

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th September 2021 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: Robert Walker (Chair), Linda Cooper, Tim Freer, Alison Sayer, Peter Windle, David Wood

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Clerk
Mrs P Pointon - Website Administrator/Press Release

Members of the public: 1

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs John Dinsdale, Margaret Jones, Brian McGregor, Sandra Wilman and District Councillor Yvonne Peacock.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 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**

Item # 8 was brought forward - Feedback from the site meeting with Yorkshire Water in Aysgarth on 11.08.21 re additional treatment plant for reservoir and improvements to Tip Lane.

Cllr Walker summarised the meeting to the Parish Council. Yorkshire Water would like to make changes to the Treatment Plant near Tip Lane, Aysgarth. The works are scheduled to start early in 2022 and completed by March 22. They are installing a new pre-cast modular form tank. They would like to improve the access for the contractors on Tip Lane which is owned by the Parish Council. The potential goodwill options discussed were:

1. Yorkshire Water to provide additional crushed stone - There was a general consensus that this was not suitable as the rain washes it out
2. Yorkshire Water to concrete the bottom end from the gateway

Cllr Windle had concerns re flooding down the concrete and felt that some form of soak away at the sides and bottom would be required. A local farmer expressed concerns of only concreting a portion of the lane and wanted to know if Yorkshire Water would be willing to concrete the whole lane.

Yorkshire Water are going to discuss with YDNPA re planning and obtain costs for improvement works. The local farmer will be making direct contact with Yorkshire Water to ask if they are willing to arrange and fund concrete all the way up to the top of the lane.

The Parish Council agreed that they would have no objection to Yorkshire Water concreting the whole lane providing the Parish Council was not required to contribute financially and some form of soak away was included in the works.

5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

- **Feedback from the Highways meeting in Aysgarth on 31.08.21 with Cllrs Windle & Dinsdale**

Cllr Windle summarised the meeting to the Parish Council.

The white lining in Aysgarth had been carried out due to new rules and regulations. The Highway Officer was willing to review it given the Parish Council's concerns, and hopefully take the lines back to Cherry Tree Farm.

Area of land in front of Northampton House, Aysgarth. Highways will be in contact with the Parish Council.

The use of cones to reserve parking areas on Highway land, by two households in Aysgarth was discussed. The Highway Officer suggested that the Police be informed.

The Ash Tree to the left of Burn Rigg Bungalow, Aysgarth was inspected. The Highway Officer reiterated the previous advice from Area 1 which is because you cannot walk around it, it is the responsibility of the owner of the field. The matter is considered closed by the Parish Council.

The hole on the A684 in front of the Aysgarth Institute steps was discussed. Arrangements would be made to repair.

The road surface on the small hill to the right of the Institute steps as you go towards the White House was discussed. Lorries had churned the road surface up. Highways would confirm whether Highways own it and make arrangements to resurface and put a kerb in.

- **Road resurfacing works, Bishopdale** - Complaint via Cllr Sayer re local access had been requested but the workmen were rude, and the result was no dustbin or post services, and works went on longer than scheduled.

The Clerk summarised the apology from the Highways Project Engineer received on 06.09.21. The works were postponed and took longer than planned due to weather conditions. Apologies were given for the lack of access and attitude of the North Yorkshire County Council Contractor. **Action - Clerk was asked to respond enquiring what steps would be taken to ensure this doesn't happen again.**

The Clerk had reported the below matters to Highways but had not received a response to date:

- Long standing Bridge issue at Bishopdale reminder
- Potholes in middle of the road on Church Bank, Aysgarth
- Fallen tree branch at Low Gill Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Road

New Matters

Action - The Clerk was asked to report the following new matters to Highways:

East Field Lane, known locally as Spickle Lane, between West Burton and Thoraby - Clerk to advise Highways of overgrown vegetation and to query the details of Cllr Peacock's previous concern.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
100996	British Gas	70.20	Rock Garden Electricity - 07.04.21 - 17.07.21
100997	Business Stream	48.76	Rock Garden Water - 20.04.21 - 29.07.21
100998	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - August 21
100999	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - August 21
101000	A Goulthorpe	508.00	Grass Cutting - July 21
101001	P Wilson & Co	180.00	Fees re Basic Payment Scheme 2021 Application

Total **£929.88**

The Parish Council agreed that the £180.00 Basic Payment Scheme 21 Application fee should be reimbursed from the Thorlby Moss Bank Account.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New

R/57/12E - Householder planning permission for erection of single storey extension at East Lane House, Bishopdale Lane, Newbiggin in Bishopdale DL8 3TF - **Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA to comment that whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the installation of windows, they feel that the use of large sections of glass is not in keeping with the area.**

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 (retrospective) at High Garth Barn, Thorlby - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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 - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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 - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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 carpark and installation of sewage treatment unit at Street Head Inn, Newbiggin, Leyburn, DL8 3TE - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

The status of the previously 'pending update' applications is currently showing on the YDNPA Citizens Portal as:

