

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th November 2025 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Frances Colston, Rob Cromeys-Hawke, Chris Parker, Alison Sayer, Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman, Peter Windle

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Members of the public: None

1. **Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs Linda Cooper & David Wood. District Cllr Yvonne Peacock and Website Administrator Mrs P Pointon
2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2025 were approved as a true and correct record.
3. **Declaration of interest** - Cllr Sayer declared an interest in Item 7 Planning R/53/24H
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
5. **Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

Clerk read out e mail received from Highways dated 10.10.25 with updates on:

- **Thornton Rust Pot holes** - The pot holes which met intervention levels had been repaired
- **Tip Lane, Aysgarth** - Highways have raised a works order for the compacted mud and gravel to be scraped off the carriage way (will be completed by 07.11.25)
- **Traffic Monitoring, Newbiggin** - Enquiries into implementing some traffic monitoring will be made by Highways
- **Response from Structures Team Bishopdale** - 'There is a potential scheme at Bishopdale Bridge (known as Rookery Bridge) to be jointly developed between the Highways and Bridges Teams. At present, no resources have been allocated to the scheme, and it has not progressed beyond the optioneering phase. Realistically, it is unlikely to advance to site before the 2027/28 financial year at the earliest, subject to resource being made available. Currently, the proposal is to realign the highway approaches at one or both ends of the structure. The structure will not be widened, but the existing timber/metal fence will be replaced potentially with a stone parapet. There is still work to do to ensure that this option can be progressed, such as a preliminary highway design, visibility splay investigation, utility searches and ownership enquiries etc. In terms of the structure's condition, the most recent inspection in 2024 identified some minor issues. Aside from the parapet, there were no defects requiring urgent intervention. The next inspection is scheduled for 2026, at which point the structure's condition will be reassessed. We acknowledge that this structure has been an ongoing concern for several years and understand the ongoing interest.'

Matters from 20.11.25 Meeting

RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to contact the appropriate third parties

- **Keslring, Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Rd** - It was noted that the issues regarding flooding at Kelspring, had still not been addressed by Highways which was puzzling given it was the main diversion route when the A684 is flooded. **Action - Clerk to e mail Highways to say that the Parish Council would like to know why Highways have not responded to PC e mails and appear not to consider it an issue.**
- **Trees Thornton Rust** - Cllr Cromeys-Hawke had liaised with Open Reach and it needs to be a person rather than a body. It was resolved that Cllr Cromeys-Hawke would continue to liaise on behalf of the Parish Council

- **Accident hotspot on bend near Nelhome, Aysgarth** - It was noted that Highways had put some traffic cones out

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101122	F Cartwright	188.98	Clerk Pay - November 25
101123	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - November 25
101124	F Cartwright	188.98	Clerk Pay - December 25
101125	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - December 25
9111655	Business Stream	19.20	Rock Garden Water 29.07.25 - 28.10.25
Total		£417.16	

6.2 Income Received (excluding bank interest) since the 09.10.25 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
Total		£0	

6.3 The latest bank statements were made available for review.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications

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.

YDNPA had agreed to PC's request for an extension from the original close date of 28.10.25 to 21.11.25. Cllr Windle gave his views which he had based on the YDNPA Local Plan of 2015-2030 as to why he thought the Parish Council should object to the application. Cllr Crome-Hawke set out why he felt that the Parish Council did not have grounds to object. The Parish Council took a vote, Cllr Windle voted to object. The other 7 Councillors present at the meeting voted not to object but felt that should the YDNPA approve the application, there should be conditions imposed. **RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA thanking them for the extension and stating that the Parish Council has resolved to leave determination to the YDNPA, but kindly request that any approval includes conditions to:**

- limit the development strictly to land-management use (not residential or camping);
- control materials, lighting, and appearance to reduce visual impact;
- remove and reinstate the ground when no longer needed for the purpose applied;
- protect the public footpath, trees, and river environment; and
- ensure proper drainage and waste management

R/54/42G - Householder planning permission for erection of first floor extension to rear of property at Forelands, Walden, West Burton, DL8 4LD - **outside of Aysgarth & District Parish Council area**

Received after the 20.11.25 Agenda was issued

R/57/14C /LB - Listed building consent for internal and external alterations, including replacement of windows at Edward Wilkinson House (formerly The Cottage), Newbiggin, Bishopdale, DL8 3TD

R/57/14D/LB - Section 19 application to vary Condition 2 (approved drawings) of R/57/14C/LB (Listed building consent for internal and external alterations, including replacement of windows) for change of floor details from proposed build up with limestone to traditional structural slab for structural and waterproofing reasons at Edward Wilkinson House, Newbiggin in Bishopdale, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 3TD - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

Approved s106 - None

Withdrawn/Final Disposal

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 pool, with landscaping at Chapel Garth, Smithy Close, Thoralby

(Withdrawn/Final Disposal 06.11.25)

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/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 Klärgester 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 Klärgester 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

8. Thoralby Moss and Thornton Mire (Standing Item)

Strimming in Thornton Rust - 04.11.25 letter received by Cllr Dinsdale from Thornton Rust Resident

RESOLVED - Clerk to telephone the resident to thank him for his voluntary work on Highways land and to clarify that the Parish Council does not own the land and has therefore not instructed the contractor to strim it. The Parish Council is not able to reimburse costs for voluntary work which have been carried out without the prior written agreement of the Parish Council.

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

10. Gov.uk Parish Council Website Domain & Clerk/Cllr E Mail Addresses (Circulated)

The Parish Council reconsidered the 2 quotes previously considered along with the subsequent answers to queries. RESOLVED - The Parish Council unanimously agreed to engage the services of Parish Online at a cost of £260 + VAT for year 1 and £360 + VAT infinitum. **Action - Clerk to thank both parties and make the necessary arrangements with Parish Online and the Website Administrator. Clerk to send details of costs to District Cllr Peacock following her kind offer of a £300 contribution towards the costs.**

11. Adoption of Standing Orders (Circulated) - RESOLVED - The Parish Council unanimously resolved to adopt the Standing Orders.

12. Cemetery in Aysgarth - 03.11.25 e mail from Clerk to Aysgarth Cemetery JMC – Accounts and Cashflow (Circulated)

The Parish Council considered the limited information provided in the e mail dated 03.11.25.

Action - Clerk to request current & previous years accounts, current bank balances and forecast to the end of the financial year along with costings for the wall repairs so that the Parish Council can hold an informed discussion.

13. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 06.10.25 from Hambleton Community Action - HarBus hybrid public meeting on 16.10.25
- 06.10.25 from Newbiggin resident - Traffic Matters in Newbiggin
- 07.10.25 from NYC - Thornton Rust Dog Bin is on list & will be sited asap
- 08.10.25 from YDNPA - Agenda for the Autumn Parish Forum Team Meeting on 04.11.25
- 08.10.25 from NYC - Road closure at Holme Lane, Newbiggin CP, Thoralby for Quickline Communications Ltd to install telecoms cable and clear blockages between 24.10.25 - 28.10.25
- 09.10.25 Quote from HarryAdney - Gov.uk website and e mail address services (Item 10)
- 09.10.25 from YLCA - How do I help my community as a Councillor
- 10.10.25 from Area 1 - Response to PC e mail update re Bishopdale Bridge
- 10.10.25 from Quickline - Contractor Works Update
- 10.10.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Seasonal Health Forum 2025 - 'Preparing for Winter Together'
- 10.10.25 from Newbiggin resident following attendance at Parish Council Meeting on 09.10.25
- 13.10.25 from NYC - Acknowledging of receipt of Cllr Colston co-option paperwork
- 15.10.25 from Newbiggin resident following visit from Cllr Colston re Traffic matters in Newbiggin
- 15.10.25 from YDNPA - Agenda for YDNP Management Plan Annual Forum on 23.10.25
- 15.10.25 Letter from HM Land Registry re Title NYK514613 requesting completion of Ordnance Survey On-line Web Form prior to survey
- 16.10.25 from NYC Strategic Finance - Receipt of 26/27 Precept Request
- 17.10.25 from YLCA - Follow up from Branch meeting on 13.10.25
- 20.10.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - 29.10.25 Meeting
- 20.10.25 from BT - Request for photos re PC refurb request for BT Telephone Box Aysgarth DL8 3AE
- 23.10.25 from YDNPA - Autumn Newsletter
- 23.10.25 from YDNPA - YDNPA Management Plan 2025-2030
- 27.10.25 from NYC - Richmondshire Parish Precept Calculator 26/27
- 28.10.25 from Yorkshire Dales Accountancy - Request for DOB/address of Chairman/Deputy for AML
- 29.10.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Parish Update October 2025
- 31.10.25 Letter from HSBC - Request for Safeguard Review by telephone

- 03.11.25 from Clerk to Aysgarth Cemetery JMC - Accounts and Cashflow (Item 12)
- 04.11.25 from NYC Area 1 - Worton to Cubeck C105 - Carriageway patching works
- 04.11.25 - Letter received by Cllr Dinsdale from Thornton Rust resident re strimming in Thornton Rust (Item 8)
- 05.11.25 from BT - plans for Aysgarth telephone box glass replacement in coming weeks and repainting between April - Sept 26
- 05.11.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - NYC Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Programmes
- 07.11.25 from YDNPA - Footpath No. 6 (part) Aysgarth Order 2024 No. 5
- 07.11.25 from YDNPA - YDNPA - New website
- 08.11.25 from NYC - Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee on 10.11.25
- 08.11.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Richmond (Yorks.) Parish Liaison Presentations
- 09.11.25 from Land Registry - Acknowledgement of Land Registry online questionnaire - **Cllr Wilman confirmed that Ordnance Survey are visiting Thoralby Moss on 25.11.25**
- 10.11.25 from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust - Ure Dales Public Access Consultation 20.11.25
- 11.11.25 from YDNPA - Autumn Parish Forum Notes Slides and Recordings
- 13.11.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Let's Talk Money
- 13.11.25 from Aysgarth Institute - Request from Aysgarth Falls Hotel for sandbags
- 14.11.25 from NYC Parish Liaison Meeting - Minutes of Meeting Held 29.10.25

14. Any Other Business - None

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 8th January 26 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute
The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour