

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th November 2022 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

District Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

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

Members of the public: 1

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Parish Councillor Wood
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of Meeting held on 6th October 2022 were approved as a true and correct record
- 3. Declaration of interest** - Cllr Sayer declared an interest in Item # 10 Aysgarth Cemetery
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**

Sunday Dales Bus 856 - Ruth Annison

Ruth Annison summarised to the meeting that Upper Wensleydale has a bus service which enables residents to get to and from work in Hawes each day, but not to Leyburn where there are more job opportunities. It is the only bus service running from Northallerton to Hawes and back and so provided residents with the ability once a week to connect with the railway station or to visit those in hospital. It was also part of a network providing connections to Teeside, Darlington, Preston and other locations. She believed that the weekly Dales Bus service was just about enough, except that residents could not use it to get to work in Leyburn.

Ruth explained that she is not connected to the bus service other than being a supporter. The bus service is run by a devoted group of volunteers who are very professional. She said the Sunday Dales bus service was unusual because it does not receive funding either from the government or North Yorkshire County Council (Cllr Peacock has supported with the Locality Budget). The Passenger Survey has demonstrated that the service is well used by local residents and visitors up and down the dale. Income is generated from fares and refunds via Country Council re Senior Citizen Passes and fares from other areas honoured by the County Council plus much needed fund raising.

Ruth asked if there were any questions. Cllr Cromey-Hawke said that a potential avenue for additional funding is the National Lottery People & Places Small and Medium Grant for Community Projects which is open to the whole of the UK. The web address was provided to Ruth.

The Parish Council thanked Ruth.

5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins

Historic

- **Bridge at Bishopdale** - Cllr Peacock will be arranging an informal meeting with Highways and the Parish Council at the YDNPA offices where Highways can show the technical details. She hopes the work will commence in the Summer of 2023.
- **Spickles Lane, Aysgarth & Burton-Cum-Walden** - Cllr Peacock confirmed that the lane will be resurfaced
- **Mill Lane, Aysgarth** - Cllr Peacock updated that Steve Barker has confirmed that the works are on the list

From 06.10.22 Parish Council Meeting

The Clerk read out the response from Area 1 Highways e mail dated 19.10.22:

- **Church Bank Road Surface, Aysgarth** - Inspected by Highways on 10.10.22 no actionable defects. It will be checked by Highways on a 3-month review
- **Tarmac, nr Station Entrance, Aysgarth Falls** - Inspected on 10.10.22 and repairs had been carried out
- **Historic problem of phone cable tangled in dangerous tree deteriorated at High Gill, Low Gill, Thornton Rust Rd** - Highways had said for the Parish Council to contact BT. Cllr Cromey-Hawke had contacted BT and received a standard response re 14-day timeframe. **Action - Cllr Peacock will follow this up with Highways as it is not what was originally advised to Cllr Peacock/Cllr Dinsdale during the site visit.**

The Clerk read out the response from YDNPA e mail dated 21.10.22:

- **Bridge over stream near High Lane, Aysgarth** - Repaired by the Access Ranger for Lower Wensleydale
- **Footpath, Paved Ford washing away from bottom at Bishopdale Beck - Walk down Holme Lane, junction to Goose Lane, 100 yards from road by Iron Bridge** - Advised as Unsurfaced, Unclassified Road Number U928/70 maintainable by NYCC. YDNPA will contact NYCC.

Action - Clerk to report New Issues to Area 1:

- E mail thank you note to Highways to thank them for the excellent job at Street Head & New Biggin
- Clean water being discharged from Hillside Cottage, Thoraby
- Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), Jammy Hill, Aysgarth not working intermittently
- Sleeping Policeman, Aysgarth causing flooding to property next to Hamilton's Tearoom

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
<i>C/Fwd from 06.10.22 Meeting</i>			
4018/27	WBW Surveyors	384.00	Stewardship Invoice 2022
101048	F Cartwright	112.92	Clerk Pay - November 22
101049	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - November 22
1132	A Goulthorpe	860.00	Grass Cutting - Sept & Oct 22
4270	NYCC	90.00	Grit Bin, Candlelight Cottage, Newbiggin
003235	Metcalfe Farms	278.40	40mm Crusher Run - Thoraby
003230	Metcalfe Farms	280.43	40mm Crusher Run - Newbiggin
048	Thoraby Village Hall	7.00	Room Hire 15.08.22 Meeting
18.10.22	British Gas	4.80	Rock Gden Electricity 02.07.22 - 18.10.22

1461890	Business Stream	516.89	Rock Gden Water B/F Leak plus 28.07.22 - 27.10.22
	HMRC	112.80	PAYE Q/E 05.07.22

The Clerk advised that there was a mistake on the Agenda - the Metcalfe Farms invoices had been included at Net of VAT value rather than gross of VAT value. The correct values are:

003235	Metcalfe Farms	334.08	40mm Crusher Run - Thoraby
003230	Metcalfe Farms	336.52	40mm Crusher Run - Newbiggin

The Parish Council agreed to pay the above invoices with the exception of:

Inv # 4018/27 WBW Surveyors £384.00 for Stewardship 2022

Inv # 1461890 Business Stream £516.89 for Rock Garden Water 28.07.22 - 27.10.22 - The Parish Council agreed to part pay £386.41

6.2 Income Received since the 06.10.22 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
04.10.22	Bridge	250.00	Bridge (Thoraby Moss A/C)

Cllr Dinsdale confirmed that he had deposited £81.25 after the agenda was issued.

6.3 Parish Precept 2023/24

Action - Clerk to submit Precept Request for £7,500.00 by 31.12.22.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New

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. **The Parish Council did not object to the application as it was not visible from the A684 in the village.**

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. **The Clerk advised that a Supporting Letter (circulated) had been received after the agenda was issued.**

Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA to strongly object due to:

- The time allowed for the temporary dwelling has long expired, it did not undergo the full rigour of the planning process and would in all likelihood have been subject to a restricted occupation clause
- The lack of permanent accommodation to replace the temporary arrangement more than five years after the agreement was reached has also not been explained or justified
- The full planning application for the new dwelling at the site of the temporary accommodation should have been submitted and approved before due consideration to the need for this extension be applied for

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

Approved Conditionally

R/58/46B - Full planning permission for part change of use of ground floor from post office (Class E) to C3 single residential dwelling at Post Office, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU - **approved conditionally 13.10.22**

R/58/46C/LB - Listed building consent for internal works comprising of the removal of the post office counter and the removal of modern strip lighting within the post office space and erection of stud wall to hallway, and

externally to remove the Post Office sign at Post Office, Westfield Lane, Thorlby, DL8 3SU - **approved conditionally 13.10.22**

R/51/43F - Full planning permission for removal of existing chimney stack and conservatory and alterations, together with change of use of first floor from bed and breakfast accommodation to domestic at Wensleydale Farmhouse, Aysgarth DL8 3SR - **approved conditionally 05.10.22**

Withdrawn/Final Disposal

R/53/27G - Full planning permission for erection of three-bedroom rural workers dwelling at Kidstones Bridge, Bishopdale, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 3TG - **withdrawn/Final Disposal 15.11.22**

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**)

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

- **Thorlby Moss Grazing License**

The Clerk had not received the signed Grazing Licence Agreement.

Cllr Dinsdale had left telephone messages for John Akrigg to reiterate WBW terms of engagement.

Action - Clerk to e mail WBW clarifying terms of engagement to include Stewardship and Basic Payment Scheme. WBW to respond to RPA re dual claim issue. Request for copies of all correspondence re Grazing Licence to be e mailed to Clerk in preparation for the next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council agreed to hold off paying WBW invoice 4018/27 until after the issues had been resolved.

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

- **Electric Work Update** - Cllr Windle summarised the Jackson quote for the electrical work. **Action - Clerk to apply for UDAP Grant ahead of the 11.12.22 close date.**
- **Business Stream Water Update** - **Action - Clerk to arrange part payment of £386.41 for Invoice # 1461890 Business Stream £516.89 for Rock Garden Water 28.07.22 - 27.10.22**

10. Aysgarth Cemetery

The Clerk of the Joint Cemetery Committee had provided documents to the Committee. The Clerk had tendered her resignation, which had been accepted. Mrs Pointon had offered to provide interim administrative support to help resolve the problems ahead of recruiting for a Clerk.

11. Correspondence (Circulated)

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

- 28.09.22 from NYCC - Invite to All Partner Webinar 05.10.22 at 5pm - 6.30pm
- 01.10.22 hand delivered correspondence via G Harrison from WBW Surveyors dated 10.08.22 & 15.09.22
- 03.10.22 from RDC - Info re Voice & Representation Network
- 03.10.22 from YLCA - Change in Branch meeting date to 27.10.22 at Richmond Town Hall at 7pm
- 03.10.22 from Mrs Pointon - Aysgarth Cemetery
- 03.10.22 from WBW Surveyors - Thoraby Moss Grazing Licence
- 04.10.22 from 20sPlenty - Road Safety Campaign
- 04.10.22 from WBW - Response re 01.10.22 hand delivered correspondence
- 10.10.22 from UDAP - Agenda 12.10.22 meeting
- 12.10.22 from UDHWA - Health and Care collaboration to ease pressure on urgent care services this winter
- 13.10.22 from NYCC - Details of Prepare Act Survive Webinars
- 14.10.22 from YLCA - Papers for 27.10.22 Branch meeting
- 14.10.22 from YLCA - Cancellation of Police 02.11.22 remote meeting
- 19.10.22 from UDHAW - Minutes & synopsis of 10.10.22 meeting
- 19.10.22 from Area 1 Highways - Response on various matters
- 21.10.22 from YDNPA - Latest News from YDNPA
- 21.10.22 from YDNPA Ranger - Response re High Lane, Aysgarth bridge, Paved Ford washing away from bottom at Bishopdale Beck
- 24.10.22 from NYCC - Let's Talk Devolution Briefing Note & Toolkit
- 25.10.22 from YLCA - Revised Police meeting date of 29.11.22 at 6.30pm
- 27.10.22 from Area 1 Highways - Invite to Parish Workshops in Nov 2022
- 27.10.22 from NYCC - Invite to 3rd online briefing transition to North Yorkshire Council 28.11.22 6pm to 7.30pm & 30.11.22 10.30am to 12pm
- 28.10.22 from YDNPA - Agenda re YDNPA Management Plan Annual Forum on 04.11.22 at Grassington Devonshire Institute (Town Hall)
- 31.10.22 from YDNPA - Presentations from the Parish Council Planning Training Seminar held on 20.10.22
- 01.11.22 from NYCC - Let's Talk Money Toolkit for Parish Councils
- 02.11.22 from Area 1 Highways - Notification letter with location plan and customer feedback form for Newbiggin to Street Head - Carriageway Maintenance
- 03.11.22 from YLCA - 2022-2023 National Salary Award

- 04.11.22 from Preston Under Scar Parish Council - Enquiry as to supplier of Board in Thornton Rust. **Cllrs confirmed that the Board had been supplied by YDNPA.**
- 09.11.22 from UDAP - Area Partnership Grant Funding deadline 11.12.22
- 10.11.22 Letter from WBW Surveyors - Environmental Stewardship - Moorland Burning Reminder
- 11.11.22 from Area 1 Highways - Notification letter with location plan and customer feedback form for B6160, West Burton to Newbiggin - Carriageway Maintenance
- 14.11.22 from Ruth Annison - Querying communications re changes to local bus services
- 16.11.22 from YDNPA Planning Enforcement Officer - 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
- 17.11.22 from NYCC - Papers for meeting of Richmond Area Constituency meeting 23.11.22 at 10am
- 17.11.22 from UDCP Ltd - Changes to Little White Bus services from 28.11.22
- 17.11.22 from RDC - Precept Arrangements for 2023/24

12. 2023 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for 2023 were agreed as:

12 th January	6 th July
16 th February	7 th September
6 th April	5 th October
25 th May	23 rd November

13. Any Other Business

Bridge, Thoraby - Cllr Cooper reported that the Parish was waiting for delayed pipes and materials so that work could commence on the Bridge.

Community Emergency Plan - Cllr Windle advised that the plan was last renewed in 2018. He has contacted NYCC and there is a new formula to comply with. Cllr Windle has obtained a copy and will complete it and circulate to councillors. Cllr Windle requested various addresses and contact numbers from Councillors to be provided to Cllr Windle direct.

Parking Byelaws - YDNPA had responded to the Parish Council e mail on 21.11.22 after the agenda was issued. YDNPA confirmed that Annual Car Park Passes are available for residents and none of their toilets have charges for use. **Action - Clerk to query whether there is free parking for using the toilets e.g. Buckden, Kettlewell.**

Date of next meeting - Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute.

Meeting closed 9.20pm