

# **AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th October 2020 By SKYPE Call at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Tim Freer, Margaret Jones, 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, Brian McGregor, Alison Sayer and David Wood.
2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 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 that the following matters had been reported to Area 1 in October and a response was awaited:

- **Heather Cottage, Aysgarth** - The single white lines require repainting outside the Cottage. A lorry has recently knocked the gate posts over on this significant bend on the A684 as you enter Aysgarth
- **Hestholme Bridge, Aysgarth** - Trees need to be cut back as pedestrians cannot get off the road
- **Dyke Hollins Lane, Aysgarth** - Ash Saplings require cutting back
- **South View, Thoralby** - 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
- **Mill Bridge, Thoralby** - Ivy requires cutting back
- **Bins, Thoralby** - The Clerk had received a call from RDC advising that they were on site and the Dog Foul Bin was in good order apart from needing a new catch but the litter bin needed to be replaced. RDC would make the necessary arrangements.

Cllr Windle confirmed that he had reported the damaged stone wall Access road/Thornton Rd near Constable House, Aysgarth and it would be inspected in 5 days.

**Action - The Clerk/Cllr Peacock were asked to report/chase the following matters:**

- **Damaged stone wall access road/Thornton Rd near Constable House, Aysgarth - Clerk to follow up**
- **Wath Bridge, Aysgarth - Chase up replacement bin - Cllr Peacock to chase**
- **Flooding at Bridge, Bishopdale - Cllr Peacock to chase**
- **Spickles Lane, Thoralby - Bushes on verge - Cllr Peacock to walk it and report**

## 6. Financial Matters

The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
100948	Aysgarth Institute	10.00	Room Hire 10.09.20 meeting
100949	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - September 2020
100950	F Cartwright	12.49	Clerk Expenses - September 2020
100951	A Goulthorpe	254.00	Grass Cutting - August 2020
100952	HMRC	37.60	PAYE re Clerk Pay - September 2020
100953	A Goulthorpe	1,008.00	Grass Cutting - September 2020
<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 1,472.61</b>	

## 7. Planning

### New Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider.

### 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

**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

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

### Approved Conditionally

**R/58/12Q at Town Head Farm, Thoraby, DL8 3SU** - full planning permission for erection of agricultural building to provide cubicle housing - **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 after the Agenda was issued.**

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

### **Other Planning Matters**

- **Update re Lighting at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Aysgarth** - The Clerk read out the e mail received from the YDNPA Senior Planning Officer dated 02.10.20. The agent for the application is still investigating ways of reducing the lighting at the site and amendments are expected by the middle of October. The Parish Council will be consulted once received.
- **Update re Posts/Chains at Mill Cottages, Aysgarth** - The Clerk read out the e mails received from the YDNPA Enforcement Officer dated 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October which confirmed that Planning is required. The Parish Council agreed to consider the application once received.
- **Update re query on status of R/58/95 at Bishop Fold, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU** - The Clerk read out the e mail received from the YDNPA Planning Assistant dated 05.10.20 which confirmed that the Planning Application had not been refused and is awaiting a decision. YDNPA has been corresponding with the agent to seek amendments to the scheme. The Parish Council will be consulted when amended plans are received should these be satisfactory.

**8. Thoraby Moss & Thornton Mire (Standing Item)** - see item 11

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

**10. Rock Garden, Aysgarth, DL8 3AH**

**Handover** - Cllr Dinsdale updated the Parish Council on the meeting which took place with Cllr Cooper and Mr Anderson w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Cllr Dinsdale had mowed the grass, collected leaves and had collected the donations box. 4 people had volunteered to help maintain the garden. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale to provide volunteer contact details to the Clerk to retain on file.**

**Water Supply** - The Clerk advised that she had contacted Business Stream/Yorkshire/Scottish Water and had activated the new account in the name of the Parish Council from 12.09.20. Water would be billed quarterly at 1.43p per cubic litre with no standing or sewerage charges. Cllr Dinsdale was aware of the location of the metre and would provide periodic readings to the Clerk. **Action - Clerk to contact RDC for a Certificate of Exemption for Business Rates and supply to Business Stream.**

**Electricity Supply** - The Clerk explained that the Electricity Supplier Ebico previously used by Mr Anderson have sold their Business to British Gas. British Gas had offered a new Fixed Tariff (Price Lock Mar 2021v2) at a standing charge of 29p per day and unit day rate of 16.737p per kWh and no exit fees. The Parish Council agreed to sign up to the new agreement. This would allow time to shop around for a better rate. **Action - Clerk to send off the coupon.**

**Website** - Pip Pointon (PC Website Administrator) advised that there was no need to rush to develop/build a new PC Rock Garden website as the current one was paid up until 2022.

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

Cllr Dinsdale had tried to contact Rob Harrison to ask him to chase DEFRA and would follow this up.

**12. Volunteer 'Stand In' Coordinators Required for Covid-19 Support Group**

It was agreed that Cllr Windle and Cllr Walker would share the Coordinator role for Aysgarth so that there would be cover if one was not available.

### 13. Complaint re Holiday Cottage, Aysgarth

Further complaints had been received regarding usage of a holiday cottage exceeding the Covid 'Rule of 6' during the weekend of 25.09.20. **Action - Clerk to e mail the owner advising that the Parish Council is yet again disappointed with the way the Holiday Cottage is being run and advise that a record of complaints is being kept.**

### 14. Internet Broadband Project, Bishopdale

The Clerk advised that the RDC Area Partnership Funding Scheme was a potential grant that the Parish Council could apply for to help Bishopdale with their Internet Broadband Project (Grant close date 23.11.20). The Clerk had started to complete the Grant Application Form on behalf of the Parish Council but would need input from Cllr Sayer.

The Clerk had contacted RDC to check whether such a project would be eligible for the grant. RDC had suggested that Bishopdale check with Superfast NYNET to ensure they are not already within their plans for upgrade. If a grant was given, it could result in Bishopdale being take off the upgrade list.

**Action - Cllr Sayer to provide progress update re project**

**Action - Clerk to send Grant Application Form to Cllr Sayer to complete various sections**

**Action - Cllr Peacock said that she would make enquiries and could potentially use some of the Locality Budget to contribute to the project**

### 15. Correspondence (Circulated)

- **E mail dated 21.09.20 re The Cottage, Thornton Rust** - The Clerk advised that she had provided confirmation to the current owners that the Parish Council had historically agreed an Access Easement.
- **E mail dated 23.09.20 Remembrance Service Invitation to Parish Council** - at St. Andrews Church, Aysgarth on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 10.45am - Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that he would be attending with his wife. The Clerk confirmed that she would be attending with her husband and daughter.

### 16. Any Other Business

**Lighting, Aysgarth** - Cllr Windle advised that the lamppost had been installed a few feet away from where it had been requested. The power was yet to be connected.

**BT Telephone Box Consultation** - Cllr Jones enquired as to whether there was any update on the BT Phone Boxes. The Clerk confirmed that RDC had acknowledged the Parish Council's e mail. Cllr Peacock advised that it would be discussed at the full council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**Lay By Consultation** - Councillors enquired as to whether there was any update. The Clerk and Cllr Peacock advised that the outcome had not yet been published.

**Planning Application Process** - Cllr Walker commented on the Richmondshire Today press coverage on Cllr Peacock's views on Parish Council involvement in Planning Process. Cllr Peacock reiterated that she would like to see Parish Council's being given more power and weight as they had local knowledge.

**RDC Area Partnership Funding Scheme Grant (close date 23.11.20)** - Cllr Windle reminded Councillors to consider any ideas for the Grant Scheme.

### 17. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Meeting Dates for 2021 - **Action - Clerk to circulate suggested dates based on past history**

**Date of next meeting** - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm **(Venue/format TBC)**  
**Meeting closed 8.45pm**