

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th February 2024 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Members of the public: None

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from District Councillor Yvonne Peacock and Mrs P Pointon, Website Administrator/Press Release
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of Meeting held on 11th January 2024 were approved as a true and correct record
- 3. Declaration of interest** - Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Item 7 Planning Application R/58/96B Rear of the Reading Room, Westfield Lane, Thorlby and Item 10 Grass Cutting. Cllr Dinsdale declared an interest in Item 7 Planning Application R/57/45E land adjacent to East Lane Farm Buildings, Bishopdale, DL8 3TF.
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
- 5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

Further updates were not available on the following matters:

Historic/Ongoing:

- Bridge at Bishopdale
- Spickles Lane - Aysgarth & Burton-Cum-Walden
- Mill Lane, Aysgarth
- Dangerous Tree Thornton Rust Road
- Water/ice at Kelspring, Aysgarth Thornton Rust Road
- Solar Lights nr Doctors Surgery, Aysgarth
- White lining Parking Bays in small layby in Aysgarth
- Plans for revisiting Church Bank, Aysgarth
- 10 Ft tall 3 ft wide shrubs obstructing the road at Fern Lee, opposite Village Hall, Thorlby
- Narrow footpath outside Colman's, Aysgarth
- Flood Sign near Aysgarth Falls Hotel - awaiting update from District Cllr Peacock from Area Committee meeting

Updates

- **Drains, Thornton Rust & Bishopdale** - Cllr Cromey-Hawke said that Highways had responded to the PC e mail of 26.01.24 quickly and had done an excellent job of hoovering the chambers and using a high-pressure jet on the drains and the drains were now working well. A good job had also been done repairing pot holes on the Aysgarth to Thornton Rust road and the drains in Bishopdale **Action - Clerk to send thank you e mail and advise that one drain in Bishopdale had been missed.**
- **Concerns re Gritting Newbiggin and parts of Thorlby** - The e mail from Mr. Battersby NYC dated 22.01.24 was noted.
- **Salt/Grit Bin, near Institute, Aysgarth** - Cllr Windle had asked the Clerk to ask the Council to refill the bin. The Clerk updated that NYC are not responsible for servicing the bin despite the NYCC Highways sticker.

Neither are they able to service it on a rechargeable (third party funded) basis as the area does not lie within the public maintainable highway. **Action - Clerk to e mail Highways with a map of the public maintainable highway.**

New Matters from 15.02.24 Meeting

- **Water leaking on to B6160 Street Head, Newbiggin** - Cllr Dinsdale had received a phone call from Mr Parker re water leaking from his field onto the road. **Action - Clerk to ask Highways if they could supply Mr Parker with 60 metres of 12' pipe as the water was making the road dangerous.**
- **Salt/Grit Bin, outside Candlelight Cottage, Newbiggin** - Cllr Jones reported that the bin has also been filling with water as the lid does not stay closed. NYC had previously bashed a hole in it with a shovel to drain it and consequently the salt also washes through and it is not fit for purpose. **Action - Clerk to ask if a new bin could be provided at no cost to the Parish Council.**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101079	F Cartwright	169.56	Clerk Pay - February 24
101080	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - February 24
101081	F Cartwright	113.16	Clerk Pay - March 24
101082	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - March 24
4234273	Business Stream	15.43	Rock Garden Water - 28.10.23 - 27.01.24
Total		£318.15	

The Clerk updated that cheque number 101081 for the final Clerk pay for financial year 23/24 had been amended to £113.16 rather than the £169.56 on the agenda. A reduction of £56.40 to take account of an overpayment due to the timing of payslips earlier in the year.

6.2 Income Received since the 11.01.24 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
None			

Cllr Wilman to provide bank details to Mr Lancaster for the payment of £70 for the let of Hawe Lane, Thoralby 2023/24.

6.3 Defibrillator - Action - Clerk to order the defibrillator pads x 2 for Aysgarth & Newbiggin and batteries x 2 for Newbiggin and Thoralby.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications

R/51/60F - Full planning permission for an operational change to the mixture of unit types allowed on the site, from the current mix of 5 caravan, motorhome or campervan pitches and 10 tent or trailer tent pitches to the proposed mix of up to 10 caravan, motorhome and campervan pitches in addition to up to 10 tent or trailer tent pitches. The number of pitches available for use at any one time would remain at a maximum of 15, the change would allow the combination of pitches to flex between a mix of accommodation types on those pitches at Town Ends, Aysgarth, DL8 3AQ (close date for PC comments extended from 30.01.24 to 16.02.24). **The Parish Council agreed to support the change of use. Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA.**

R/57/47B - Householder planning permission for erection of wooden summer house at Whitbeck, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/54/7W - Full planning permission for use of land for siting of caravan for use as holiday park reception and office and site wide lighting plan (**retrospective**) at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Westholme Bank, Aysgarth. **The Parish Council discussed the concerns previously made re lighting levels etc.**

Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA stating that further to previous objection made by the Parish Council, the lighting must remain consistent with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Dark Skies. There are concerns that the technical paint will wear off and the Parish Council feel there should be an enforced maintenance routine to ensure the light emitted does not revert back to white light.

R/57/17B - Householder planning permission for removal of three sheds and replacement of sheds 2 & 3 only, alterations to roof of rear kitchen and relocation of oil tank and provision of coal bunker at Brookside, Newbiggin. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/57/17C/LB - Listed Building consent for replacement of existing windows and doors with a mixture of timber and uPVC alternatives; removal of wood store from rear elevation and alterations to roof of rear kitchen at Brookside, Newbiggin. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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

Approved (Conditional) - none

Approved (S106) - none

Withdrawn/Final Disposal - none

Under Consideration

R/59/50C at Hardbanks Barn, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AS (**Reg date 20.04.20**)

R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R (**Reg date 30.11.20**)

R/58/49A - Full planning permission for change of use from agricultural barn to short term holiday let, including rebuilding of lean-to in local stone; installation of ground and roof mounted solar PV panels, package sewage treatment plant, borehole and subterranean LPG tank at Marion's Barn, Westfield Lane, Thoraby

R/53/36 - Full planning permission for the installation of a 25m lightweight lattice mast with 3no. radio antennas, 3no. transmission dishes, radio equipment housing, solar array comprising of 36no. solar panels and 2no. ground-based cabinets along with ancillary development and proposed access track (circa 145m) for the purpose of telecoms at Gilbert Lane (NGR: E394078 / N481344), Bishopdale, BD23 5JB

R/58/96B - Full planning permission for erection of single storey dwelling for local occupancy, together with installation of air source heat pump and solar panels at Land to the Rear of the Reading Room, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU

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

R/53/27J - Full planning permission for the erection of a 3-bedroom rural workers dwelling at Kidstones Farm, Bishopdale, Leyburn, DL8 3TG

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/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, DL8 3TE

R/57/45E - Full planning permission for the installation of approximately 140m of 450mm twin wall HDPE pipe and the construction of a stone pipe intake (**retrospective**) at land adjacent to East Lane Farm Buildings, Bishopdale, DL8 3TF

Cllr Windle queried why R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R (Reg date 30.11.20) was taking so long. **Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA.**

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

- **Thoralby Moss Legal matters** - The clerk read out the e mail from solicitor dated 23.01.24.
Action - Clerk to instruct solicitor to proceed.

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

- The circulated Risk Assessment dated 31.01.24 was noted.

10. Grass Cutting 2024 (Circulated)

The Parish Council agreed the written quote for 2024 grass cutting received from Mr Cooper dated 25.01.24.
Action - Clerk to accept the quote in writing.

11. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 10.01.24 from YLCA - Further apology re Website log in details
- 10.01.24 from YDNPA - The Autumn Parish Forum available to view on the YDNPA website
- 10.01.24 from Area 1 - Single online Garden Waste Application Form Prototype
- 16.01.24 from Solicitors - Name change
- 16.01.24 from YDNPA - Press Release re YDNP Management Plan
- 18.01.24 from WBW - 2023 BPS Claim Statement, Remittance Advice £4,013.57, SFI Newsletter (by post)
- 18.01.24 from YDNPA - Free local Farm Grant update meetings in Feb 24
- 22.01.24 from Karl Battersby NYC - Response to PC e mail re Gritting Newbiggin and parts of Thoralby
- 23.01.24 from WBW - Confirmation re HLS payment
- 23.01.24 from YDNPA - Extension to close date for planning application R/51/60F (Item 7)
- 23.01.24 from Solicitor - Thoralby Moss (Item 8)
- 25.01.24 from Mark Cooper - Increased costs for Grass Cutting 2024 (Item 10)
- 26.01.24 from UDHW - Central Dales Practice Women's Health Day - 02.03.24 12- 4pm
- 31.01.24 from WBW - Remittance for £5,109.10 re 06.12.23 bank receipt re HLS Agreement (by post)
- 01.02.24 from Area 1 - Salt/Grit bin near Aysgarth Institute, Aysgarth
- 08.02.24 from NYC - Land Managers & Farmers Engagement Events - North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Recovery Strategy

12. Any Other Business

- **Portrait of His Majesty The King** - The Clerk read out an e mail received after the agenda was issued from NYC dated 13.02.24 re free framed portrait for Parish Councils. **Action - Clerk to register and order a portrait.**
- **YLCA Richmondshire Branch meeting** - Cllr Dinsdale said the next meeting would be held at Colburn and a representative from the Health Authority would be attending to talk about the new Medical Centre planned for Catterick.
- **Storm Damage, Newbiggin** - Cllr Jones said that during the storms in December 23 a telegraph pole next to the BT Telephone Box in Newbiggin had blown down causing damage to the sheep dip, wash area and wall . This was reported to BT Open Reach in December and January 24 and they came out, took the wires down and put an order in for a new pole and for the wall to be repaired. The BT phone box is now out of order. The phone is needed due to poor mobile phone signal in the area. **Action - Cllr Jones to chase BT Open Reach again and obtain case reference number and e mail address so that Clerk can follow it up if needed.**

'Parish' Meeting Dates - TBC

Date of next Parish Council meeting - Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

Meeting closed 8.45pm