

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2025 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Rob Cromey-Hawke, Chris Parker, Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman, Peter Windle, David Wood

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Members of the public: 0

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received for Cllrs Margaret Jones & Alison Sayer. Apologies were also received from Pip Pointon.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2025 were approved as a true and correct record

3. Declaration of interest

Cllr Dinsdale declared an interest in item 7 - R/53/27J & R/58/65G

Cllr Parker declared an interest in item 7 - R/57/6Z

Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item 7 - R/57/6Z

Cllr Sayer declared an interest in item 7 - R/53/24H

Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item 12 - Grass Cutting Quote

- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - none

5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

Matters from 09.01.25 Meeting

- Drain under wall needs rodding near Farm at Scarr Top coming into Thornton Rust from Cubeck side**
The Clerk confirmed that she received a call from Area 1 on 13.02.25 who were at the site and confirmed that someone had rodded it and it was now clear. He had rodded a couple of other areas in the vicinity also now clear.

New Matters from 13.02.25 Meeting

- Cllr Cooper reported that she had received concerns from residents that someone has turned the curtilage into a rockery near Whitbeck House, Newbiggin. It is a single-track road and is making it difficult/dangerous to pass. Action - Clerk to report to Area 1 Highways.**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101104	F Cartwright	181.06	Clerk Pay - Feb 25
101105	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - Feb 25
101106	F Cartwright	181.06	Clerk Pay - March 25
101107	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - March 25
6991864	Business Stream	18.35	Rock Garden Water 29.10.24 - 28.01.25
Total		£400.47	

6.2 Income Received since the 09.01.25 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
No income other than bank interest			

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications - None

Withdrawn

R/59/35L/LB - Listed building consent for replacement of 8no. sliding sash windows to front elevation with Heritage uPVC sliding sash windows to match existing; replacement of 1no. fixed light staircase window to rear elevation with Heritage uPVC window and replacement of timber door with composite door at Manor House Farm, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AN (**Withdrawn 27.01.25**)

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

Approved Conditional

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 (**Approved Conditional 15.01.25**)

Approved S106

R/51/22K - Full planning permission for change of use of Guest House and annexe to form a single Principal Residency dwelling with residential annexe at Stow House, Aysgarth (**Approved S106 22.01.25**)

Refused - None

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 - 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/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 & Appealed**)

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**)

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

- e mail from WBW dated 29.01.25 re access

Action - Clerk to respond confirming the Parish Council's access and management

- Northern PowerGrid (NP) Letter to Thornton Rust residents re Network Improvement Proposal DI7844

Action - Cllrs Cromey-Hawke and Dinsdale to publicise discussion at Thornton Rust Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 13.03.25 at 7.00pm and arrange to invite Harry Shepherd from NP.

- e mail from Clerk to Thoralby with Newbiggin and Bishopdale Annual Parish Meeting dated 26.01.25

The Parish Council provided the following updates:

Thoralby Moss - The Parish Council has advised the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) via the Land Agent WBW that the land is not currently being grazed. The RPA have come back with some questions and the Parish Council has confirmed that the land can and always has been accessible and the Parish Council as the DEFRA agreement holder and landowner still has management control and is still able to do all other management e.g. access with vehicles and equipment.

Other Matters:

- Floodwater from Town Head - This has been resolved
- Goose Lane ownership - enquiries have been made to no avail
- Parking Signage at Village Hall - not a Parish Council matter
- Bishopdale Bridge - District Cllr Peacock has reassured on a number of occasions that this will be in the capital budget soon
- Top Gate at Blindsyke - not a Parish Council matter
- There has been no response from Highways re Littleburn, Spickles Lane, Pinfold

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

Nothing new to report, waiting for Spring season weather for maintenance works

10. Insurance Renewal (Due 01.04.25)

The Clerk advised that following the submission of the Pre Renewal Questionnaire the insurance renewal had not been received to date.

11. BT Telephone Box, Aysgarth

The Parish Council discussed the Notice which had been displayed in the BT Telephone box on 28.01.25 and the importance of retaining the telephone box. Action - Clerk to write to BT at customer.serv.payphones@bt.com objecting to the removal of the Telephone Box on the following grounds and requesting restoration of the telephone box:

- The village has limited mobile phone signal at times and the BT Telephone Box therefore provides a lifeline to a rural community
- The village experiences a number of power cuts during inclement weather conditions
- A defibrillator is located on the outside wall of the Village Institute (a few yards away from the BT Telephone Box). The Institute does not have phone facilities, so the BT Telephone Box is a vital means of calling 999 to obtain the access code for the defibrillator
- The BT Telephone Box is cultural heritage in the village. It has been part of the village for decades
- The Parish Council has received a number of objections from local residents re the BT Telephone Box being removed

12. Grass Cutting 2025

The Parish Council considered the quote received from Mark Cooper to continue to cut the grass in Aysgarth, Thorlby & Thornton Rust villages at no increase in the rate of cut from 2024. The Parish Council welcomed the price freeze. **Action - Clerk to accept quote in writing.**

13. Annual Parish Meeting 2025 Dates

Village Hall/Institute	Day	Date	Time
Thornton Rust	Thursday	13.03.25	7.00pm
Aysgarth	Friday	14.03.25	7.30pm
Thorlby	Monday	17.03.25	7.30pm

14. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 03.01.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Weather warning
- 06.01.25 from NYC - Road Closure 25.02.25 - 26.02.25 09:30 - 15.00 for BT to replace pole between Cubeck to Thornton Rust
- 09.01.25 from NYC - Mobile Household Waste Recycling centre in Aysgarth on 17.05.25 9.00am-10.30am
- 10.01.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Climate Change Workshop for Councillors
- 10.01.25 from NYC - Weather Disruption to Waste Services
- 10.01.25 from M Cooper - Grass Cutting Invoice for 2024
- 15.01.25 from NYC Parish Online Newsletter
- 20.01.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - The Local Plan
- 20.01.25 from YDNPA - Objectives for the YDNPA Management Plan 2025-2030 Consultation (10.03.25)
- 23.01.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Weather Warning
- 26.01.25 from Clerk to Thorlby with Newbiggin and Bishopdale Annual Parish Meeting - 2025 Meeting
- 27.01.25 from NYC - Enquiry re existing and future cemetery provision - **Action Clerk to respond asking Mr. Amsden & Mrs Pointon (Chairman & Clerk of the Cemetery Committee) to respond**
- 28.01.25 from Leyburn and District Community Anchor Organisation - Notice of a presentation on 25.02.25 at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre at 6.30pm - The Threat of Terrorism and Cyber Attack
- 28.01.25 from Area 1 - Road Closure (subject to access to premises) for Carriageway patching works 01.04.25-31.10.25 - Site 5 C105 Thornton Rust Road, Aysgarth (From its junction with the A684 in Aysgarth, westwards to the speed limit signs east of Thornton Rust)
- 29.01.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Parish Update 2025 No 1
- 29.01.25 from WBW - Response received from RPA, query re access (Item 8)
- 30.01.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - North Yorkshire Cultural Network Newsletter
- 30.01.25 from NYC Parish Liaison - Update on The Local Plan
- 05.02.25 from NYC - Garden Waste Licence - **Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that a Garden Bin had been arranged paid for from Rock Garden donations**

15. Any Other Business

Wath Bridge, Aysgarth - Cllr Dinsdale reported that he had spoken to the off roaders and had advised them that their changed direction of travel from Aysgarth to Carperby was better for the land.

Crusher Run for Tip Lane, Aysgarth - Cllr Wood requested crusher run. The Clerk asked that a price be obtained for consideration.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Date of next Parish Council meeting - Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute
The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour**