

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th November 2021
At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Tim Freer, Margaret Jones, Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman, 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: 0

1. **Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs McGregor and Sayer.
2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the Meeting held on 7th October 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.
3. **Declaration of interest** - Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item # 7 Planning Application R/57/6U.
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
5. **Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

The Clerk updated re e mails dated 15.10.21 & 21.10.21 from Area 1 Highways:

- **Long standing Bridge issue at Bishopdale** - Highways are aware of the damage at the bridge both on the downstream side and the retaining wall on the eastern side of the carriageway. They were hoping to meet an engineer to discuss works required w/c 11.10.21, now rescheduled to 18.10.21. Highways will keep the Clerk informed of progress. Cllr Peacock updated that they are waiting for two engineers to assess how a new bridge can be constructed. A price is needed so that Cllr Peacock can present it to the Executive. The engineers will also look at Ribber Hall wall at the side of the bridge as that will need strengthening.
- **Potholes in middle of the road on Church Bank, Aysgarth** - The location was visited but no actionable defects were identified
- **Fallen branch resting on lower branch at Low Gill on the Thornton Rust Rd from Aysgarth to Thornton Rust** - The road was checked but nothing was located. Cllr Dinsdale updated the meeting that he and Cllr Peacock had subsequently contacted Highways who had inspected and were looking into cables with a view to removing the dangerous tree
- **East Field Lane (Spickles Lane), Thoraby/West Burton** - Highways understand that the vegetation growth affecting the road from the highway verge has now been cleared. Cllr Wilman said that her family had cleared the vegetation. Cllr Peacock advised that she is still trying to arrange a date for the relevant parties to meet on site.
- **Complaint from Parish Council re use of road signs re BT Works in Thornton Rust** - Highways advised that the complaint would need to be forwarded directly to BT. Contact details were provided and Cllr Freer contacted BT over a number of days and hours. He had expressed dissatisfaction with the use of road signs along with the customer service received and was advised that measures would be put in place going forward.

Cllr Windle enquired as to whether the Clerk had received written feedback from the Highways site meeting which took place in Aysgarth earlier in the year. **Action - The Clerk to chase.**

New Highways/Street Lights/Bins Matters

- The Old Corn Mill, bottom of Mill Hill, Thoralby there is overgrown ivy vegetation which is dangerously obstructing the road view. **Action - Clerk to report to Highways.**
- Highways should already be aware of a problem reported by a resident re the tarmac on the entrance to the large car park outside the Falls Motel, Aysgarth. **Action - Clerk to enquire as to when repairs will be carried out.**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
101009	British Gas	34.24	Rock Garden Electricity 18.07.21 - 16.10.21
101010	NYCC	90.00	Grit Bin 2021/22 Newbiggin
101011	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - November 21
101012	F Cartwright	17.92	Clerk Expenses - November 21
101013	LC Parker	1,776.00	Works to Skellicks Lane, Thoralby
101014	F Cartwright	186.96	Reimbursement for Defibrillator pads
101015	A Goulthorpe	254.00	Grass Cutting - Oct 21
101016	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - December 21
101017	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - December 21
101018	LC Parker	2,982.00	Drainage Project, Thoralby
Total		£5,576.96	

The invoice from LC Parker for £2,982 had been received after the agenda had been issued (Cheque # 101018).

It was noted that the invoice from LC Parker for £1,776 for the works to Skellicks Lane, Thoralby was not part of the original Drainage Project quote of £12,970 + VAT = £15,564. Cllrs Wilman & Cooper advised that it had been approved by the Thoralby Parish, and the Parish Council approved the payment.

The LC Parker payments to date for the Thoralby Drainage Project £7,200 + £5,382 + £2,982 = £15,564 were noted as per the quote.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New - none

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

Approved Conditional

R/58/61J - Full planning permission for change of use of existing agricultural building for stabling horses and use of adjacent paddock as grazing for horses (retro) at High Garth Barn, Thoralby - **approved conditionally (09.11.21)**

R/51/81A/LB - Listed building consent to take down and rebuild damaged section of parapet wall, ashlar band and coping stones at Yore Bridge, Aysgarth - **approved conditionally (01.11.21)**

R/59/54 - Section 73A application to vary Condition 2 (drawings/documents insertion of flue) (Full planning permission for re-occupation of a former dwelling and installation of package treatment plant) at High Meadow, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW - **approved conditionally (27.10.21)**

Under Consideration

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

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

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

Awaiting Legal Agreement

R/53/32 at Big Laithe, Bishopdale

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

Withdrawn/Final Disposal

R/57/6U - Full planning permission for demolition of existing WC block and construction of 2 No. two-bedroom holiday lets, bin store, general store and installation of package sewage treatment plant at Street Head Caravan Park, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE - **withdrawn (21.10.21)**

R/57/6V - Full planning permission for construction of three single storey buildings to provide 11 No. letting rooms and store; 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, Leyburn, DL8 3TE - **withdrawn (02.11.21)**

8. Thoraby Moss and Thornton Mire (Standing Item)

The Clerk updated that PWC had advised that the Thoraby Moss Grazing agreement had been sent to Mr Fawcett for signing. Cllr Dinsdale also confirmed that Mr Fawcett was in receipt of the agreement and was liaising with PWC re clarification on some queries.

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

Cllr Dinsdale and Pip Pointon updated the meeting that there was no list to go with the numbers on the maps and they needed to go back to the National Archives with the knowledge of the Field Agents Notebook.

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

There was no update re the 2021 claim.

11. Precept 2022/23 (Circulated)

The Parish Council considered the costs of the Parish Council and agreed a Precept Request of £7,250.00.

Action - Clerk to submit Request Form to RDC by 07.01.22.

12. Yorkshire Water (YW) re Tip Lane, Aysgarth (Circulated)

The Clerk summarised the e mail received from YW dated 18.10.21. Yorkshire Water have been advised by the YDNPA that anything other than stone would not be acceptable. This included the use of tarmac or concrete on a temporary basis. Due to this, YW would be unable to complete any concreting works on the track. YW will keep the Clerk informed of any developments about the scheme.

13. Grant Applications (Circulated)

Upper Dales Area Partnership - Rock Garden, Aysgarth - The Clerk advised a partial grant for £1,000 had been awarded. The Parish Council decided to hold off on arranging works until Spring 22 given Parish Council reserves. Cllr Peacock said that she may be able to contribute c£300 - £500 from the Locality Budget towards the Project.

Action - Clerk to e mail contact and project details to Cllr Peacock.

Community Investment Fund (CIF) - War Memorial Project St. Andrews Church, Aysgarth - The application had been withdrawn. The Parish Council agreed that going forward the Parish Council would only apply for grants for the Parish Council, for projects which the Parish Council were in control of.

Proposed Application to Upper Dales Area Partnership for Hearing Aid System - Action - Clerk to submit an application to the Area Partnership for a grant of £230.00

14. Burial Grounds Survey from YLCA (Circulated)

Item # 14 was considered earlier in the meeting after Planning. Cllr Cooper summarised the documents received from YLCA. The Parish Council had concerns re the loss of space in the burial ground. **Action - Cllr Cooper to ask Karren Prudden (Secretary to the Burial Committee) to arrange a meeting of the Burial Committee.** Cllr Dinsdale said that he would attend. The Burial Committee would liaise with Burton-cum-Walden Parish Council who were seeking views.

15. Meeting Dates 2022 (Circulated)

The following meeting dates were agreed by the Parish Council (Meetings held at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute):

13.01.22	07.07.22	
17.02.22	08.09.22	
07.04.22	06.10.22	
26.05.22	24.11.22	Please note dates can be subject to change

16. Correspondence (Circulated)

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

- E mail dated 12.10.21 from Communitree Project - **The Parish Council agreed that in addition to the previous request an additional four to six trees were required for Newbiggin, a mix of Rowan, Beech and Ash. Action - Cllr Dinsdale to update Communitree**
- E mail dated 12.10.21 from RDC - Precept arrangements for 2022/23 (Item 11)
- E mail dated 14.10.21 from RDC - Zoom Precept meeting on 01.11.21 at 6pm
- E mail dated 14.10.21 from RDC - Footage from Welcome to Yorkshire filming from 12.08.21
- E mail dated 14.10.21 from YDNPA - Letter received re Planning Application R/58/96A Thorlby
- E mailed dated 18.10.21 from Yorkshire Water - Tip Lane, Aysgarth acknowledging receipt of Parish Council e mail of 13.10.21 and advising response received from YDNPA (Item 12)
- E mail dated 19.10.21 from RDC - Grant Offer for Rock Garden, Aysgarth (Item 13)
- E mail dated 20.10.21 from Area 1 - A684 Safe Roads Leyburn Improvement Works
- E mail dated 21.10.21 from Area 1 - Contact details for BT for complaint re road signs in Thornton Rust
- E mail dated 25.10.21 from St. Andrews Church, Aysgarth - Invitation to Sunday Remembrance Service
- E mail dated 25.10.21, 26.10.21 & 27.10.21 from RDC - Requests for additional information by 29.10.21 for CIF Application re Memorial Project St. Andrews Church, Aysgarth (Item 13)
- E mail dated 26.10.21 from NYCC - Invitation to PTC Briefings in Dec 2021 update on the new unitary council
- E mail dated 28.10.21 from Aysgarth Resident - Rd. Surface on the hill to the right of Aysgarth Institute steps
- E mail dated 01.11.21 from 20sPlenty - Invite to Zoom meeting on 11.11.21 at 7.30pm
- E mail dated 04.11.21 from RDC - PowerPoint presentation from the Parish meeting held on 01.11.21
- E mail dated 16.11.21 from Burton-cum-Walden Parish Council - YLCA survey on burial grounds (Item 14)
- E mail dated 16.11.21 from NYCC - Agenda and Notice for the meeting of Richmondshire ACC on 24.11.21
- E mail dated 10.11.21 from Councils Against Noise and Speed (CANS) - Invitation to join CANS. **The Parish Council did not feel there was an issue in the Parish**
- E mail dated 17.11.21 from RDC acknowledging the Parish Council indication of bin requirements

17. Any Other Business

18. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

Meeting closed 9.00pm