Approved Conditional

R/53/27F at Land west of Kidstones Gill Bridge, Bishopdale
R/51/54N/LB at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R
R/58/12R at Town Head Farm, Thorlby, DL8 3SU
R/58/95 at Bishop Fold, Westfield Lane, Thorlby, DL8 3SU
R/59/54 at High Meadow (formerly Brookside Barn), Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW
R/57/5Y/LB at Turn Syke Barn, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD
R/57/5Z/LB at Turn Syke Barn, Newbiggin, Bishopdale, DL8 3TD
R/58/78A/LB at Holmeside House, Thorlby, Leyburn, DL8 3SZ
R/58/58C at Spickles Farm, Eshington Lane, West Burton, DL8 3BD

Under Consideration

R/59/50C at Hardbanks Barn, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AS
R/58/59E Thorbers Barn, Howesyke Farm, Bishopdale
R/53/27G Kidstones Bridge, Bishopdale DL8 3TG

Awaiting Legal Agreement

R/53/32 at Big Laithe, Bishopdale
R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R

Decision Made

Withdrawn/Final Disposal

R/58/85 at New Cottage, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU

Other Planning

Howsyke, Bishopdale - The Parish Council noted the e mail from the YDNPA Planning Enforcement Officer dated 13.08.21.

- 8 Feedback from the site meeting with Yorkshire Water on 11.08.21 re additional treatment plant for Aysgarth Reservoir and improvements to Tip Lane, Aysgarth.** This was discussed after Matters Arising.

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

The draft Thoraby Moss Grazing License for England provided by PWC on 03.09.21 was reviewed. **Action - The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact PWC to arrange for the agreement to be finalised as a 2-year term with an increased License Fee of £10 from £1.**

10. Ownership of Land/Rights of Way (Standing Item) **Action - The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Dinsdale should speak to Mr Fawcett.**

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

12. Correspondence (Circulated)

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

- E mail dated 15.07.21 from PKFLITTLEJOHN External auditors confirming receipt of Certificate of Exemption
- E mail dated 22.07.21 from Neil Irving, North Yorkshire County Council re Local Government Reorganisation
- E mail dated 26.07.21 from RDC confirming receipt of Area Partnership Grant Application for Rock Garden
- E mail dated 06.08.21 from YDNPA Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation No.4 - Exploring our options: Local Occupancy and Barns (close date 20.09.21)
- E mail dated 04.08.21 from RDC re filming in Aysgarth on 12.08.21 re Welcome to Yorkshire
- E mail dated 08.08.21 from Cllr Peacock confirming receipt of costings for Defibrillators re Locality Budget
- E mail dated 09.08.21 from RDC confirming receipt of Community Investment Fund Grant Application for St Andrews Church, Aysgarth War Memorial Upgrade Project 2021
- E mail response dated 13.08.21 from YDNPA Planning Enforcement Officer re Parish Council concerns re the number of planning applications and amendments re Howsyke, Bishopdale
- E mail response dated 19.08.21 from PWC confirming 2021 DEFRA/Natural England late claim has been resolved, authorised personnel are in the process of being updated to reflect John Dinsdale
- E mail dated 17.08.21 from The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Philip Allott, re the consultation on the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan which launched 16.08.21
- E mail dated 16.08.21 from Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership re Communitree Project Proposal to replace Cherry tree with Rowan tree at Thornton Rust and Willows at Wath Bridge, Aysgarth
- E mail dated 17.08.21 from YDNPA re Planning Training Seminar on Thursday 23.09.21 at 6.30pm - **Cllr Windle will be attending**
- E mail dated 18.08.21 from Cllr Windle re hole in the pavement/public footpath outside Springhill, Aysgarth, DL8 3AH (reported to Area 1 and resolved)
- E mail dated 20.08.21 from NYCC re North Yorkshire National Bus Strategy & Bus Service Improvement Plan - **Cllr Windle confirmed that he had completed the on-line submission**

- E mail dated 23.08.21 from YDNPA re proposed Parish Forum meeting on Wednesday 13.10.21 at 7.00pm - **Cllr Dinsdale had expressed an interest**
- E mail dated 01.09.21 invite from Cllr Yvonne Peacock to a meeting to consider YDNPA Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation No.4 to be held in the Village Hall, West Burton on Monday 13.09.21 at 7.00pm - **Cllrs Dinsdale & Windle will be attending**
- E mail dated 03.09.21 from PWC re draft Grazing Agreement re Thoraby Moss
- E mail dated 03.09.21 from NYCC re remittance for £500.00 from Locality Budget for Defibrillators

13. Any Other Business

Cllr Freer asked whether there had been any feedback re the Parish Council suggestion to install a footpath on the A684 near Stowe House, Aysgarth re Safer Roads Initiative. **Action - Clerk to make enquiries.**

Cllr Freer commented that BT had recently carried out work on the road from Aysgarth to Thornton Rust and the use of signage had been poor and misleading. 'Road Closed' Signs had been used rather than 'Access Only', and the signs were not put down when the road was accessible. This had caused confusion and inconvenience to The Women's Institute who were holding an event at Thornton Rust Village Hall. **Action - Clerk to complain to Highways.**

14. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 7th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

Meeting closed 8.35pm