putting in rather than just filling - **Work took place on 15.09.20 including investigation of the damaged sections of carriageway. This highlighted two sections of culvert stone were damaged, two new sections of pipe were fitted, concreted, and stones the remaining depth.**
- **Mill Bridge, Thorlby** - Ivy requires cutting back - **An order has been raised.**
- **Thornton Rd near Constable House, Aysgarth** - Damaged stone wall access road - **Highways have investigated this and will be measuring up for repair. Once the extent of the work has been quantified it may require a Project Engineer to design a scheme which may mean it could take longer than usual for the work to be carried out.**

Cllr Peacock updated on the following matters:

- **Wath Bridge, Aysgarth** - A replacement bin is on order
- **Flooding/wall at Bridge, Bishopdale** - Steve from Highways needs to arrange a visit with the Structural Manager. It is deemed to be a priority and has been put forward for funding. **Action - Clerk to write to Highways on behalf of Parish Council.**

- **Spickles Lane, Thoralbly** - Bushes on verge have been cut back

New Highway Matters

- Cllr Dinsdale advised that on the bottom road at Throstle Nest opposite the T sign, floods had fetched the support wall down which is a foot away from the road edge. The verge could collapse with a 5 foot drop off the road. If it is not repaired it will require rebuilding. A Highways Surveyor has inspected it. The Parish Council understand the A684 to be a trunk road for emergency alternative access route for the A66/M62 and is the responsibility of Highways England. **Action - Clerk to follow up with Highways.**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
100954	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - October 20
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100956	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - October 20
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100958	O Reilly's	44.40	Payroll Services April - Sept 20 (final bill)
100959	PKF LITTLE JOHN LLP	240.00	Limited Assurance Review - 19/20 Fee
100960	Business Stream	29.68	Rock Garden Water - 12.09.20-14.10.20 e
100961	Ebico	24.58	Rock Garden Electricity - 11.09.20-15.11.20
Total		£659.7	

The invoice received re Cheque number 100961 had been received after the agenda had been circulated.

6.2 External Audit Report from PKF LITTLE JOHN LLP 2019/20 - The Clerk advised that the conclusion had been received and the relevant paperwork had been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

Whilst no formal note had been raised by the auditors, it had been noted that the Parish Council has built up reserves over the past few years.

Cllrs Dinsdale and Wilman advised that Thoralbly would like to use some of the ring-fenced funds to repair the drains in Thoralbly. The Parish Secretary would be circulating a flyer to residents and would formally write to the Parish Council. Cllr Peacock said that she may be able to contribute £1,000 Locality Fund to the project.

Action - Parish Councillors to consider their villages and prepare proposals for works, asset acquisitions, etc. for review at the 14.01.21 meeting.

6.3 Parish Precept 2021/22

The Clerk advised that the 2020/21 Precept was £6,500. The Parish Council discussed the current financial climate re the Covid Pandemic, and the bank account reserves. Cllr Windle proposed that the Parish Precept request was reduced to £5,500. Seconded by Cllr Freer.

Resolved unanimously - Action - Clerk to submit the Precept application for £5,500 to RDC by close date of 08.01.21.

7. Planning

New Applications

R/51/55R at 1 Yore Mills, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR - full planning permission for creation of parking space by removal of post and chain fencing and alteration of existing timber fence **(The Parish Council submitted an objection e mail to YDNPA on 19.10.20)**

R/58/96 at Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU - full planning permission for construction of 1 No. local occupancy dwelling and provision of parking area at Land to the Rear of the Reading Room

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

The Parish Council had no comment to make.

Amended Plans

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

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

Approved Conditionally

R/58/39K/LB at Hallgarth, Thoraby, DL8 3SZ - listed building consent for stabilisation and rebuilding works to the sandstone surround, mullion and transom of the staircase window - **approved conditionally**

R/53/24G at Ribba Hall, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG - full planning permission for erection of agricultural building for cattle and sheep - **approved conditionally**

R/58/88B at Low Green Farm, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU - householder planning permission to render the west wall of property - **approved conditionally**

8. Thoralby Moss & Thornton Mire (Standing Item)

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

The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk could contact McGarrys Solicitors to instruct them to deal with the Aysgarth land matter.

10. Rock Garden, Aysgarth, DL8 3AH

Cllr Dinsdale advised that once Covid guidance permitted Mr Anderson (former Rock Garden owner) would like to do a work experience tutorial with the volunteers.

Action - Cllr Dinsdale to provide the Clerk with the contact details of the volunteers

Action - Cllr Dinsdale to make enquiries re water metre reading

Action - Cllr Dinsdale to provide the clerk with cheques for the Rock Garden donations for banking

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

Action - The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should e mail the surveyors again expressing the Parish Councils concerns over progress.

12. Internet Broadband Project, Bishopdale

Cllr Sayer advised that there was no update. Action - Clerk to resend e mail/tel details for NYNET to Cllr Sayer.

13. Safe Guarding Bank Review

The Clerk advised that she carried out the telephone interview with HSBC on 11.11.20 and had followed up on the action points. The bank will send a letter to confirm when the review is complete.

14. Correspondence (Circulated)

- Letter dated 16.10.20 from Rishi Sunak MP Richmond (Yorks) in response to Parish Council e mail re reorganisation of Local Government and the Glover Review - **The Parish Council noted receipt.**
- E mail dated 26.10.20 from Holiday Cottage owner, Aysgarth in response to Parish Council complaints re usage exceeding Covid 'Rule of 6' - **The Parish Council noted receipt and would continue to monitor.**
- E mail dated 02.11.20 from Thoralby resident re traffic speed exceeding 30mph limit in Westfield Lane - **The Parish Council did not feel that much could be done. Cllr Wilman agreed to take note of registration numbers.**
- E mail dated 02.11.20 from Thoralby resident re Northern Power Grid de-cluttering electricity poles, etc. - **Action - Clerk to follow up with new point of contact at Northern Power Grid.**
- E mail dated 02.11.20 re Brookside, Thornton Rust - requesting permission to site skip on village green - **As agreed by e mail, the Clerk had responded advising that the Parish Council had no objection providing the work was carried out in a timely manner and the green made good at the resident's cost.**
- E mail/letter dated 06.11.20 from BAWB Governing Board re communication during Covid restrictions - **The Parish Council noted receipt.**
- E mail dated 11.11.20 re Lyncroft, Thornton Rust - requesting permission for contractors to gain access to septic tank across village green - **As agreed by e mail, the Clerk had responded advising that the Parish Council had no objection providing the work was carried out in a timely manner and the green made good at the resident's cost.**
- Various e mails in October and November from NYCC and RDC re Local Government Reorganisation - **There was a general feeling that this was a 'fait accompli' and would be decided by the Government.**

15. Meeting Dates 2021 - The circulated proposed meeting dates were agreed by the Parish Council.

16. Any Other Business

- **Flooding on village green by Brookside, Thornton Rust** - The flooding has lifted stones up away from the road. In the summer, the Parish Council will hire a third party to repair this.
- **Parking on small village green area opposite old Post Office, Aysgarth** - Cllr Wood/Walker raised the issue of holiday cottage visitors parking on this area. **Action - Clerk to write a letter asking the owners to put a notice up asking guests not to park on the village green.**

17. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30pm (Venue/format TBC)

Meeting closed 9.30pm