

DRAFT minutes: Aysgarth Township meeting

Held in Aysgarth Institute on Monday March 25 2019

Apologies - Jean Cockburn

Present - Irene Pickard; Cllrs Robert Walker, Peter Windle and David Wood; David Spence; John Heseltine; Cllr John Dinsdale (chairman); Pip Pointon (clerk)

1 - Election -

Cllr Walker proposed, Irene Pickard seconded that Cllr Dinsdale be chairman. Elected unanimously

2 - Minutes of last meeting :

Cllr Walker proposed and David Spence seconded that the minutes were a true record. Agreed unanimously.

3 - Matters Arising

Cllr Dinsdale said he was in contact with Deborah Millward about updating the agreement with the YWT concerning Seata Quarry. Likely to be another 10 year agreement.

Benches - Cllr Dinsdale said most of the benches had been tidied up except that beside the bus shelter which will be replaced. The plaque on it will be moved to the new bench.

He said Cllr John Blackie had arranged a bulk deal which included several benches for Hawes, one for Thoraby and one for Aysgarth and so had been able to obtain a discount. The cost of each bench, therefore, was £350 and this will be covered by a grant from Cllr Blackie's..... fund.

Mrs Pickard commented that the benches were used a lot by visitors.

Quarry waste - It was agreed to ask the parish council to purchase another load of quarry waste crusher for Tip Lane.

Defibrillator - Mrs Pointon reported that the pads had been replaced by YAS because they were found to be faulty. The parish council, however, had had to pay for the new battery.

4 - Lettings

Flout Moor	David Wood	£435	paid
Seata Lane	David Wood	£5	paid
High Lane	David Spence	£10	paid

5 - Any other Business

Blockage of lane: It was reported that four cars were often being parked in the green lane by Aysgarth Garage and these were blocking access to farm fields. Cllr Dinsdale said the parish council clerk was working on this and had informed the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Wath Bridge: Mrs Pickard reported that Wath Bridge was in great need of a new coat of paint. Cllrs Dinsdale and Windle said that the parish council told the Highways Authority several years ago but that Authority, whilst accepting responsibility for the bridge, stated it did not have the money to do the job. It was agreed to ask the parish council to report this again to the Highways Authority.

Jammy Hill : The councillors reported that the parish council had requested something to be done at the junction of Mill Lane with the A684 (at the top of Jammy Hill) to stop water running down Mill Lane. The clerk was awaiting a written response from the Highway Authority. It was also reported that a drain further down Jammy Hill was probably blocked.

Flooding on A684 - Cllr Dinsdale reported that on the morning of March 16 the Highways Authority had had the road closure sign in Aysgarth before Jammy Hill pinned up so it was not visible and hadn't put it down again until that evening after the worst of the flooding had receded. He said that Nigel Thornborrow had put cones across the road at Throstle Nest to stop motorists driving into the flooded area.

6 - Meeting closed at 7.55pm