

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th June 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: 1

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from District Councillor Peacock
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2024 were approved as a true and correct record
- 3. Declaration of interest**

Cllr Dinsdale declared an interest in R/57/45E - Land adjacent to East Lane Farm Buildings, Bishopdale

Cllr Cromey-Hawke declared an interest in R/59/54B - High Meadow Barn, Thornton Rust

Cllr Wood declared an interest in item 11 West Stonelea, Aysgarth

- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**

The following planning applications was brought forward from Item 8 Planning

R/51/25M - Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (amendments to plans), 8 (amended drainage design strategy) and 9 (amended landscaping scheme) of R/51/25L (full planning permission for 14 hotel lodges and facilities, alongside refurbishment of and extension to existing hotel) at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR **(Received 24.05.24, amended close date from 14.06.24 to 28.06.24)**

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The Chairman welcomed Aysgarth resident Mr Toper to the meeting. Mr Toper gave a brief overview of his background as a consultant in the energy and water industry. He summarised his concerns and objections to the Section 73 application to vary conditions as detailed in his e mail dated 12.06.24 to YDNPA, cc Yorkshire Water. The objections will be published on the YDNPA planning portal.

The Parish Council discussed the application for amendment but were unable to decide on a response at the meeting due to insufficient information provided by the applicant, particularly on the new addition of a backup generator appearing on the application for the first time. The Parish Council felt that additional information would be helpful e.g. justification for the need to install a generator on the site and the recommendation the applicants have received from any consultation they have had with Northern Power Grid or other power specialists, the size and output of the generator, the location and size of the diesel tank that will fuel the generator and the noise and environmental impact of the installation.

The Chairman asked if the Parish Council had any questions for Mr Toper. There were no questions. The Clerk thanked Mr Toper for coming to the meeting. Mr Toper left the meeting.

Action - Cllr Cromey-Hawke to telephone YDNPA to enquire if additional information is available so that the Parish Council can make an informed decision. A request to extend the response timeline may be required to allow the Parish Council time to consider additional information and submit a response.

5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

- **White Lines, Aysgarth** - Cllr Windle reported that the white lines in the middle of the road from Aysgarth Garage and past the Aysgarth Falls Hotel had been repainted
- **Business & Planning Act 2020 Pavement Licence Application from BR Aysgarth Ltd re Aysgarth Falls Hotel** - The Clerk reported that an Aysgarth resident had received an e mail from NYC dated 13.06.24 confirming that the licence had not been granted
- **Solar Lights** - Cllr Walker advised that the new solar lights had been installed opposite the Doctors Surgery in Aysgarth

New Matters from 20.06.24 Meeting

- **Flooding in village of Newbiggin** - Action - Cllr Jones to mark on ONS map where the flooding is believed to be originating from. Clerk to contact YDNPA
- **Outgang Lane, Thornton Rust** - Action - Clerk to report the poor surface condition and potholes of the lane which leads to a public car park regularly used by visitors
- **Gullies between Pinfold and Viking House, Thoraby** - Action - Clerk to request that the gullies which are full of debris to be cleared

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101090	F Cartwright	181.06	Clerk Pay - July 24
101091	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - July 24
101092	F Cartwright	181.06	Clerk Pay - August 24
101093	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - August 24
08.06.24	British Gas	77.05	Rock Garden Electricity 08.03.24 - 08.06.24
Total		£465.17	

The following invoices which had been received after the agenda was issued were also approved:

201	J Reynolds	50.00	Audit Report 23/24
4019/32	WBW Surveyors	238.22	Plan (Thoraby Moss Bank Account)

6.2 Income Received since the 23.05.24 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
11.05.24	J Dinsdale	102.82	Rock Garden Donations
01.06.24	J Dinsdale	83.34	Rock Garden Donations
05.06.24	L & D Gallivan	5.00	Peppercorn Thornton Rust

It was agreed that going forward bank statements would be reviewed and signed off at each meeting.

6.3 VAT Reclaim 01.04.23 - 31.03.24 (Circulated)

The Clerk advised the VAT Reclaim for £3,323.31 had been submitted to HMRC. Once payment has been received £2,350.04 would be transferred to the Thoraby Moss bank account.

7. AGAR/Accounts for 2023/24 (Circulated)

B.1. Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24

The Annual Internal Audit Report prepared by Jo Reynolds was noted. All the accounts were in order.

B.2. Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

The Statements from Section 1 of the External Audit Form were confirmed and it was resolved as a true and correct record. Section 1 was then signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

B.2.i. Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2023/24

The Accounting Statement in Section 2 was considered, and it was resolved as a true and correct record. Section 2 was then signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

B.3. Presentation of the Accounts for the Year 2023/24

The accounts were presented to the council for the year. The accounts were considered and approved by the council.

8. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

R/51/25M - Section 73 application to vary conditions at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR **(B/fwd to Item 4)**

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, DL8 3TE **(Refused - 28.05.24)**

Approved (Conditional)

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 **(Approved conditional 05.06.24)**

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 **(Approved conditional 05.06.24)**

Withdrawn/Final Disposal - None

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

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/58/65G - 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/57/45E - 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

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.

R/59/54B - Section 73A application to vary Condition 1 - plans list; and Condition 2ii) window specification of R/59/54A (Section 73A application to vary Condition 2 of R/59/54 (Full planning permission for re-occupation of a former dwelling and installation of package treatment plant) at High Meadow Barn, Thornton Rust DL8 3AW.

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/57/18L - Householder planning permission for creation of a new driveway entrance from the highway sited along the eastern boundary of the property. Removal of the existing driveway entrance located at the western end of the property boundary and reinstatement of the highway verge and boundary wall at this location at Millscar House, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD.

R/57/18MLB - Listed building consent for creation of a new driveway entrance from the highway sited along the eastern boundary of the property. Removal of the existing driveway entrance located at the western end of the property boundary and reinstatement of the highway verge and boundary wall at this location at Millscar House, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD

R/59/55/LB - Listed building consent for internal rearrangements, to create a ground floor WC/Shower Room and the installation of a replacement timber double glazed window at Fosse Cottage, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AN

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

- **Thoraby Moss Legal Matters - Action - Clerk to let the Parish Council solicitor know that the Council approve of the plan provided by WBW on 11.06.24.**

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

Maintenance Work - Cllr Dinsdale reported that given the recent rainfall the leak appears to have stopped. Cllrs Dinsdale and Windle will fill it and monitor water levels.

Donations - Cllr Cromey-Hawke summarised the two main platforms available being Just Giving and Go Fund Me. The Parish Council decided that Go Fund Me was the better option which had no set up fees, and charges of a payment processing fee of 2.9% plus 25p per transaction. It was agreed to trial it for a period and monitor levels of donations. QR Codes would be displayed at the Rock Garden on the wooden cupboard and the notice board. The link could also be published on the Parish Council website, social media, etc. Cash donations would continue to be accepted. **Action - Cllr Cromey-Hawke to set up the Go Fund Me Page in his name and Clerk to provide Aysgarth & District current account bank details for the receipt of funds.**

11. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 26.05.24 from Area 1 Highways - Response to PC e mail dated 29.03.24 re landowner details
- 26.05.24 from Cllr Jones - Flooding in village of Newbiggin (Item 5)
- 28.05.24 from YDNPA - extension to response date for Planning Application R/51/25M Aysgarth Falls Hotel
- 29.05.24 from Aysgarth resident - Grass outside West Stonelea, Aysgarth - **Action - Clerk to respond advising of the Parish Council decision not to allow the removal of any Parish Council grass and advise that vehicles should not be parked on the grass. Letter also to be sent to East Stonelea re no parking on the grass**
- 29.05.24 from WBW - Response to Parish Council e mail dated 27.05.24 re Parish Council solicitor request
- 30.05.24 from NYC - Changes to Democratic Services mail boxes
- 30.05.24 from Rob Fawcett - Querying update on standing item Thoraby Moss from 23.05.24 PC meeting
- 04.06.24 from NYC - Notice of Election for the UK Parliamentary Election to be held on 04.07.24
- 05.06.24 from WBW - Fee estimate (Item 6)
- 05.06.24 from Chair of Governors BAWB Federation - Response to Parish Council e mail dated 22.05.24 - **Action - Clerk to respond expressing disappointment at the lack of communication and reiterate request for the Parish Council to be kept updated going forward.**
- 10.06.24 from NYC - Public Notice & Agenda for Richmond (Yorks) Area meeting on 17.06.24
- 11.06.24 from Aysgarth resident - Query re works to outbuilding at Greystones, Aysgarth (previous correspondence discussed at 23.05.24 meeting)
- 11.06.24 from WBW - Information provided to Parish Council solicitor per 05.06.24 fee estimate

Received after the 20.06.24 meeting agenda was issued:

- 13.03.24 from NYC - Anti-littering Campaign - Cllr Jones and Cllr Cromey-Hawke requested the Clerk order 2 x A4 posters to be delivered to each of their home addresses for Newbiggin and Thornton Rust
- 15.06.24 from Aysgarth resident - Concerns and objection to variations on R/51/25M Aysgarth Falls Hotel
- 17.06.24 from YDNPA by post - Works to Aysgarth Falls
- 18.06.24 from YDNPA - Spring Parish Forum Notes
- 18.06.24 from Area 1 Highways - Rose Bush in Thornton Rust

12. Any Other Business - None

**Date of next Parish Council meeting - Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute
Meeting closed 9.25pm**