

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd April 2026

At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Linda Cooper, Rob Cromey-Hawke, Chris Parker, 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** - Cllrs Frances Colston & Alison Sayer
2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the EGM held on 3rd March 2026 were approved as a true and correct record.
3. **Declaration of interest** - None
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting** - None
5. **Highways/Street Lights/Bins**

See Action points from Annual Parish Meetings - Item 12

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101130	F Cartwright	188.98	Clerk Pay - March 26
101131	F Cartwright	17.40	Clerk Expenses (cards x 2 + postage x 1)
101132	F Cartwright	188.98	Clerk Pay - April 26
101133	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - April 26
-	P Pointon	138.78	Admin of website to 17.02.26 + domain
554209543	AJ Gallagher	464.08	Insurance Renewal 01.04.26 - 31.03.27
-	HMRC	378.00	PAYE Q/E 05.04.26
A19200816	British Gas	74.13	Rock Garden Electricity 08.12.25 - 08.03.26
-	Ware & Kay	40.00	Land Registry Inspection Fee
407	Thornton Rust Institute	15.00	Thornton Rust Annual Parish Room 12.03.26
Total		£1,515.35	

RESOLVED - The Parish Council also approved the following invoices which were received after the agenda was issued:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
C7	Thoralby Village Hall	24.00	Room Hire for Annual Parish Meeting
5711	YLCA	261.00	Subs 2026/27
-	T McQueen	102.00	Rowan Trees (Thornton Mire Account)
Total		£387.00	

6.2 Income Received (excluding bank interest) since the 12.02.26 Meeting:

Date	Remitter/Ref	£	Description
13.02.26	WBW	285.75	Compensation from WBW
18.03.26	Mr Cooper	25.00	Skellicks Lane, Thoraby Rent
27.03.26	Mr Lancaster	50.00	Haw Lane, Thoraby Rent
Total		£360.75	

6.3 The latest bank statements were made available for review.

Item 15 was b/fwd Walkie Talkies / Satellite Phones

Phil Styles (Thoraby) resident was welcomed to the meeting.

CLlr Cromey-Hawke demonstrated that there were 6 x Motorola Walki-talkies and 2 x Satellite Phones which had been provided and funded by the NYC Emergency Resilience Fund. The Parish Council had previously discussed options as to which villages would have which equipment. Having had time to test the equipment it was suggested that it would be in the interests of all villages if Aysgarth and Thoraby were to have 1 x Satellite phone and 3 x Walki-talkies.

The Walkie-talkies have a good battery life and have been recently charged. It was agreed that the default channel of 2-2 would be used. The Satellite Phones would require more regular charging and do have the capability of being plugged into a power bank should they need charge during a power outage. A smart phone with the Iridium App is required.

Phil took the equipment on behalf of Thoraby village and would make arrangements for it to be locked in the Village Hall with 3 responsible keyholders having access. The Parish Council thanked Phil and he left the meeting.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications

R/59/48B - Householder planning permission for relocation of the oil tank from the rear of the property to the front garden and for changes to the colour of the exterior woodwork at Yoredale, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AN

R/59/48C/LB - Listed building consent for relocation of the oil tank from the rear of the property to the front garden and for changes to the colour of the exterior woodwork at Yoredale, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AN

RESOLVED - The Parish Council resolved to confirm its support for the applications, subject to the YDNPA being satisfied that the detailed siting and appearance of the relocated oil tank preserves the character and setting of the listed building and surrounding streetscape. The Parish Council considered the proposed relocation of the oil tank to be a practical measure which will assist the resident in maintaining reliable heating and hot water provision for the property, thereby supporting the sustainable occupation of the dwelling. The Council also supported the proposed change in colour of the windows and doors, noting that the amended finish appears in keeping with the character of surrounding properties. **Action - Clerk to e mail YDNPA.**

Additional Information notified by YDNPA

R/51/60G - Full planning permission for erection of timber workshop on area of land currently used as a playground in connection with the existing campsite at Town Ends, Aysgarth, DL8 3AQ (**12.03.26 YDNPA advised additional information**)

The Clerk advised that an e mail had been received at 3.44pm on 02.04.26 advising that the Planning Application would be considered at the Planning Meeting on 14.04.26.

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

Approved - none

Withdrawn - none

Under Consideration

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, Aysgarth

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

8. (Standing Item) Thoraby Moss and Thornton Mire (circulated)

- **Serious Problems in Thornton Rust re Yorkshire Water Services - recurring loss of water pressure affecting the whole village of Thornton Rust**
The Clerk and Cllr Cromey-Hawke had not received contact from District Cllr Peacock's senior contact at Yorkshire Water or any other contact from YW. RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to e mail District Cllr Peacock and advise that it had also been raised at the Thornton Rust Annual Parish Meeting.
- **Annual Declaration/Claims for Existing Stewardship & Woodland Schemes, Thoraby Moss**
RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to e mail WBW instructing them to act on the PC behalf and submit 2026 Claim.
- **Request for information re Thoraby Moss from Land Registry via PC Solicitor**
RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to e mail the PC solicitor the information provided by e mail by Cllr Cooper and Claire Cooper along with the NYC e mail with link to records. The Parish Council gave thanks for the information collated.

9. (Standing Item) Edwardian Rock Garden, Aysgarth

10. Insurance Renewal Information Request (Circulated - Due 01.04.26)

The Clerk confirmed that the insurance renewal of £464.08 had been paid and renewal confirmed by AJG.

11. Avril Douglas Memorial Bench - Cllr Dinsdale updated the meeting that the bench would be delivered on Friday 03.04.26

12. Draft Minutes from Annual Parish Meetings (Circulated)

12.03.26 - Thornton Rust

Cllr Cromey-Hawke had chaired the meeting and updated the Parish Council on points to note/action points:

- It had been agreed that Rob Newall will Clerk the Thornton Rust Annual Parish meetings going forward.
- It had been agreed that two Rowan trees would be planted in Thornton Rust to be funded from the 'Thornton Mire' bank account. Action - Clerk to arrange a reimbursement payment to T McQueen for £102.00 per the receipt provided by Cllr Cromey-Hawke.
- A village Working Party will be arranging 18 posts sanded and painted for the Village Green to be funded from the 'Thornton Mire' bank account. The invoice will be provided to the Parish Council Clerk in due course.

- Drainage - Residents, in the vicinity of The Rambles, raised concerns regarding blocked drains following heavy rainfall. **Action - Clerk to report to Area 1 Highways.**
- Roadside Wall and Pavement Damage - Concerns were raised regarding deterioration of the roadside wall along the road towards Cubeck. Residents reported damage caused by heavy vehicles, including contractor vehicles, road edge deterioration, movement in the wall structure. **Action - Clerk to report to Area 1 Highways.**
- Low Gill - Pot holes continue to be a problem with the surface completely ripped up by the bridge entrance to Low Gill. Repairs were carried out last year but with frequent flooding the damage has recurred. **Action - Clerk to report to Area 1 Highways.**
- The Parish Council has continued to pursue the installation of a dog waste bin near the village institute, which has been agreed but is still awaiting installation. **Action - Clerk to chase NYC again.**
- Gill Beck Footpath Crossing Near Thornton Rust - **Action - Clerk to write to Matt Neale, Area Manager, Ranger Team at YDNPA to request that they give further consideration to this location as a higher priority within future Public Rights of Way infrastructure planning than it presently appears to hold.**
- The village thanked the Parish Council for their efforts to retain the BT phone box.

18.03.26 - Thoraby with Newbiggin & Bishopdale

- Mill Bridge - has scrapes on the mortar and the top stones have been moved, likely by a wagon. Ivy needs to be cleared from the bridge. **Action - Clerk to report to Area 1 Highways.**
- A site visit was scheduled for 28.03.26 at 10am with Thoraby Councillors and Thoraby residents to inspect sections of Haw Lane and West Lane in Thoraby. Quotes will be obtained accordingly. An Exceptional Parish meeting would then be arranged to discuss and agree whether the work should go ahead and be funded from the Thoraby Moss bank account.

25.03.26 - Aysgarth

- Kelspring, Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Rd - The Parish Council has previously written to Area 1 Highways on a number of occasions. **Action - Clerk & Cllr Cromey-Hawke to write to Yorkshire Water & Highways.**

13. (Standing Item) George & Dragon Inn Public House, Aysgarth (including Meadow View)

The Parish Council noted that the George & Dragon Public House was on Paul Fosh Auction Website for auction between 12th - 16th April with a guide price of £14,000. The website does not specify that the building is listed which is a legal requirement. The YDNPA have written to the auction house.

Action - Clerk to progress the Community Asset Application

14. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 09.02.26 from Wensleydale Railway - Classic Car Club 4.05.26
- 09.02.26 from WBW - Compensation of £ 285.75 re RPA reduced payment due to WBW late filing
- 10.02.26 from North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison - North Yorkshire Local Plan and the Third Public Release of 'Call for Sites' Submissions
- 10.02.26 from YDNPA - Parish Council Training Event
- 11.02.26 from UDHW - Minutes & synopsis of 05.02.26 meeting
- 11.02.26 e mail from Bishopdale resident requesting logging of matters
- 14.02.26 e mail from District Cllr Peacock - Funding for .gov.uk website & e mails
- 14.02.26 from District Cllr Peacock - Water Pressure issues in Thornton Rust in response to PC e mail
- Various dates in Feb & March from Aysgarth residents re planned auction of Meadow View, Aysgarth DL8 3AD at George & Dragon Inn Public House, Aysgarth
- Various dates in Feb & March from YDNPA re Meadow View, Aysgarth DL8 3AD at George & Dragon Inn

- 14.02.26 from YDNPA - Tree works at Aysgarth Falls - 25.02.26 - 27.02.26
- 15.02.26 from Jo Reynolds - Audit of 25/26 Accounts
- 18.02.26 from YDNPA - Denial of time extension request from PC re Planning Application R/51/60G
- 18.02.26 from YDNPA - Winter Newsletter
- 19.02.26 from Parish Online - Newsletter #64
- 23.02.26 from HAM - Acknowledge of PC decline to take on urban grass cuttings & name change noted
- 24.02.26 from WBW - Update re non grazing at Thoraby Moss
- 25.02.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - February 26
- 03.03.26 from YDNPA - Spring Parish Forum Dates and Venues
- 04.03.26 from PC solicitors - Information request from Land Registry re Thoraby Moss
- 04.03.26 from - Upper Dales Mobile HWRC dates for 2026/27 - Aysgarth 19.09.26 9-10.30am
- 04.03.26 from AJG - Community Renewal Quote due 01.04.26
- 06.03.26 from PC solicitors - Request for confirmation from PC
- 07.03.26 from NY Police - Invite 21.05.26 between 1800 - 1930pm
- 09.03.26 TWIMC letter from C & R Lettings Ltd Solicitor via Auction House - in response to PC e mail sent to auctioneers on 08.03.26
- 09.03.26 from NYC - Acknowledgement of Asset of Community Value Application, George & Dragon Inn Public House including Meadow View
- 12.03.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Allerton Park Recovery Centre Open Day 01.04.26
- 12.03.26 from Environment Agency - Pause to Reservoir Safety Reforms Consultation
- 13.03.26 from LGBCE - Stakeholder Feedback Questionnaire
- 18.03.26 from AJ Gallagher - Insurance Renewal confirmation from 01.04.26
- 18.03.26 from Business Stream - Price Changes
- 19.03.26 from Ruth Annison - Transport Services
- 19.03.26 from Business Stream - Smart Meter
- 19.03.26 from WBW - Annual Declaration/Claims for Existing Stewardship & Woodland Schemes
- 23.03.26 from Parish Online - Newsletter #65
- 24.03.26 from PKFLITTLEJOHN - NY0035 - 2025/26 AGAR external auditor instructions
- 25.03.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - March 2026 Parish Update
- 27.03.26 from York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority - Local Transport Plan Stakeholder Survey
- 27.03.26 from North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison - Crisis & Resilience Fund - Interim Partner Briefing
- 27.03.26 from NYC - Thoraby Enclosure Records as requested by Cllr Cooper

15. Walkie-talkie / Satellite Phone Demonstration - B/Fwd after Item 6

16. Any Other Business

The Parish Council felt there was no longer a need for a Aysgarth & District Parish Council Notice Board in Aysgarth. Agendas and Minutes can be accessed on the new Gov.uk website [aysgarthanddistrict-pc.gov.uk](https://www.aysgarthanddistrict-pc.gov.uk)

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Date of next scheduled Parish Council Annual General Meeting - Thursday 21st May 26 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute

The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour