

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th January 2021 By SKYPE Call at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Tim Freer, Margaret Jones, Robert Walker, Sandra Wilman, David Wood, Peter Windle, District Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Clerk
Mrs P Pointon - Reporter and Website Administrator

Members of the public: 0

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Brian McGregor and Alison Sayer.
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 26th November 2020 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Item 7 Planning Application R/58/96 at Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU.
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting** - None
- 5. Highways/Bins**

The Clerk updated on the responses received from Highways on the following matters:

- **Thornton Rd near Constable House, Aysgarth** - Damaged stone wall access road - There is no further update than the previous response which was Highways have investigated this and will be measuring up for repair. Once the extent of the work has been quantified it may require a Project Engineer to design a scheme which may mean it could take longer than usual for the work to be carried out.
- **Supporting Wall on bottom road at Throstle Nest** - The Clerk had e mail Highways in December but had not received a response to date.

Cllr Peacock updated on the following matters:

- **Flooding/wall at Bridge, Bishopdale** - Cllr Peacock said that Highways would clear the drains as and when and the repair work was on a capital programme which could take some time. Cllr Windle reminded the Parish Council that a few years ago they had discussed straightening the road out and rebuilding the bridge.
Action - Clerk to contact Highways to ask if this could be considered again.

New Highway Matters

- **Lane from Cross Lane up into Newbiggin Village** - covert that goes under road 2-300 yards from junction, blocked drain
- **Bushes need trimming back from Thornton to Cubeck**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Chq #	Payee	£	Description
100961	<i>Ebico</i>	24.58	<i>Rock Garden Electricity - 11.09.20-15.11.20</i>
Total		24.58	Arrived after Nov 20 Agenda
100962	NYCC	90.00	Grit Bin, Outside Candlelight, Newbiggin
100963	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - December 20
100964	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - December 20
100965	F Cartwright	150.52	Clerk Pay - January 21
100966	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - January 21
100967	HMRC	112.80	PAYE Q3 ending 05.01.21
100968	<i>P Pointon</i>	199.64	<i>Parish Meetings & Administering PC website</i>
Total		£723.48	

Cheque number 100961 has not been sent to EBICO as after it had been signed the Clerk received a letter to say it did not need to be paid re move to new energy supplier.

The invoice received re Cheque number 100968 had been received after the agenda had been circulated and approved at the meeting.

The Parish Council discussed the pay rate for the Website Administrator.

Resolved - The Parish Council agreed to increase the rate per hour to £12.24 from April 20.

6.2 Receipts - The Clerk confirmed that £6,169.91 had been received on 01.12.20 from the Rural Payments Agency re Basic Payment Scheme 2020.

7. Planning

New Applications

R/51/54N/LB at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth - listed building consent for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three- bedroom holiday let (also see pending below)

R/51/54M - full planning permission for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three-bedroom holiday let at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth (also see pending below)

R/59/54 at High Meadow (formerly Brookside Barn), Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW - full planning permission for re-occupation of a former dwelling and installation of package treatment plant

R/57/5Y/LB at Turn Syke Barn, Newbiggin, DL8 3TD - listed building consent to retain the external boiler which has been installed to the rear elevation

The Parish Council had no comment to make.

Withdrawn

R/58/96 at Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU - full planning permission for construction of 1 No. local occupancy dwelling and provision of parking area at Land to the Rear of the Reading Room. The PC had no comment.

Pending Update

R/59/50C at Hardbanks Barn, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AS - full planning permission for widening of pedestrian access track, extension of an existing stone flagged area, installation of external safety lights and submission of a stone wall with a hedge (retrospective)

R/53/32 at Big Laithe, Bishopdale - full planning permission for conversion of barn to create 1 No. dwelling with associated parking and curtilage works and installation of package treatment packs

R/53/27F at Land west of Kidstones Gill Bridge, Bishopdale - Section 73 application to vary/remove conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 9 of R/53/27 (full planning permission for creation of access gateway, upgrade of access track and erection of replacement agricultural building (part retrospective))

R/51/54M at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R - full planning permission for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three-bedroom holiday let

R/51/54N/LB at Birkbeck House, Aysgarth, DL8 35R - listed building consent for conversion of existing two bedroom "live/work" unit into three-bedroom holiday let

R/58/12R at Town Head Farm, Thoraby, DL8 3SU - full planning permission for erection of agricultural building

R/58/95 at Bishop Fold, Westfield Lane, Thoraby, DL8 3SU - householder planning permission for demolition of conservatory and erection of garden room to south elevation (amended plans)

Approved Conditionally – None

Other Planning Matters

R/51/55R at 1 Yore Mills, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR - full planning permission for creation of parking space by removal of post and chain fencing and alteration of existing timber fence (The Parish Council submitted an objection e mail to YDNPA on 19.10.20).

The Parish Council discussed the response from YDNPA dated 18.12.20. **Action - Clerk to respond to YDNPA stating the Parish Council maintain objection to any restrictions to public access but would be satisfied if the new proposals were agreed with a clear definition and statement of purpose. The retention of a short length of fencing is reasonable but the actual length and height should be defined. The Parish Council would also like to see a statement that there is a well-established public right of access across that area in the final approval.**

8. Thoraby Moss & Thornton Mire (Standing Item)

The Parish Council noted the two quotes as circulated by Cllr Wilman re the proposed Parish drainage works in Thoraby. The Council understand that the Parish will not be holding the usual annual Parish meeting in March 21 due to Covid restrictions, but rather the Clerk to Thoraby Parish Meeting would be distributing a Flyer. The Parish Council requested that the Parish Clerk confirm in writing the decision made by the Parish to facilitate the payment of the invoice from the Thoraby Moss bank account which is administered by the Parish Council on behalf of the Thoraby Parish.

Cllr Peacock said that she could potentially contribute £1,000 from the Locality Budget. **Action - Clerk to e mail Cllr Peacock with details of Project Name, Benefit, Estimated Cost, etc. by 31.01.21.**

9. Ownership of Land/Rights of Way (Standing Item)

10. Natural England Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreement expires in 2021.

Cllr Dinsdale advised that the agreement would roll over in 2021 pending the new scheme being introduced.

11. Internet Broadband Project, Bishopdale

Cllr Peacock had contacted NYNET and had been advised that Bishopdale was not classified as a priority 4. Cllr Peacock would look into this further.

12. Correspondence (Circulated)

The Parish Council discussed the following correspondence:

- E mail dated 06.12.20 from Brookside, Thornton Rust - Re Request No 2 - permission requested to have a professionally laid gravel track over the western edge of the Green between the road and the boundary of Brookside (garage and gate area) bordering the Beck. (Request No 1 previously granted/responded to) - **Action - Clerk to contact YALC.**
- E mail dated 18.12.20 from RDC re Area Partnership Underspend
- E mail dated 18.12.20 from YDNPA re Management Plan Annual Forum Invitation via Zoom from 14.00-16.30 Wednesday 20 January 2021
- E mail dated 09.12.20 from Highways - response re Road Markings in Aysgarth - **Action Clerk to respond to Highways to thank them for the apology and PC is interested to learn what road safety issues have occurred in the village which would support such draconian measures.**
- E mail dated 06.01.21 from YDNPA re Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation No. 3 - Exploring our options: Building new homes - Cllr Peacock advised that she was liaising with the Clerk to Burton Cum Walden Parish Council and a February meeting date would be advised in due course.
- E mail dated 07.01.21 from RDC - Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy Consultation

13. Any Other Business

Repairs & Maintenance

The Parish Council discussed the below listed works which could potentially be carried out in the villages in the future (listed in no particular order). **Action - Cllr Windle and Dinsdale to arrange a meeting and obtain estimates/quotes for main works. The Parish Council would discuss the estimates/quotes at the February meeting and decide whether works would be carried out, prioritise, etc.**

Thornton Rust

- Maintain benches
- Repair concrete near village green lifted by floods
- Build wall across stream
- Replace fence by The Mission

Aysgarth

- Gardener/maintenance for Rock Garden
- Maintain benches
- Fencing at Rock Garden
- Stone Steps at Rock Garden
- Paint Bus Shelter
- Repair, replace and paint Rails in front of Quaker House
- Move Cllr Woods wall to widen Dyke Hollins Lane

Thoralby - Maintain benches x 3 plus bench on Aysgarth Hill

Newbiggin - Cllr Jones confirmed that no works were currently required as volunteers had maintained the benches and Notice Board.

Bishopdale - TBC as Cllr Sayer was not at the meeting.

Cables - Thoraby

The Clerk updated the meeting re the e mail received from the Programme Manager, Northern Power Grid confirming that a scheme has been raised and financially authorised for the refurbishment of the low Voltage Overhead Line in the Village of Thoraby, including all the work highlighted in the walk-through meeting attended by Councillors in 2019.

Cllr Peacock left the meeting at 9.35pm.

Kennel Fields, Thornton Rust

Cllr Dinsdale said that the Kennel Fields Trustees (of which he is the Chairman and Cllr Freer is a Trustee) wanted to gift the Kennel Fields to the Aysgarth & District Parish Council.

Cllr Dinsdale summarised the Kennel Fields as walled 3-acre Field including a Stone Barn, Mash House, Lime Kiln and boggy area which attracted wildlife and rare flowers and plants. The Fields beauty appeals to dog walkers and visitors to the area. If the Parish Council agreed to accept the gifting, a solicitor appointed and paid for by the Kennel Field Trustees would make the necessary arrangements. The buildings are in good condition and there is a small income of £45 per annum for renting to a local farmer for grazing. The current costs are insurance. The trustees would report to the Parish Council but would continue to carry out all the associated administration, bank accounts, accounts, etc.

Action - Clerk to contact the Parish Council Insurers to find out if they would insure it under the existing Parish Council policy and if there would be any incremental costs.

The Parish Council agreed to consider the offer again once the Clerk had received a response from the Insurers.

14. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Date of next meeting - Thursday 18th February 2021 at 7.30pm (Venue/format TBC)

Meeting closed 9.50pm