

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th September 2020 at Aysgarth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Margaret Jones, Brian McGregor, Alison Sayer, Robert Walker, Peter Windle, David Wood

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 Tim Freer and Sandra Wilman, and District Cllr Yvonne Peacock.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th July 2020 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - None
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - **Action - Clerk to liaise with Pip Pointon re letter to local MP/YDNPA re Local Democracy**
- 5. Highways/Bins**

The Clerk updated on the responses received from Area 1 in August on the following matters:

- **Large pot hole at the fork of the road past Town Head Farm, Thorlby** - despite the repair carried out on site on 15.01.20, Cllr Wilman had said that this has lifted and is now dangerous with a hole 2 ft square and the drain 18 inches off the ground. **An order has been raised for this to be reset. Cllr Cooper said that further work had been carried out but was not satisfactory and she would ask Cllr Wilman to provide photographs to follow up**
- **Pot Holes, Thornton Rust** - Cllrs have counted in excess of 30 potholes on the Thornton Rust Road between Aysgarth and Thornton Rust and through the Thornton Rust Village. **A Highway officer inspected the locations on 4th August and carried out repairs to actionable defects whilst on site**
- **Flooding at Low Green Lane, Thorlby** - A Highway Officer met with a Parish Councillor whilst on site and discussed the many factors causing the problem and in the main it is not the highway drainage. The Officer believes the probable cause is tree roots the majority of which are sited on land at Chapel Garth. Highways hope to carry out a camera survey of the culvert to confirm that roots are the problem and also to repair the damaged stone section of the carriageway where the stone has been washed away
- **Opposite Garage, Aysgarth** - weeds are starting to grow through the tarmac of the recent works to the footpath. Engineers have advised that this does not reflect any failure of the recent surfacing or pose any safety hazard, but they are working with contractors to see if this can be resolved

Action - The Clerk to e mail Area 1 thanking them for doing an excellent job of painting Wath Bridge

Action - The Clerk was asked to report the following new matters to Area 1:

- **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, 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
- **Mill Bridge, Thorlby** - Ivy requires cutting back

6. Financial Matters

The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
<i>Authorised at 09.07.20 meeting after the agenda was issued</i>			
100938	A Goulthorpe	496.00	Grass Cutting - June 20
100939	J Reynolds	50.00	Internal Audit Fee - Year 2019/20
100940	P Wilson	180.00	Basic Payment Scheme - 2020
100941	F Cartwright	188.12	Clerk Pay - July 20
100942	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - July 20
100943	J Dinsdale	24.50	Expenses - Oil for maintenance

Authorised by e mail

100944	McGarry & Co Solicitors	960.00	Legal Fees re Rock Garden sale
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New - Authorised at 10.09.20 meeting

100945	F Cartwright	188.12	Clerk Pay - Aug 20
100946	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - Aug 20
100947	A Goulthorpe	508.00	Grass Cutting - July 20

Total **£2,614.74**

Clerk Pay - The Chairman advised that the Clerk was due a 25p per hour increase in salary back dated to May 2020. **Resolved - The Parish Council agreed the pay increase.**

7. Planning

New

R/58/88B at Low Green Farm, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU - householder planning permission to render the west wall of property - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/53/24G at Ribba Hall, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG - full planning permission for erection of agricultural building for cattle and sheep - **Action - the Clerk was asked to send an e mail of support from the Parish Council.**

R/51/91C/OH at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Aysgarth - notification under Reg 5 of The Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009 to install 1 No. pole next to an existing pole to form an Hpole arrangement to house a transformer - **This application had been approved by YDNPA between meetings of the Parish Council. 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

R/51/55P at Yore Mill, Church Bank, Aysgarth - full planning permission for conversion of existing mill into 2 apartments, 6 holiday let apartments and 1 local occupancy apartment in conjunction with D1 Visitor Centre, mixed B1 (business/light industrial)/A1 (retail) use and re-instatement of hydro-electric turbine

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 - **Clr Cooper thought that this application had been refused. The Parish Clerk had already checked the YDNPA website which showed a status of 'Not Yet Decided'.** Action - The Clerk to e mail YDNPA to clarify and ask for the reasons for refusal.

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

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

Approved

R/51/91C/OH - Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Aysgarth - Approved Form B-OH

Other Planning

Action - The Clerk was asked to e mail YDNPA to find out the status of the Aysgarth Lodge Holidays retrospective planning application re lighting. Burton Cum Walden Parish Council had requested that the application go to the Planning Committee.

8. Thoraby Moss & Thornton Mire (Standing Item) - none

9. Ownership of Land/Rights of Way

Steps at Yore Mill, Aysgarth - Cllr Dinsdale updated the meeting that after further enquiries, he and the Clerk had visited the three sets of bottom steps near the Mill. The Parish Council confirmed that they do not own the bottom steps and are not aware who owns these steps. Action - The Clerk to e mail YDNPA stating that the Parish Council has no objections to the new owner of Yore Mill repairing the steps providing the work is to a fit for purpose standard, at his own cost.

10. Rock Garden, Aysgarth, DL8 3AH - Cllr Dinsdale updated the Parish Council that he and Cllr Windle had signed the legal documents and the completion of the Rock Garden Sale was due in the next couple of days. The Clerk confirmed that further to previous correspondence with the insurers, she had e mailed to advise of the imminent completion date. The Clerk also reiterated the contents of the e mail dated 22nd November 2019 from the insurers. Cllr Dinsdale invited Councillors to join him at a handover meeting with Mr Anderson w/c 14th September 2020. Cllr Cooper said that she would like to join the meeting. Cllr Dinsdale outlined some options for the Parish Council/Rock Garden website. Pip Pointon said that she would give them some thought as to the most efficient way forward. Action - Clerk to forward e mail from Mr Anderson to Pip Pointon.

11. Natural England Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreement expires in 2021. Options to apply for a new Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier (CS HT) agreement commencing 1 January 2022, or extend current HLS agreement (*circulated to Parish Councillors*) - Cllr Dinsdale updated the Parish Council that the Survey of Thoraby Moss had been completed and a response is awaited from Natural England. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale to obtain a copy of the survey.**

12. Problems with Visitor Parking in Aysgarth - Cllr Wood explained that there had been a significant increase in visitors to Aysgarth since the Covid-19 restrictions had been relaxed, resulting in cars parking on both sides of the A684 from around the Aysgarth Falls Hotel to the Doctors Surgery and beyond, often blocking the road and pavements. The Parish Council thought that visitor numbers would likely reduce in the Autumn/Winter months and agreed to monitor into Spring 2021.

13. Wensleydale and Coverdale Parish Council Forum for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan - Meeting on Consultation held on 27.08.20 at Bainbridge Village Hall - Cllrs Dinsdale and Windle had attended the meeting. The Parish Council thought the response which had been drafted/submitted by the Burton Cum Walden Parish Council Clerk had been well thought out.

14. Correspondence (Circulated)

e mail dated 03.08.20 from RDC - Proposals re District and County two-tier system of local Government to change to one unitary Council - Cllr Windle said that he had submitted a response

e mail dated 05.08.20 response from Holiday Cottage re alleged usage during Covid-19 lock down restrictions - The Parish Council agreed to continue to monitor the situation

e mail dated 14.08.20 from O' Reillys - Payroll Services - The Parish Council resolved to accept the quote from Yorkshire Dales Accountancy dated 24.08.20 for Payroll Services

e mail dated 14.08.20 from RDC - BT Payphone Consultation (close date 28.09.20) - **Action - The Clerk to e mail RDC stating the Parish Council wish to retain all BT Payphones in the Parish**

e mail dated 23.08.20 from local resident - Complaint re excessive recycling dumped in Aysgarth Bus Shelter - One green recycling bin had been removed by the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Sayer raised the issue of slow and intermittent internet in Bishopdale. She said there is a scheme where BT will fund 50% of Fibre Cabling. She had been approached by local residents enquiring whether the Parish Council would consider applying for a grant to make a contribution. **Action - Cllr Sayer to provide the necessary forms to the Parish Council for further consideration. Clerk to contact District Cllr Peacock re Grants.**

Cllr Windle enquired as to whether a further update had been received on the posts/chains outside the Mill Cottages in Aysgarth - **Action - Clerk to chase up with YDNPA.**

16. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 8th October 2020 at 7.30pm **(Venue/format TBC)**
Meeting closed 9pm