

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th February 2022 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Margaret Jones, Alison Sayer, 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: 1

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Freer and McGregor
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item # 7 Planning.
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**

Mr Jacks the proprietor of Aysgarth Garage was welcomed to the meeting. He explained that he had submitted an expression of interest to the Post Office given that Thoraby Post office would be closing.
Action - The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact the Post Office again supporting Mr Jack's application. Clerk to contact Burton-cum-Walden and Carperby Parish Councils to ask them to consider giving support.

5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

The Clerk updated re e mails dated 15.02.22 from Area 1 Highways (circulated):

Historic

- **Feedback from Highways site meeting with Cllrs Dinsdale & Windle in Aysgarth from 2021** - The Highways e mail of 15.02.22 did not comment on the request for feedback from the site meeting. **Action - Cllr Peacock to follow up on the following historic issues in Aysgarth:**

White Linings - Cllr Windle summarised the research on the regulations which he had done (circulated)
Area of land outside Northampton House
Top of Mill Lane
Curb to the right of the steps to the Institute

- **Long standing Bridge issue at Bishopdale** - Cllr Peacock distributed plans for two potential options a) New bridge and b) Realignment of road. The Parish Council agreed that the realignment of the road was the more financially viable option. Cllr Peacock would approach the Executive.
- **East Field Lane (Spickles Lane), Thoraby/West Burton** - Cllr Peacock is still trying to arrange a date for the relevant parties to meet on site.
- **Enquiry re Brown 'Aysgarth Church' Sign, Aysgarth** - The County Council as Local Highway Authority could provide appropriate direction signs to the Church. This work would need to be undertaken on a rechargeable basis. With regard to the existing set up of signing at the junction in question, four signs would

be needed (one on each approach and two mounted back to back at the junction) and a rough estimate of cost for the County Council to supply and install the signs would be £750 plus VAT. **Action - Clerk to send Highways e mail to Pip Pointon in case it was of interest to the Parochial Church Council to arrange/pay for.**

- **Request for ‘Unsuitable for road vehicles’ sign at the top of Richmond Gate Lane, Aysgarth to Thornton Rust** - Arrangements will be made for an information sign reading ‘Unsuitable For Motor Vehicles’ to be installed on a new sign post at each end of the lane.
- **Request for 20MPH Speed Limit Dyke Hollins Lane, Aysgarth** - When giving consideration to a request for a new or amended Speed Limit at a given location, careful reference is made to various criteria established by the Department for Transport which need to be met in order to justify a particular Speed Limit. In the case of a 20 Mph Speed Limit, there must be a certain level of development in depth in terms of houses, premises and accesses adjacent to the road in order that motorists can appreciate why the limit has been introduced. Re this particular section of road which passes through open countryside, the criteria necessary to justify the introduction of a 20 Mph speed limit are not met. Whilst the prevailing speed limit is ‘National’, the characteristics of the road are however such that the speed of a ‘reasonable’ motorist is naturally restricted to an appropriate level. Whilst it is accepted that certain motorists may choose to drive at a speed which is considered by others to be inappropriate, it is likely that the same motorists would still choose to drive at the same speed even if a lesser limit was posted as there would be little opportunity for it be enforced.
- **Tarmac on the entrance to the large car park outside the Falls Motel, Aysgarth** - Highways had not received any reports on this matter. Highways inspected it on 12.01.22 and confirm that the defect is not within the Highway, they are within the apron of the access to the car park, so they are the responsibility of the landowner to repair. Cllr Walker had reported it via the Pothole Portal but the case had been closed down. **Action - Cllr Peacock to raise at her next meeting.**

New - Action - Clerk to report to Highways

- **Potholes** - Cllr Windle advised that there were two potholes (which were not surface wear) opposite Cherry Tree Farmhouse on each side of the roadside layby in Aysgarth. The clerk advised that there was a deep pothole outside of ‘The Ferns’ in Aysgarth.
- **Blocked Drains** - Cllr Walker advised that the drain opposite ‘Flatlands’ in Aysgarth is blocked. Cllr Sayer advised that there were various drain problems in Bishopdale.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
101022	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - February 22
101023	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - February 22
101024	Aysgarth Institute	70.00	Meetings x 7 May, July, Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan & Feb 22
101025	PWC	900.00	Fees for Env Stewardship Extension 2022
101026	P Pointon	269.04	Reports, Admin of Website & Domain Renewal
101027	British Gas	57.28	Electricity Rock Garden 17.10.21 - 15.01.22
101028	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - March 22
101029	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - March 22
101030	Insurance	347.04	Insurance renewal 01.04.22 - 31.03.23
Total		£1,889.20	

The PWC invoice Fees for Env Stewardship Extension 2022 would be paid for via the Thorlby Moss bank account.

Cllr Dinsdale said that arrangements had been made to order new defibrillator parts for Thornton Rust following damage from the storm power outage. He will pay for the parts which cost c£162.00 and claim it back from the Parish Council through the Expense process.

6.2 Banking Arrangements

The Parish Council reviewed the Telephone Banking forms which the Clerk had completed to provide access to telephone banking. The Chairman signed the form. **Action - Clerk to post to HSBC.** Online Banking arrangements would be looked into once access to the telephone system was obtained.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New

R/51/25K - Full planning permission for alterations to existing double garage store/beer store to facilitate an ancillary Deli Counter facility at Aysgarth Falls Hotel and Restaurant, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/58/16H - Householder planning permission to replace coal fired central heating system with oil fired system, including replacement of stone coal store with double banded plastic oil tank at Pen View, Westfield Lane, Thorlby, DL8 3SU - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/53/11A - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation with associated parking and works to access track; together with installation of new package treatment plant at Great Barn, Kidstones, Bishopdale - **Action - The Parish Council asked the clerk to write to YDNPA supporting the applicant in his intention to diversify to keep farming viable.**

R/53/33 - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation, together with installation of package treatment plant at Barn to south-east of B6160, Kidstones Farm, Bishopdale, DL8 3TQm - **Action - The Parish Council asked the clerk to write to YDNPA supporting the applicant in his intention to diversify to keep farming viable.**

The status of the below previously considered applications TBC (Citizen's Portal not available):

R/57/6X - Full planning permission for demolition of existing WC block and construction of 2 storey bedroom accommodation, bin store and general store, to include: 2 No ground floor en suite bedrooms with disabled access and facilities, 4 No first-floor bedrooms (2 en suite), 2 No single storey stores, parking area and installation of sewage treatment plant at Street Head Caravan Park, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/57/6W - Full planning permission for construction of two single storey buildings to provide 6 No letting rooms and 2 No staff accommodation rooms; 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, DL8 3TE - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/57/3K - Full planning permission for erection of glass fused steel slurry store with cover at West Lane Farm, Bishopdale DL8 3TG - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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

Approved Conditional - none

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

The Parish Council discussed a historic planning application for a temporary chalet for a gamekeeper at the bottom of Kidstones whilst two houses were built. The houses have not been built and the chalet has not been taken down. The date that the chalet should have been taken down was March 21. **Action - Clerk to report this to YDNPA.**

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

Thoraby Moss Grazing License - Cllr Dinsdale said that Mr Fawcett was liaising with PWC re clarification on some queries. The Parish Council asked that Cllr Dinsdale contact Mr Fawcett in advance of the Thoraby Parish meeting.

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

Cllr Dinsdale had contacted the solicitor re whether a 'cautionary note' could be advised to Land Registry and is awaiting a response.

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

The Invoice received from PWC for services to negotiate the extension of the existing Environment Stewardship for a period of 12 months was approved.

11. Rock Garden, Aysgarth - Water Leak and Business Stream Invoices (*Circulated*)

Cllr Dinsdale updated the meeting that he and J Neate Building & Garden Maintenance had taken the plants out, sucked the water out and were now waiting for better weather so it could dry out before applying the tanking paint. The cause of the leak was confirmed as deterioration of the tanking paint. **Action - clerk to contact Business Stream again to advise that repair work had commenced and was ongoing, metre readings could not be taken and to ascertain whether there was any assistance available towards the bill which now stands at £558.36 bill for the period 29.07.21 - 27.01.22.**

12. Insurance Renewal 2022 - Pre-Renewal Questionnaire & Recommended Renewal Quote (*Circulated*)

The Parish Council reviewed the Pre-Renewal Questionnaire & Recommended Renewal Quote and accepted the quote at £347.04. It was noted that the 3-year deal expires at the 2023 renewal. **Action - Clerk to advise the insurers that Rock Garden in Aysgarth has a recirculating water feature (which is turned off in winter) on the 'River, lake, pond, or any other body of water' section in the Underwriting Information section of the Pre-renewal questionnaire and the PC Portfolio Statement of Fact.**

13. Correspondence (*Circulated*)

The Parish Council noted and commented on the correspondence received as follows:

- E mail dated 12.01.22 from NYCC - Enhanced Partnership Consultation (closes 07.02.22)

- E mail dated 15.01.22 from local resident - Dog foul bags in bin in Bus Shelter, Aysgarth - **Cllr Windle said that the local resident had contacted him again and the sign that Cllr Windle had put up was working.**
- E mail dated 17.01.22 from Post Office - Response to Parish Council e mail re Thorlby Post Office closure
- E mail dated 17.01.22 & 21.01.22 from Cllr Walker - Highways responsibilities for part of Church Bank, Aysgarth - **(Item 5)**
- E mail dated 18.01.22 from consultations@news.richmondshire.gov.uk - RDC Local Plan Call for Sites Consultation 2022 - **The Parish Council clarified that it did not relate to the Parish.**
- E mail dated 18.01.22 from AIG Insurance - Pre-Renewal Questionnaire 2022 - **(Item 12)**
- E mail dated 19.01.22 from Aysgarth Falls Hotel representative confirming the Aysgarth Chapel Presentation would be corrected and redistributed
- E mail dated 21.01.22 from NYCC - Locality Budget Grant Offer for £500 towards improvement works to Rock Garden, Aysgarth - **The Parish Council thanked Cllr Peacock for the grant.**
- E mail dated 26.01.22 & 08.02.22 from RDC - Communitree Project Updates - **Cllrs Dinsdale & Jones are in receipt of the trees and would plant them in due course when the weather improved.**
- E mail dated 07.02.22 from AIG Insurance - Recommended Renewal Quote - **(Item 12)**

14. Any Other Business

Gate, Flout Moor Lane, Aysgarth - Cllr Wood asked if the Parish Council would give permission for him to widen the gate at the top part of Flout Moor Lane. The Parish Council agreed this at no cost to the Parish Council.

Parish Meeting Dates:

- Thorlby Parish Meeting - Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm at Thorlby Village Hall
- Thornton Rust Parish Meeting - Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm at Thornton Rust Institute
- Aysgarth Township Parish Meeting - Monday 21st March at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute (downstairs room)

Asset of Community Value - **Action** - Clerk to contact Callum at RDC to enquire as to the process to make a nomination for an Asset of Community Value. Cllrs would raise it at the Parish meeting for the Parish to take the matter forward.

15. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 31st March 2022 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

Meeting closed 9.15pm