

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd April 2025 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Rob Cromeey-Hawke, Chris Parker, Alison Sayer, Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Mrs P Pointon - Website Administrator

Members of the public: None

1. **Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received for Cllrs Margaret Jones, Peter Windle & David Wood
2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2025 were approved as a true and correct record
3. **Declaration of interest**
Cllr Dinsdale declared an interest in item 8 - R/53/27J & R/58/65G
Cllr Sayer declared an interest in item 8 - R/53/24H
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
5. **Newbiggin Councillor** - The Parish Council had received a resignation for Councillor Margaret Jones due to ill health. The Parish Council thanked Margaret for her services to the Parish Council.
6. **Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

Matters from 13.02.25 Meeting

- **Rockery at Newbiggin** - The Clerk updated that she had reported it to Area 1 but no reply had been received
- **Footpath sign at the top of Richmond Gate between Thornton Rust & Lowgill** blown down - Clerk updated that YDNPA have ordered a new sign

New Matters from 03.04.25 Meeting - Action Clerk to write to Highways

- **Bridge in Thoraby** - Road breaking up on both sides of the bridge
- **Thornton Rust** - 3 x Culverts blocked with debris between Thornton Lodge and the village
- **Aysgarth Service Road** - The Parish Council had received complaints from local residents that HGVs accessing the small service road from the A684 are causing damage to the A684 and the service road bank

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101108	F Cartwright	181.06	Clerk Pay - April 25
101109	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - April 25
N/A	Aysgarth Institute	96.00	PC Meeting Room Hire 2024 (8 x £12)
N/A	British Gas	81.07	Rock Garden Electricity 08.12.24 - 08.03.25
N/A	Pip Pointon	60.00	Clerk 2 x Annual Parish Meetings 2025
375	Thornton Rust Institute	15.00	Room Hire for 13.03.25 TR Parish Meeting

N/A HMRC 362.40 PAYE Q4 ending 05.04.25

Total £805.53

An online payment for £457.38 to AJG re Insurance Renewal paid on 21.03.25 as agreed at February meeting and via e mail between the February & April meeting.

The Parish Council also agreed to pay invoice from YLCA for £241 for annual renewal 01.04.25 - 31.03.26 which had been received after the agenda had been issued.

7.2 Income Received since the 13.02.25 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
31.01.25	Northern Powergrid	27.70	Wayleave £25.40 Aysgarth, £2.30 TR
13.02.25	YWT	10.00	YWT, Aysgarth Annual Rent
17.03.25	R Brown Howsyke	80.00	Thornton Mire, Thornton Rent
18.03.25	M Cooper	25.00	Skellicks Lane, Thoraby Rent
24.03.25	D Spence	10.00	High Lane, Aysgarth Rent

A cheque for £50 had been received from Mr J Lancaster re rent for Haw Lane, Thoraby. The Clerk had banked the cheque at a cost of £2 to the Parish Council.

Outstanding rents:

D Wood - £470 Seata Quarry & Flout Moor, Aysgarth
S Pratt - £20 West Lane, Thornton

8. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications

R/51/81B/LB - Listed building consent to take down and rebuild damaged section of parapet wall, ashlar band and coping stones using existing and imported stones and lime mortar at Yore Bridge (GR:401071,488614), Aysgarth - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/59/15F - Full planning permission for return of property to its original status as a wholly residential dwelling from current use as a B&B and dwelling; removal of external fire escape; removal of fire escape door and reinstate with window to match existing windows at Thornton Lodge, Thornton Rust - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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 swimming pool, with native landscaping at Chapel Garth, Smithy Close, Thoraby

R/58/29L - Householder planning permission for renovation, alterations and extension to existing annex accommodation at Chapel Garth, Smithy Close, Thoraby - **The Parish Council had received reports from local residents that the works had commenced prior to the planning application being submitted. Action - Clerk to contact YDNPA and enquire whether the planning application should be retrospective.**

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 - **Given the prominent location, which is clearly visible from the A684, the Parish Council had concerns about the visual impact of the 2 x Shepherds Huts. Action - Clerk to write to YDNPA.**

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 - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/51/152 - Householder planning permission for conversion of existing garage to create additional living accommodation; erection of rear extension and extension to front to create new garage; installation of solar panels and Velux style roof lights to south and east roof slopes at Hill Crest, Aysgarth - **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

Refused

R/57/6Z - Full planning permission for decked area with fencing, used for outdoor seating and tables in conjunction with the business (retrospective) at Street Head Inn, Newbiggin (**Refused 28.05.24**)

Withdrawn – none

Approved Conditional - none

Approved S106 - none

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

Under Consideration

R/57/49A - Full planning permission for proposed extension and conversion of holiday let to form 1no. local occupancy dwelling at Bishopdale Bunkhouse, Cross Lanes, Thoraby, DL8 3TB

R/51/54(P) - Full planning permission for conversion of the outbuilding called "The Bothy" into a holiday let; repairs to the access road and kerbing; installation of Aco drainage channels to replace drainage ditches and the relaying of a stone flagged footpath at 4, St Joseph's Mews, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR

R/51/54Q/LB - Listed building consent for conversion of the outbuilding called "The Bothy" into a holiday let; repairs to the access road and kerbing; installation of Aco drainage channels to replace drainage ditches and the relaying of a stone flagged footpath at 4, St Joseph's Mews, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR

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/57/57 - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to create a two-bedroom residential dwelling for local occupancy or holiday let and installation of a package sewage treatment plant at Barn adjoining Hargarth Cottage, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD

R/58/65G - Full planning permission for erection of 1no rural workers dwelling, conversion of barn (Barn C) to short term holiday lets with associated garages (as approved under application reference numbers R/58/65C and R/58/65F), extension of existing site office (Barn F) to provide kitchen facilities (as approved under application reference numbers R/58/65C and R/58/65F), erection of 1no agricultural barn (Barn D) and provision of new internal site access road at Howesyke Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG (**Planning Committee Meeting 15.10.24, no decision on Planning Portal**)

R/53/27J - Full planning permission for the erection of a 3-bedroom rural workers dwelling at Kidstones Farm, Bishopdale, Leyburn, DL8 3TG (**Planning Committee Meeting 26.11.24, no decision on Planning Portal**)

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

Thoraby Moss - The clerk read out the e mail circulated from WBW re Annual Revenue declaration/claim window for Stewardship Schemes open until 15.05.25. **Action - Clerk to reply instructing WBW to continue to act on the Parish Council's behalf and to ensure that the current situation re non grazing be reflected in the forms.**

Thornton Rust - Cllr Cromey-Hawke reported that the Network Improvement Proposal DI7844 had been outlined at the Annual Thoraby Parish Meeting. The letter from Northern Powrgrid to residents would be delivered in the

next few days. A meeting has been arranged at Thornton Rust Village Institute on 16.04.25 at 5pm with Harry and his team from Northern Powergrid.

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

Cllr Dinsdale reported that Cllr Windle has done a lot of weeding at the Rock Garden. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Windle. The Clerk advised that a Risk Assessment is due for the Rock Garden. **Action - The Clerk and Cllr Dinsdale to carry out the Risk Assessment and circulate.**

11 Minutes & Reports from Annual Parish Meetings 2025 (Circulated)

The Clerk read out the action points from the circulated March Annual Parish Meeting minutes:

Aysgarth

- **Quarry Crusher Run for Tip Lane** - It was agreed to ask the Parish Council if they would order Crusher Run & let the farmers who use the lane know when it would be delivered so that they could spread it. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that this had already been discussed at the February Parish Council meeting and the Parish Council were awaiting a price so that an informed decision could be made.
- **Future Aysgarth 'Annual Parish' Meetings** - Pip Pointon (Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting) suggested that given the annual meeting is not well attended, whether a short meeting could be held in advance of a 'Parish Council Meeting' between 1st March & 1st June. For the avoidance of doubt, the (Parish Council Clerk) advised that she would not wish to arrange/clerk the annual parish meeting. The Parish Council agreed the suggested arrangement given it would meet the criteria of the 1972 Act and the NYC Parish Charter.

Thoralby with Newbiggin & Bishopdale

- **Littleburn Lane** - the condition is deteriorating due to drainage ditch at side washing road away, and it was felt that in snow, vehicles could slip into the gutter. **Action - Clerk to report to Area 1**
- **Wash Dub Bridge on Side Lane** - Railings have been installed and work completed. Cllr Parker was thanked for doing the work for no charge. Cllr Parker was also thanked for the work on Low Green Lane Footbridge.

Thornton Rust

- **White Posts** - The Parish meeting agreed that a contractor should be asked to install the posts along the village green as, due to the underlying bedrock in several places it was not possible for residents to do the work. It was agreed to obtain quotes which would be paid for by the Thornton Mire reserve bank account. **Action - Cllr Dinsdale to obtain a written fixed cost quote from Stuart Gatenby.**
- **Lighting Issues** - The streetlight on the north side of the road at the west end of the village was not working and it had been reported twice to NYC. **Action - Cllr Cromey-Hawke to obtain the light number and the Clerk would then report it via NYC website.**
- **Clerk to Annual Parish Meeting** - Pip Pointon said she will clerk next year's Thornton Rust Annual Parish meeting and then resign. Residents were asked to search for a new annual parish meeting clerk.

12. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 10.02.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - The Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund
- 12.02.25 from NYC HAM - Acknowledgement that PC do not wish to take on vi splay
- 13.02.25 from Vice Chairperson Reeth Parish Council - Home to School Transport Policy
- 14.02.25 from customer.serv.payphones@bt.com - Response to PC e mail dated 14.02.25 re Aysgarth BT Phone Box
- 15.02.25 from Clerk to Aysgarth Cemetery Joint Management Committee in response to Mr Bramley NYC e mail dated 27.01.25 re queries re Cemetery at St Andrews Church, Aysgarth
- 18.02.25 from YDNPA - Invitation to Spring Parish Forum meetings
- 18.02.25 from YDNPA - Invitation to Planning Webinar via Online Teams 02.04.25 6.30pm - 8pm
- 18.02.25 from YDNPA - Parish Newsletter - Winter Edition
- 19.02.25 - Parish Online Newsletter #56
- 19.02.25 from UDHW - Minutes
- 20.02.25 from NYC Fiona Hunter Development Management Team Manager re Aysgarth BT Phone Box
- 25.02.25 from AJG - Renewal Quote for Insurance at a premium of £457.38
- 26.02.25 from NYC - Mobile HWRC Service for 2025/26 Aysgarth Saturday 17.05.25 9am - 10.30am
- 26.02.25 from Community Engagement Team Quick line - Full fibre broadband
- 26.02.25 from NYC- Parish Update - February 2025
- 27.02.25 from Samantha Thompson @nhs.net - Public engagement activities for the Catterick Integrated Care Centre (CICC) Project
- 02.03.25 from Richmond Rotary - Best Kept Village Competition 2025
- 03.03.25 from Community Engagement Team Quick line in response to PC e mail dated 28.02.25
- 04.03.25 from YDNPA - Update from Defra regarding a change to the eligibility criteria Paragraph 2 which states that a co-opted member cannot be eligible has now been removed
- 10.03.25 from NYC - Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee meeting on 17.03.25
- 16.03.25 & 27.03.25 from Clerk to Annual Parish Meetings re Aysgarth & Thornton Rust meetings
- 17.03.25 from WBW - Annual Revenue Declaration/claim window for Stewardship Schemes open
- 20.03.25 - Parish Online Newsletter #57 - **The Clerk would discontinue circulating these newsletters**
- 20.03.25 from YDNPA - Local Plan - Regulation 19 (Final Draft)
- 25.03.25 from PKFLITTLEJOHN LLP - 2024/25 AGAR external auditor instructions
- 25.03.25 from Clerk to Annual Parish Meeting - Draft Minutes from Thoraby with Newbiggin & Bishopdale Parish Meeting held on 17.03.25
- 26.03.25 from NYC - Parish Update - March 2025
- 26.03.25 from Clerk to Annual Parish Meeting - Report from Thornton Rust Meeting held on 13.03.25
- 26.03.25 from Clerk to Annual Parish Meeting - Report from Aysgarth Meeting held on 14.03.25
- 26.03.25 from AJG - Confirmation of insurance renewal from 01.04.25

13. Any Other Business

- Aysgarth Village Institute are holding a Treasure Hunt and Bring & Share on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 25 at 3pm to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next Parish Council Annual General Meeting - **amended date of Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute**

The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour