

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th October 2025 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Frances Colston, Linda Cooper, Rob Cromey-Hawke, Robert Walker Sandra Wilman, Peter Windle, David Wood

District Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Peacock

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

Members of the public: 2

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm due to an unavoidable delay.

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs Alison Sayer & Chris Parker
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 4th September and extraordinary general meeting held on 26th September 2025 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - none
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
- 5. Quickline Stakeholder Engagement**

Mark Furnass (Stakeholder Engagement Manager) was welcomed to the meeting. Mark gave a potted history of the Quickline Company from since its commencement in 2006 to the winning of the Gigabit Government Programme in 2023. He confirmed that the Fibre to Home Broadband build is currently ongoing with an estimated completion Go Live date of June 2026. An address checker is available for villages to check whether it is being installed. Within Aysgarth & District Parish Council villages, Aysgarth, Thoraby and Newbiggin will be covered. Thornton Rust already has BT Fibre. Unfortunately, Bishopdale will not be covered. The Quickline Sales Teams will be door to door in the coming weeks/months offering competitive packages and explaining the 'Up to £300 Buy Out Service'. A Social Values Team is also visiting local schools and Village Halls offering IT sessions. Mark will e mail the Clerk with the details for the free Q Hub Scheme for Village Halls. The Parish Council thanked Mark for providing an informative question and answers session for both the Parish Council and residents.

6. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to contact the appropriate third parties.

- **Newbiggin** traffic issues - The Clerk said that the resident had advised that he had some historic CCTV footage available. **RESOLVED** - Cllr Colston to have a look at the CCTV. The Parish Council were awaiting feedback from the previous correspondence sent to Area 1 Highways.
- **Thornton Rust** Dog Bin - The Clerk advised that NYC had confirmed in an e mail dated 07.10.25 that the bin was on the list and would be installed asap.
- **Thornton Rust Overhanging Trees** - Cllr Cromey-Hawke reported that there was a very large tree branch hanging precariously pulling on the overhead BT cables. It is at risk of falling down and blocking the road. This issue had previously been reported by both the Clerk and District Cllr Yvonne Peacock. At that time

the job was considered too large a job without planning road closures, etc. It was felt that a programme of Highways Tree Maintenance was needed as there are a lot of trees on the Thornton Rust Road which the BT Cabling goes through. **Action - District Councillor Peacock said that she would follow up on these issues again.**

New Matters from 09.10.25 Meeting

- Cllr Dinsdale said that he would report a storm damaged sign near Wath Bridge to the Ranger at YDNPA.
- Cllrs were concerned that there had been a number of accidents on the first bend on the A684 after Nelhome, near Aysgarth. **Action - Clerk to ask if a warning sign could be installed.**

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101120	F Cartwright	188.98	Clerk Pay - October 25
101121	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - October 25
SB20251734	PKFLITTLE JOHN LLP	252.00	AGAR Audit YE 31.03.25
A19200816	British Gas	68.30	Rock Garden Electricity 08.06.25 - 08.09.25
KK0807/4018/27	WBW Surveyors	516.00	Stewardship 2025 (Thoralby Moss)
-	HMRC	378.00	PAYE Q/E 05.10.25
Total		£1,413.28	

7.2 Income Received (excluding bank interest) since the 04.09.25 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
29.09.25	NYC	6,000.00	Precept Instalment 2 25/26
Total		£6,000.00	

The latest bank statements were made available for inspection.

7.3 AGAR 2024/25 - AGAR Section 3 External Auditor PKFLITTLEJOHN LLP Report (Circulated)

The Clerk read out the External Auditor Report & Certificate 24/25 which had been received from PKFLITTLEJOHN LLP on 11.09.25. The clerk had arranged for the relevant documents to be uploaded to the parish council website by 30.09.25.

7.4 Precept 2026/27 (Circulated)

The Parish Council considered the current bank account balances and the forecasted spend. RESOLVED - The Precept request was unanimously agreed at £12,500. **Action - Clerk to e mail Strategic Finance at NYC.**

8. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications

The following planning applications had been received after the agenda had been circulated.

R/53/12E/LB - Section 19 application to vary Condition 2 (approved drawings) of R/53/12D/LB (Listed building consent for alterations and repairs to existing dwelling and conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional

domestic accommodation) for the addition of 2 no. cast iron SVPs and a single extract grille to rear elevation, along with the removal of 2 no. existing and redundant UPVC soil vent pipes at East Howgill, Bishopdale DL8 3TG - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/51/151 - Full planning permission for the erection of a timber-clad land management shed on a concrete padstone and block base, for the secure storage of land management equipment and housing a small composting toilet to support occasional maintenance visits at Warrthwaite (GR 399891 488641), Aysgarth, DL8 3AJ.

RESOLVED - Clerk to request an extension to the original close date of 28.10.25 to 21.11.25 so that the application could be considered at the 20.11.25 PC meeting

Approved s106

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 Howesyke Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG (**Planning Committee Meeting 15.10.24, Approved s106 09.09.25**)

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, Approved s106 18.09.25**)

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

Under Consideration

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/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/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/51/8J/AA - Advertisement consent for site signage (retrospective) at The Falls Car Park, The Falls, Church Bank, Aysgarth DL8 3SR

R/53/15E - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation and installation of Klargest package treatment plant and ASHP at New House Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG

R/53/15F/LB - Listed building consent for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation and installation of Klargest package treatment plant and ASHP at New House Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG

R/51/55S - **Application to modify** the Section 106 Agreement (dated 20 April 2018) attached to planning permission R/51/55K (full planning permission for conversion of ground floor office and first floor flat to reinstate former single dwellinghouse as holiday accommodation) to enable use of property as housing for local people at 1 Yore Mills Cottages, Aysgarth DL8 3SR

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

The Parish Council had no comment to make.

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

Cllr Windle was thanked for his continued efforts maintaining the garden whilst Cllr Dinsdale recovered.

11. Gov.uk Parish Council Website Domain & Clerk/Cllr E Mail Addresses

The Parish Council considered the quotes from Harry Adney and Parish Online and discussed the costings along with other practical considerations. The Parish Council had some queries. **RESOLVED - Clerk to e mail questions to the third parties.**

Pip Pointon (Website Administrator) was asked to let the Parish Council know how much notice was needed for non-renewal of the current website domain name.

District Cllr Peacock kindly offered to contribute £300 towards the costs. **Clerk to e mail details and quote to Cllr Peacock once the PC has decided on a provider. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Peacock.**

Cllr Peacock left the meeting

12. Standing Orders & Delegation of Authority Review (Circulated)

Standing Orders

The Parish Council reviewed the NALC Standing Orders document. Items were removed and changes to numbers were unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED - Action Clerk to update the document and circulate for adoption at the 20.11.25 Parish Council meeting.**

Delegation of Authority

The Parish Council reviewed the circulated Delegation of Authority document.

Resolved - The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed Scheme of Delegation, as set out in the document circulated, to serve as its official guidance.

13. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 29.08.25 & 12.09.25 from YDNPA Enforcement Officer - Land NE of A684
- 01.09.25 from Brook Group - Aysgarth Falls Hotel - Licensing Objection
- 04.09.25 from Brook Group - Aysgarth Falls Hotel - Licensing Objection
- 05.09.25 from NYC - Confirmation of BT decision to retain the payphones in Aysgarth & Thornton Rust due to inadequate mobile coverage. **RESOLVED - The Clerk had previously requested a refurbishment from BT and had been advised that it could not be considered until a decision on the consultation had been made. Clerk to follow up on the refurbishment request with BT.**
- 08.09.25 from Brook Group - Aysgarth Falls Hotel - Licensing Objection
- 08.09.25 from UDHW - Minutes Sept 25 Meeting
- 08.09.25 from WBW - Remittance Advice for £1,481.55 received 01.08.25 Delinked Payment (formerly BPS) for 2025
- 10.09.25 from YDNPA - Invite to Autumn Parish Forum online 04.11.25 at 7pm
- 10.09.25 NYC - Parish Liaison - The North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel
- 11.09.25 NYC - Parish Liaison - Radio Tele switch Meter Phase-Out
- 11.09.25 from PKFLITTLEJOHN LLP - NY0035 2024/25 AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report (Item 7)
- 11.09.25 from WBW - Stewardship and Environmental Agreements - reminder re moorland burning
- 12.09.25 from Area 1 NYC - Members meeting 17.09.25 at 2pm cancelled
- 12.09.25 from WBW by post - Outlook for Stewardship Schemes
- 15.09.25 from HSBC by post - Change in banks T's and C's
- 15.09.25 from Parish Online - Costing for Gov.uk website, domain names & e mail addresses (Item 11)

- 16.09.25 from Brook Group - Aysgarth Falls Hotel - Licensing Objection
- 17.09.25 from NYC - Precept Arrangements 2026/27 (Item 7)
- 17.09.25 from NYC Licensing - Decision Notice - Aysgarth Falls Hotel
- 21.09.25 from NYC - A consultation on proposals relating to the BAWB (Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton) Schools Federation
- 21.09.25 from Brook Group - Aysgarth Falls Hotel - Licensing Objection
- 22.09.25 from YLCA - Invitation to Branch meeting on 13.10.25 from 7pm at Scotton Village Hall
- 23.09.25 from YLCA - Cancellation of the YLCA Joint Annual Meeting
- 24.09.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Parish Update September 2025
- 25.09.25 from NYC - Briefing: Approved Policy on Election Recharges
- 25.09.25 from NYC - Invitation to Parish Liaison Meetings
- 25.09.25 from NYC - Remittance Advice for £6,000 2nd instalment of Precept (Item 7)
- 02.10.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Drop In Surgeries
- 03.10.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Neighbourhood Governance Review
- 03.10.25 from NYC - Post Office Aysgarth Consultation
- 03.10.25 from WBW - Updated Legislation re moorland burning

14. Proposed 2026 Parish Council Meeting Dates to be held at Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm (Circulated)

9 th	January	25 th	June
13 th	February	3 rd	September
3 rd	April	8 th	October
21 st	May (Annual General Meeting)	19 th	November

RESOLVED - The Parish Council agreed the 2026 Parish Council meeting dates.

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Walker said that the Parish Council wish to thank Cllr Cromey-Hawke and the Clerk for all the work carried out over recent weeks.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 20th November 25 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour