

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th February 2023 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, Peter Windle, David Wood

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk
Mrs P Pointon - Website Administrator/Press Release

Members of the public: 1

A minute silence was held in memory of Jack Thompson, former Parish Councillor

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Parish Councillor Jones.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of Meeting held on 23rd January 2023 were approved as a true and correct record
- 3. Declaration of interest** - None
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**
- 5. Community Emergency Plan - North Yorkshire County Council talk on benefits, training and funding**

The Parish Council welcomed Joe Rushbrook from the Resilience & Emergencies Team, North Yorkshire County Council to the meeting. Apologies were given from Jason Wainwright who could not attend the meeting due to a prior engagement.

Joe explained that he had been in contact with Cllr Windle regarding the Community Emergency Plan for Aysgarth & District. **Action - Cllr Windle to supply Joe with a copy of the Community Emergency Plan.**

The different Parishes which fall under the Aysgarth & District Parish Council were outlined to Joe. It was agreed that a site meeting in daylight would be a good idea. **Action - Cllrs Windle & Dinsdale to liaise with Joe re dates/times.**

The floods on the A684 from Aysgarth to Hawes and diversion via single width Thornton Rust Road were explained to Joe. Flooding in Thornton Rust was also highlighted. It was noted that Bishopdale is an ambulance route and has very poor internet. Aysgarth is considered the central village to the Parishes.

Joe explained that he is involved in assisting various local communities with their Emergency Plans including Grinton, Arkengarth, Preston Under Scar, Low Row and Gunnerside, etc. These communities had created 'Hubs' intended to be a short-term arrangement in an emergency whilst the authorities are notified, and families step in to look after relatives. Some of the communities have installed generators. There may be funding available to help with the costs. The Parish Council felt that consideration would need to be given to location (which Village Institutes/Halls), ownership, risk assessments, insurance, maintenance, responsible person, costs, etc.

Satellite Communication Devices will be rolled out locally. Enhanced Walky Talky with an extended range should not be a problem for the Parishes.

Training - there is no training available from North Yorkshire County Council. It would be for the Parish Council to train volunteers. The Parish Council could ask the local Mountain Rescue Team to give a talk at a Parish Council meeting.

Sandbags - It was noted that none of the Parishes have any sandbags to aid with flooding. Joe said that he would look into supplying circa 150 filled bags free of charge which could be stored in the Village Institute(s)/Hall(s) providing those Committees were in agreement. The Parish Council expressed their appreciation.

The Parish Council thanked Joe Rushbrook for coming to the meeting and providing useful information and guidance.

6. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

Historic/Ongoing - No further updates were available on the following matters:

- Bridge at Bishopdale
- Spickles Lane - Aysgarth & Burton-Cum-Walden
- Mill Lane, Aysgarth
- Dangerous Tree Thornton Rust Road

From 24.11.22 Parish Council Meeting

The Clerk read out the e mail response from Area 1 Highways dated 25.01.23:

- Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), Jammy Hill, Aysgarth not working intermittently - repaired on the 10.01.23
- Sleeping Policeman, Aysgarth causing flooding to property next to Hamilton's Tearoom - Highways have checked their mapping and this defect is not within the extent of the public highway
- Clean water being discharged from Hillside Cottage, Thoraby - Highway Officers inspected this site on the 13.01.23 and advised that they did not identify any water issue whilst on site. Photos would be helpful.

From 23.01.23 Parish Council Meeting - No update was available on the following matter:

- Water/ice at Kelspring, Aysgarth Thornton Rust Road

Action - The Clerk was asked to report the following matters to Highways:

- Edge of kerb breaking away outside Aysgarth Garage / George & Dragon in Aysgarth
- Pot hole just before Home Farm, Aysgarth on the Aysgarth to Thoraby Road
- Pot hole on Heads Bank on A684 Aysgarth to Leyburn Road, not far after the the West Burton turn off

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101054	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - February 23
101055	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - February 23
101056	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - March 23
101057	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - March 23
No Inv	Aysgarth Institute	90.00	9 Meetings 2022/23
281	J Ellerton Groundworks Ltd	2,244.00	Concrete Channels for New Bridge (TM Acc)
Total		£2,579.84	

The following invoice C/Fwd from 06.10.22 Meeting
4018/27 WBW Surveyors

384.00

Stewardship Invoice 2022

The Parish Council agreed to pay the above invoice.

7.2 Income Received since the 23.01.23 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
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None

8. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New - None

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

Approved Conditionally

R/51/27D - Full planning permission for siting of 1 no. Shepherds Hut within rear garden/orchard for short term holiday lets (**retrospective**) at Yorecroft, Aysgarth DL8 3AH (**Approved Conditional 20.01.23**)

Under Consideration

R/54/7X - Full planning permission for siting of 17 glamping pods comprising - (Area A) relocation of petting farm and siting of 11 glamping pods and associated development; and (Area B) removal of 2 holiday lodges, siting of 6 glamping pods and associated works at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Westholme Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SP

R/54/7X - AMENDED PROPOSAL Full planning permission for removal of 2 holiday lodges and siting of 6 glamping pods and associated works. at Aysgarth Lodge Holidays, Westholme Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SP

R/53/11A - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation with associated parking and works to access track; together with installation of new package treatment plant at Great Barn, Kidstones, Bishopdale

R/53/33 - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation, together with installation of package treatment plant at Barn to south-east of B6160, Kidstones Farm, Bishopdale, DL8 3TQ

R/53/21D - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation with associated domestic curtilage and parking, and installation of septic tank at Barn south of Kidstones Farmhouse, Kidstones Farm, Kidstones, Bishopdale, BD23 3TG

R/59/43B - Full planning permission for conversion of existing garage to dwelling for local occupancy/short term holiday lets with parking, and installation of new sewage package treatment plant at The New House, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW

R/53/35 - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation at Barn to West of Kidstones Farmhouse, Bishopdale, DL8 3TQ

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/51/27D - Full planning permission for siting of 1 no. Shepherds Hut within rear garden/orchard for short term holiday lets (**retrospective**) at Yorecroft, Aysgarth, Leyburn, DL8 3AH.

R/53/27H - Full planning permission for retention of existing temporary workers accommodation on site for one year at Land off B6160, Kidstones Gill Bridge, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG.

R/57/9D - Full planning permission for erection of agricultural storage building, alterations to adjacent building by provision of new pitched roof and timber cladding; construction of access track off the main road utilising an existing field gate and construction of hard-standings at Brookhouse Farm, Newbiggin DL8 3TD

R/57/9E - Full planning permission for replacement of windows with double glazed uPVC, replacement of doors, alteration of rear lean-to roof pitch and blocking up of window on west elevation, and conversion of detached outbuilding to create an annex ancillary to the main dwelling at Brookhouse Farm, Newbiggin DL8 3TD

R/57/9F/LB - Listed building consent for replacement of windows with double glazed uPVC, replacement of doors, alteration of rear lean-to roof pitch and blocking up of window on west elevation, and conversion of detached outbuilding to create an annex ancillary to the main dwelling at Brookhouse Farm, Newbiggin DL8 3TD

R/57/6Y - Section 73 application for variation of conditions 2 & 3 of R/57/6X (Full planning permission for demolition of existing WC block and construction of 2 storey visitor bedroom accommodation comprising of 4 no. units together with single storey bin store and general store, associated parking areas and installation of sewage treatment plant) in respect of change of one ground floor window to door and south west facing wall to be amended to blockwork and white waterproof render to match Street Head Cottage adjoined to proposed works, and provide additional damp proofing to the west wall at Street Head Caravan Park, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE

R/51/25L - Major Planning Application - Full planning permission for 15 holiday lodges and facilities, alongside refurbishment of and extension to existing hotel at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR

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

- Thoralby Moss Grazing Licence. E mail received from WBW dated 24.01.23
Action - Clerk to obtain fee estimate from solicitor

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

- **Electric Work Update** - The electrician T & M Jackson will be carrying out the work on Monday 27.02.23. Cllrs Windle and Dinsdale will meet the electrician.

11. Insurance Renewal 2023 - Pre-Renewal Questionnaire (*Circulated*)

The Parish Council reviewed the Pre-Renewal Insurance Questionnaire. **Action - Clerk to progress the renewal.**

12. Parish Charter Consultation (*Circulated*) - The Parish Council decided not to submit a response.

13. Commemorative King Charles III Coronation Mugs - Cllrs Cooper and Cromey-Hawke confirmed that their respective Village Halls/Institutes are also happy to pay the net cost of the mugs. **Action - Clerk to order & arrange payment for 2 x boxes (72 mugs) at a total cost of £584.40 including VAT, insurance, and delivery.**

14. Correspondence (*Circulated*)

The Parish Council noted and commented on the correspondence received as follows:

- 09.01.23 from RDC - Confirmation of UDAP Grant Application for Rock Garden Electrics awarded
- 09.01.23 from YLCA - Richmondshire Branch Meeting 02.02.23
- 11.01.23 from Rebekah Watkins/Boo Watkins - Enquiry re LA Flex Scheme

- 11.01.23 from NYCC - (HWRC) Mobile Household Waste Recycling Dates - Aysgarth - Saturday 20th May 9.00am - 10.30am
- 13.01.23 from Association of Rural Communities (ARC) - R/51/25L Full planning permission for 15 holiday lodges and facilities, alongside refurbishment of and extension to existing hotel at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR
- 17.01.23 from NYCC - Invitation from Richard Flinton to take part in the draft Parish Charter consultation
- 18.01.23 from Brook Group - Enquiry into next Parish Council meeting re R/51/25L Full planning permission for 15 holiday lodges and facilities, alongside refurbishment of and extension to existing hotel at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR
- 19.01.23 from RDC - Confirmation of £8,000.00 Precept Request
- 20.01.23 from YDNPA - Free events for farmers & landowners in Feb 23
- 22.01.23 from Brook Group - Confirmation of representatives attending 23.01.23 Parish Council meeting
- 23.01.23 from RDC - Adoption of Part II Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
- 23.01.23 & 26.01.23 from RDC - Response to PC e mail of 22.01.23 re Solar Light and Lights nr Doctors Surgery, Aysgarth
- 23.01.23 from YDNPA - Latest News
- 23.01.23 from Secretary to Thoraby Parish - Invoice from J Ellerton for £2,244.00 re concrete channels for bridge works
- 24.01.23 from Aysgarth resident - Problems of flooding at Kelspring, Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Rd
- 24.01.23 from WBW Surveyors - Response to PC e mail of 04.01.23 and communication from Fawcett family
- 24.01.23 from AJG Insurance Broker - Insurance Pre-Renewal Questionnaire (01.04.23 Renewal date)
- 25.01.23 from Area 1 Highways re matters reported from 24.11.22 Parish Council meeting
- 25.01.23 from RDC - Community Investment Fund Launched
- 25.01.23 from British Gas Rock Garden Electricity Statement 19.10.22 - 17.01.23 Government Discount Energy Bills Support Scheme received - credit balance of £134.56
- 25.01.23 from RDC - Details of 2am Licence Application Dated Nov 22 from The Aysgarth Falls Hotel
- 26.01.23 from YDNPA - Details of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Major developments
- 26.01.23 from Brook Group - Copy of statement read out at 23.01.23 PC meeting and letter for Parish Council
- 30.01.23 from NYCC - Community Emergency Plans
- 31.01.23 from RDC - Warm & Welcome Space Directory
- 01.02.23 from NYCC - Acceptance for 16.02.23 PC Meeting invite re Community Emergency Plans and Funding
- 03.02.23 from YDNPA - Acknowledgement of Parish Council Strong Objection to R/51/25L Full planning permission for 15 holiday lodges and facilities, alongside refurbishment of and extension to existing hotel at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Aysgarth, DL83SR
- 03.02.23 from NYCC - 3 North Yorkshire Council - launching 01.04.23 Communications Campaign
- 07.02.23 from NYCC - Parish Council Liaison Drop In Dates re Draft Parish Charter & other matters
- 09.02.23 from RDC - Parish Council Liaison Drop In Dates re Draft Parish Charter & other matters

15. Parish Meeting Dates

The annual Parish Meetings will take place in the respective Parish Village Halls/Institutes on the following dates: Thoraby 13.03.23, Thornton Rust 15.03.23, Aysgarth 20.03.23

16. Any Other Business - None

Date of next meeting - Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute.

Meeting closed 9.30pm