

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th November 2019 at Aysgarth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale, Brian McGregor, Linda Cooper, Tim Freer, Alison Sayer, Robert Walker, Peter Windle, David Wood, Sandra Wilman

District Cllr Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Clerk

Members of the public: 1

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllr Margaret Jones and Reporter and Website Administrator, Mrs Pointon.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10th October 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Agenda Item # 8 - Planning Application R/57/6T at Street Head Caravan Park, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE.
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**

Aysgarth Nook, Aysgarth - The Clerk read out the e mail received from the owners dated 27th November 2019 (circulated to the Parish Council). The Parish Council agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

5. Highways

Awaiting response/ongoing re the following reported matters:

- Condition of Spickle Lane surface between Aysgarth/West Burton and Thoraby
- Parking on the roadside between the Chapel and The Pinfold, Thoraby

Updates - The following works were reported as completed:

- Branch trimming from Cubeck, Askrigg to the first house in Thornton Rust
- Branch trimming on Dyke Hollins Lane (Doctors Lane), Aysgarth
- Branch trimming on Spickles Lane, Thoraby to Eshington Bridge
- Small lay by type area of churned up ground/ bog area which collects water outside Wensleydale Farm, Aysgarth which requires filling with quarry waste or similar
- Footpath east of Aysgarth Village opposite door of George & Dragon pub down to Aysgarth Garage, Aysgarth
- Potholes on A684 between George & Dragon pub and Aysgarth Garage, Aysgarth

Actions - The Clerk was asked to report the following **new** matters to Highways and RDC Lighting:

- Large pot hole at the fork of the road past Town Head Farm, Thoraby
- Various potholes near Ashcroft, Little Burn, Thoraby
- Large pot hole near the bridge before the AA Phone Box on A684, Aysgarth
- e mail of thanks to be sent to Area 1 Highways re the excellent work done on the footpath/road near George & Dragon Pub, Aysgarth and the Drains at Bishopdale
- Street Light outside the Institute, Thornton Rust

The Parish Council thanked Cllrs Dinsdale and McGregor for resolving the issues with the drains at the Outgang, Thornton Rust.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
100900	F Cartwright	31.32	Clerk Expenses - October & Nov 2019
100901	F Cartwright	188.12	Clerk Pay - November 2019
100902	Aysgarth Institute	10.00	Meeting room hire 28.11.19
100903	NYCC	90.00	Grit Bin outside Candlelight Cottage, Newbiggin
100904	J Dinsdale	20.00	Remembrance Wreath
100905	P Pointon	67.19	Website Domain Name Renewal 2019 - 2020
100906	RDC	533.39	Election Costs 2019
100907	A Goulthorpe	265.00	Grass Cutting October 2019
100908	J Steel-Taylor	70.00	Lay pipe for Thornton Rust
100909	J Dinsdale	80.16	Drainage pipe, cement, etc. for Thornton Rust
Total		£1,355.18	

6.2 Website Renewal 2nd December 2019 - 1st December 2020 - The Parish Council approved the website renewal of £67.19.

6.3 Precept 20/21 (*circulated to Parish Councillors*)

The Parish Council figures were considered, and it was proposed that the new Precept for 20/21 should be £6,750.00 (FY19/20 £6,500.00). The Parish Council resolved that the 20/21 Aysgarth & District Parish Council Precept should be £6,750.00. **Action - Clerk to e mail Richmondshire District Council to advise.**

7. Dangerous State of Building - Yore Mill, Aysgarth - See Pending Planning Applications

8. Planning

New Applications

R/57/6T at Street Head Caravan Park, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE - full planning permission for change of use of storage building, to storage building and amenity block - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/57/18K/LB at Millscar House, Newbiggin-in-Bishopdale, DL8 3TD - Section 19 application to vary Condition 2 of R/57/18J/LB to replace staircase landing window and frame with new timber window to match original Plans - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

Update - invalid

R/58/65D at Howesyke Farm, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3TG - Full planning permission for erection of agricultural building - **The application has been deemed invalid as the building was required for gamekeeping which doesn't meet the definition of agriculture.**

Cllr Peacock confirmed that she had spoken to the YDNPA re Parish Council concerns over planning at Howesyke Farm and had asked that Planning review the applications as a whole.

Update - approved conditionally

R/51/96B at Well View House, Doctor Lane, Aysgarth, DL8 3AB - Householder planning permission for alterations to domestic store building to create studio and store - **approved conditionally**

R/57/5X at Stone Flagged Cottage, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD - Householder planning permission for demolition of existing stone steps and erection of lean-to extension to provide utility room - **approved conditionally**

Planning Committee

24.09.19 R/51/55P at Yore Mill, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR - Full planning permission for conversion of existing mill into 2 apartments, 6 holiday let apartments and 1 apartment in conjunction with Visitor Centre, retail outlet and re-instatement of hydro-electric turbine (**to be considered by the YDNPA Planning Committee 12th November**). It has been requested by the applicant that it is deferred to December Planning Meeting.

11.10.19 - R/51/55P at Yore Mill, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR - NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF AMENDED PLANS & AMENDED DESCRIPTION R/51/55 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.

11.10.19 - R/51/55Q/LB at Yore Mill, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR - NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF AMENDED PLANS & AMENDED DESCRIPTION R/51/55Q/LB listed building consent 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.

Pending Update

R/53/27E at Land off B6160 Kidstones Gill Bridge, Bishopdale - Full planning permission for siting of temporary accommodation on site during the development of permanent accommodation at the farmstead (Howesyke Farm) (Retrospective)

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/58/94 at Land opposite 1 Town Head Cottages, Humphrey Hill, Thoralby, DL8 3SY - Householder planning permission for erection of timber garage. **This application was approved after the Agenda was issued.**

9. Thoralby Moss & Thornton Mire (Standing Item) - none

10. Ownership of Land/Rights of Way

Land near Garage, Aysgarth - The Clerk updated the meeting with the response received from Land Registry which confirmed that the land was not registered. **Action - Clerk to make arrangements to register the land.**

Quaker Burial Ground, Aysgarth - Cllr Windle updated the meeting that he had visited the site with Mrs Pointon and it was different to what the Parish Council had envisaged and was not appropriate for the Parish Council to register it. Mrs Pointon will contact the Quaker Society to see if they have an interest in the land.

11. Rock Garden, Aysgarth, DL8 3AH

Insurance - The Clerk referred the Parish Council to the e mail from Came & Co Insurance Brokers dated 22nd November 2019 (previously circulated to Parish Councillors).

Presentation

Mr and Mrs Anderson were welcomed to the meeting. Mr Anderson gave a presentation on the Rock Garden history. The Garden was originally restored in 2003, and they purchased it in 2012 with a stipulation that the garden remained open to the public for part of the week for eight years. That stipulation has now expired, however if the Parish Council were to accept the gift of the Rock Garden, legal paperwork would need to be drafted/agreed as they want the Rock Garden to remain open to the public and not to be resold within a set period (to be agreed).

Mr Anderson outlined the financials (previously supplied to the Parish Council). These figures did not include his time maintaining the garden which would typically be 4 hours per week in spring and summer and 2 hours per week in autumn and ad-hoc in the winter.

Mr and Mrs Anderson would like to know if the Parish Council is not interested in acquiring the Garden by the middle of January 2020 so that they can make arrangements for it to be advertised in a specialist Alpine Journal on the open market. In the event that ownership was transferred a handover would take place in Autumn 2020.

The Parish Council thanked Mr Anderson for the presentation and expressed a keen interest in taking on legal ownership of the Rock Garden (subject to structural reports and legals).

Action - Cllr Dinsdale to read the historic Structural Report (provided by Mr Anderson) and look into arranging an up to date report.

12. BAWB Federation Community Engagement Meeting 19th November 2019

Cllr Windle updated the Parish Council on the meeting which was attended by Cllrs Peacock, Windle and Mrs Pointon and the Clerk. The meeting had been well received and the local community had welcomed this engagement as a refreshing change from the past. The Governors had outlined the challenges faced by the Federation, their aspirations and strategy. Information regarding the financial position of the schools was not provided at the meeting. Follow up meetings would be arranged.

13. Correspondence

Tree Preservation Order # 3 (Thoralby) 2002 (*circulated to Parish Councillors*) - YDNPA given consent under the Town and Country Planning act 1990 to remove two lower limbs on the south side of one Sycamore at Brookside Cottage, Thoralby. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

YDNPA Dark Skies Reserve Status (*circulated to Parish Councillors*) - **Action - Clerk to e mail letter of support.**

Brookside Barn, Thornton Rust - Access Rights - e mail dated 23rd November 2019 (*circulated to Parish Councillors*) - **Action - Cllr Dinsdale updated the meeting that he was meeting with the applicant on 30th November 2019.**

BT Proposal to remove Public Pay Phones - Online Survey due 20th November 2019 (*circulated to Parish Councillors*). The Clerk had received confirmation that Cllr Jones had completed the Survey, and in the event that the Phone Box was to be taken away she would like the Parish Council to adopt the Box. Other Councillors indicated that they had completed the Survey.

14. Meeting Dates for the Diary

Friday 29th November 2019 at 1.30pm at Middleham Key Centre - YDNPA Management Plan - Annual Forum 2019

15. Any Other Business

Grass Cutting Services - e mail dated 25th November 2019 received from A Goulthorpe advising that the rates would be increasing in 2020. The Parish Council resolved to accept the increased rates. **Action - Clerk to advise A Goulthorpe.**

Cllr Dinsdale raised the issue of the Parish Council cutting the area of grass outside Purchase Farm, Thornton Rust. The Parish Council agreed. **Action - Clerk to advise A Goulthorpe.**

RDC Councillor Attendance - e mail dated 28th November 2019 received from RDC offering Cllrs Angie Dale and Helen Grant to attend future Parish Council Meetings. **Action - Clerk to respond saying the Parish Council would be back in touch in Spring 2020.**

Dog Foul Bin, Thornton Rust - The Clerk confirmed that she had chased the Dog Foul Bin again and had received an e mail confirming RDC plan to supply soon.

Premises License, Aysgarth - Cllr Windle queried as to why the Parish Council had not been consulted about the Premises License re selling alcohol at the Aysgarth Motel. **Action - Clerk to query with Licensing Department at RDC.**

Trees, Aysgarth - Cllr Dinsdale updated the meeting that the Electricity Board were checking trees in the area and 2 x Ash Trees at Seata Quarry would need to be taken down. YWT had suggested that the trunks are left to provide habitat for beetles, etc.

Recycling Facility, Aysgarth - Cllr Peacock confirmed that bags for recycling were available from the Community Offices (e.g. Leyburn Library) or a black bin bag could be left at the kerbside on the appropriate collection day.

16. Items for next Meeting Agenda - none

Date of next meeting - Thursday 16th January 2020 at Aysgarth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.10pm