

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2025 At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: Robert Walker (Chair), Linda Cooper, Rob Cromey-Hawke, Chris Parker, Alison Sayer, Sandra Wilman, Peter Windle, David Wood, (Frances Colston appointed at the meeting)

District Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Mrs P Pointon - Website Administrator

Members of the public: 2

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Cllr John Dinsdale. Cllr Robert Walker would chair the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2025 were approved as a true and correct record
- 3. Declaration of interest**
Cllr Sayer declared an interest in item 8 - R/53/24H
- 4. Newbiggin Councillor Vacancy**

RESOLVED - The Parish Council unanimously resolved to appoint Frances Colston as Newbiggin Councillor. Frances was welcomed to the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Register of Members' Interest Forms were signed. **Action - Clerk to retain the Declaration of Acceptance & e mail the Register of Members' Interest Form to NYC Monitoring Department.**

- 5. Matters arising from the last meeting** - none
- 6. Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to contact the appropriate third parties.

- **Newbiggin** - 05.08.25 e mail from Newbiggin resident requesting support for:
 - Provision of a "no through road sign" at Cross Lanes and opposite the Street Head Inn
 - Traffic calming at the entrance to Newbiggin Village in front of Eastburn Farmhouse**Action - Clerk to contact Area 1 Highways requesting traffic monitoring so that the Parish Council could make an informed decision. Clerk to let the local resident know the action taken.**
- **Aysgarth** - Tarmac works carried out on hill up towards Institute - **Action - Clerk to thank Area 1 Highways**
- **Thornton Rust** - Siting of Dog Bin. **Action - Clerk to contact NYC again and ask them to site the bin near the Village Institute as originally requested.**

New Matters from 04.09.25 Meeting

Cllr Sayer said that some wood and railings have gone up on the bridge at Bishopdale along with some white lines. The Parish Council were concerned about the future of the major rebuild project which was supposed to be going ahead. Cllr Peacock said she will make enquiries with James Walker.

Cllr Cromey-Hawke said that whilst Highways had carried out various works on the Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Road there was much work which had been left outstanding, leaving lots of large pot holes near Thornton Rust village.

It was also noted that on the Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Road near Tip Lane, gravel has come onto the road and drivers are swerving on to the other side of the road to avoid it, causing a dangerous hazard.

Action - Clerk to report to Area 1 Highways.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101118	F Cartwright	188.98	Clerk Pay - September 25
101119	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - September 25
8420486	Business Stream	14.65	Rock Garden Water 29.04.25 - 28.07.25
Total		£213.63	

7.2 Income Received (excluding bank interest) since the 26.06.25 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
25.06.25	S Pratt	20.00	Lane Let, Thornton Rust
25.06.25	J Dinsdale	93.18	Rock Garden Receipts
02.07.25	J Dinsdale	89.85	Rock Garden Receipts
02.07.25	J Dinsdale	25.00	Rock Garden Book Sales
01.08.25	RPA	1,481.55	Thoralby Moss
27.08.25	J Dinsdale	105.66	Rock Garden Receipts
Total		£1,815.24	

The latest bank statements were made available for inspection.

8. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications - None

Application to Modify

R/51/55S - Application to modify the Section 106 Agreement (dated 20 April 2018) attached to planning permission R/51/55K (full planning permission for conversion of ground floor office and first floor flat to reinstate former single dwellinghouse as holiday accommodation) to enable use of property as housing for local people at 1 Yore Mills Cottages, Aysgarth DL8 3SR. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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

Approved Conditional

R/51/54(P) - 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 - **Approved conditional 29.07.25**

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 - **Approved conditional 29.07.25**

R/53/12C - Full planning permission for alterations and repairs to existing dwelling and conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional domestic accommodation at East Howgill, Kidstones Bank, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG - **Approved conditional 12.08.25**

R/53/12D/LB - Listed building consent for alterations and repairs to existing dwelling and conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional domestic accommodation at East Howgill, Kidstones Bank, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG - **Approved conditional 12.08.25**

Approved s106

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 - **Approved s106 24.07.25**

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 - **Approved s106 08.08.25**

Under Consideration

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/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 Howesye 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**)

R/58/29K - Householder planning permission for demolition of existing double garage with mezzanine and existing timber conservatory to facilitate single storey extension to main house on east and west side; removal of existing tennis court to facilitate installation of natural living swimming pool, with native landscaping at Chapel Garth, Smithy Close, Thoraby

R/51/42L - Full planning permission for change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of 2 Shepherds huts to provide short-term holiday accommodation, with landscaping and boundary treatment at Home Farm, Thorngarth, Aysgarth

R/51/42M - Full planning permission for change of use of old disused bulk tank room, workshop and cake storage to create 1no. agricultural workers dwelling at Home Farm, Thorngarth, Aysgarth

R/51/8J/AA - Advertisement consent for site signage (retrospective) at The Falls Car Park, The Falls, Church Bank, Aysgarth DL8 3SR

R/53/15E - Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation and installation of Klargest package treatment plant and ASHP at New House Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG

R/53/15F/LB - Listed building consent for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation and installation of Klargest package treatment plant and ASHP at New House Farm, Bishopdale Lane, Bishopdale, DL8 3TG

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

Update on Northern Powergrid Scheme, Thornton Rust

Cllr Cromey-Hawke updated the Parish Council that a Scheme Notice had been received from the Wayleaves Officer, Northern Powergrid which stated the following:

'The Village Green at Thornton Rust is protected under the Inclosure Act 1857 and the Commons Act 1876, which make it an offence to carry out any works or activities that may cause injury to, disturb, or interfere with the land. Therefore, before any proposed works can take place, a formal consent process must be followed. This process requires the preparation of a risk assessment informed by community consultation.

Because of the strict protections in place, if any objections to the works are received, the risk assessment automatically fails and consent cannot be granted. In this case, an objection has been received, which means we are unable to progress the risk assessment or obtain the necessary approvals. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the proposed undergrounding of the overhead Low Voltage Network, it is not possible to redesign the works to avoid the Village Green. **As a result, the scheme cannot proceed to delivery.**

The National Park Authority will be informed by our Design Team, and they will then be able to submit alternative candidates for consideration. Thank you all for your engagement in this matter, which has been greatly appreciated'.

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

There was nothing to report.

11. Application from BR Aysgarth Ltd for a Variation of Premises Licence at Aysgarth Falls Hotel

RESOLVED - The Parish Council unanimously ratified the unanimous decision to submit the objection which had been sent to the Licensing Department at North Yorkshire Council on 01.08.25.

RESOLVED - The Parish Council unanimously ratified the unanimous decision to submit the LAR1 Form confirming that the Parish Council were not able to attend the Hearing on the morning of 04.09.25. The form had been sent to the Licensing Department at North Yorkshire Council on 26.08.25.

A resident present at the Parish Council meeting enquired whether the Parish Council were aware of the outcome of the 04.09.25 morning Hearing. The Parish Council were not aware of the outcome. The resident who had been present at the Hearing confirmed that the Application for the Variation of Premises Licence had been approved. At the Hearing the Chair of the Licensing sub-committee Councillor Grogan had said that if there were future noise/disturbances from the premises, residents could contact him direct.

12. Gov.uk Parish Council Website Domain & E Mail Addresses

RESOLVED - Action - Clerk with the assistance of Cllr Cromey-Hawke to request quotes from Harry Adney Internet Services and Parish Online. Cllr Peacock kindly offered to contribute £500 towards the costs. **Clerk to e mail details and quote to Cllr Peacock.**

13. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 06.06.25 & 09.06.25 from NYC - NYC received notification from BT that it intends to remove payphones in AYSGARTH by the WAR MEMORIAL / DL8 3AE (telephone number 01969663211) & THORNTON RUST / DL8 3AN (telephone number 01969663332) (close date 20.06.25). **The Clerk explained to the members of the public that the Parish Council had previously considered and submitted an objection to the removals to both BT and NYC and were awaiting the decision.**
- 18.06.25 from YLCA - Website - Log in instructions for Councillors
- 19.06.25 from NYC - Amber Heat Health Alert
- 20.06.25 from NYC - Acknowledgement of receipt of objection re BT Payphones Aysgarth & Thornton Rust

- 23.06.25 from NYC - Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee Meeting on 30.06.25
- 25.06.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Parish Update June 2025
- 25.06.25 from Quick line Communications - Confirmation that Stakeholder Engagement Manager will attend the October Parish Council meeting
- 26.06.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Update on Call for Sites Map for Parish Councils
- 27.06.25 from PKFLITTLE JOHN - Confirmation of Receipt of AGAR 2024/25
- 27.06.25 from HSBC - Removal of £8 per month maintenance fee from August 2025
- 29.06.25 from Newbiggin Resident - Application for Newbiggin Councillor vacancy (Item 4)
- 01.07.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Nature Recovery Strategy Webinar 09.07.25 at 7pm
- 02.07.25 from NYC - Highways & Street Works information
- 03.07.25 from Newbiggin Resident - Enquiry re Newbiggin Councillor vacancy
- 04.07.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Martyn's Law on 26.09.25 at Harrogate Convention Centre
- 04.07.25 from Aysgarth Resident - Query whether concrete base on land NE of A684 Aysgarth requires planning permission - redacted details passed to YDNPA
- 08.07.25 from Chair of Governors BAWB Federation - Proposed plans for a new structure of the BAWB Federation
- 08.07.25 from NYC - Complaints received re dog bin emptying frequency in Thornton Rust & Proposal for siting of additional bin (Item 6)
- 10.07.25 from PKFLITTLEJOHN - Acknowledgement received and logged the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Form 3 now in the queue for processing
- 11.07.25 from All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Outdoor Recreation and Access to Nature - Call for information
- 11.07.25 from NYC - Follow up re objection to BT Phone box removal in Aysgarth & Thornton Rust
- 14.07.25 from Area 1 - Notification letter re full road closure on Thornton Rust Road, Aysgarth for resurfacing works between the hours of 09:30-15:00 from 28.07.25 for 3 working days
- 18.07.25 from BT - Acknowledgement of expression of interest to adopt a Kiosk Thornton Rust Step 1
- 18.07.25 from NYC - Weather Warning for significant rainfall 19.07.25
- 22.07.25 & various dates from Aysgarth resident - objection to application by BR Aysgarth Ltd to Vary Premises License at Aysgarth Falls Hotel Palmer Flatt (Item 11)
- 23.07.25 from WBW (By Post) - RPA Environmental Stewardship Higher Level rates
- 30.07.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Parish Update July 2025
- 31.07.25 & Various dates from NYC - Query re directions to Outgang, Thornton Rust re siting of dog bin
- 01.08.25 from NYC Licensing - Acknowledgement of Parish Council's objection to the Application from BR Aysgarth Ltd for a Variation of Premises Licence at Aysgarth Falls Hotel Palmer Flatt (Item 11)
- 05.08.25 from Newbiggin - Traffic matters (Item 6)
- 05.08.25 from NYC - Parish precept arrangements for 2025/26 and 2026/27 (deadline 31.12.25). **The Parish Council agreed to discuss the Precept at the October meeting.**
- 05.08.25 from YDNPA - Newsletter Summer Edition
- 07.08.25 from YDNPA - Yorkshire Dales Cheese Festival 10th - 19th October 2025
- 13.08.25 from YDNPA - Update re Parish Forums
- 13.08.25 from Brook Group re Parish Council objection to the Application from BR Aysgarth Ltd for a Variation of Premises Licence at Aysgarth Falls Hotel Palmer Flatt (Item 11)
- 14.08.25 from NYC Licensing - Invitation to Licensing Hearing on 04.09.25 re Aysgarth Falls Hotel (Item 11)
- 14.08.25 from Area 1 - Planned Road Restriction Notification Holme Lane, Thoraby, Newbiggin for Quick line Communications Ltd to locate and clear blockages between 03.09.25 - 05.09.25
- 15.08.25 from Planning Enforcement Officer YDNPA - Update re Land NE A684, Aysgarth
- 21.08.25 from YDNPA - Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan 2025 - 2040
- 22.08.25 from YDNPA - Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan - Annual Forum

- 27.08.25 from NYC - Parish Liaison - Parish Update - Aug 25
- 27.08.25 from NYC Licensing - Acknowledgement of LAR1 Form re Licensing Hearing on 04.09.25 re Aysgarth Falls Hotel (Item 11)

14. Any Other Business

Cllr Wood confirmed that the previously approved Crusher Run for Tip Lane, Aysgarth had arrived and would be laid in due course.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 9th October 25 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute
The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour