

# AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

**Members of the public:** None

### 1. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Cllr Walker proposed Cllr Dinsdale for Chairman seconded by Cllr Cromey-Hawke, resolved unanimously  
Cllr Cromey-Hawke proposed Cllr Walker for Vice Chairman seconded by Cllr Parker, resolved unanimously  
The Clerk would make arrangements for the Declaration of Acceptance Form to be signed.

### 2. Consideration of Apologies for Absence - Cllr John Dinsdale and District Councillor Yvonne Peacock

### 3. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on - The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 were approved as a true and correct record.

### 4. Declaration of interest - None

### 5. Appointment of Cllrs to Committees

The following Councillors were appointed to the Committees:

**Upper Dales Area Partnership (UDAP)** - Cllr Windle

**Yorkshire Local Council Association (YLCA)** - Cllr Dinsdale

**Cemetery** - Cllr Cooper & Cllr Wood

**Upper Dales Health Watch (UDHW)** - Cllr Dinsdale

### 6. Matters arising from the last meeting - None

### 7. Highways/Street Lights/Bins/Trees

Cllr Cromey-Hawke reported that the potholes on Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Road had been filled and the road resurfaced.

Cllr Cromey-Hawke reported that there are 5 large trees in the Thornton Rust Outgang which are decaying and dead. There are no Tree Preservation Orders on the Trees. Residents would like advice as they would like them removed so that new trees can be planted. **RESOLVED - Action - Clerk to contact Annabel Rockcliff at YDNPA to see if a site visit and discussion could be arranged.**

### 8. Financial Matters

#### 8.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

| Date/Inv #/Chq | Payee           | £      | Description                           |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 101134         | F Cartwright    | 252.18 | Clerk Pay - May 26                    |
| 101135         | F Cartwright    | 10.00  | Clerk Expenses - May 26               |
| 10540076       | Business Stream | 16.85  | Rock Garden Water 29.01.26 - 28.04.26 |

|      |                       |        |                                      |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 3207 | Yorkshire Dales Accts | 204.00 | Payroll Services 01.04.25 - 31.03.26 |
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| <b>Total</b> | <b>£483.03</b> |
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The following payment was made after the April agenda was issued, as previously agreed from the estate of Avril Douglas:

|                                 |            |                |                                         |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sam Turner Invoice reimburse to | J Dinsdale | <b>£906.00</b> | Bench in memory of Avril & Bill Douglas |
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## 8.2 Income Received (excluding bank interest) since the 02.04.26 Meeting:

|              |                    |                  |                                          |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 27.03.26     | Northern Powergrid | 27.70            | Wayleaves £25.40 Aysgarth £2.30 Thornton |
| 30.03.26     | D Spence           | 10.00            | Chq Rent High Lane, Aysgarth             |
| 12.04.26     | D Wood             | 480.00           | Rent Flout Moor & Seata Quarry, Aysgarth |
| 30.04.26     | NYC                | 6,250.00         | Precept Part 1                           |
| 16.05.26     | S Pratt            | 20.00            | Rent West Lane, Thornton                 |
| <b>Total</b> |                    | <b>£6,787.70</b> |                                          |

## 8.3 The latest bank statements were made available for review

## 8.4 Consideration of Certificate of Exemption - AGAR 2025/26 Part 2 (Circulated)

The Clerk advised that draft accounts confirmed that the both the income and expenditure for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 26 account are under the £25,000 threshold and the Parish Council could apply for the Certificate of Exemption. The Parish Council agreed that once they had reviewed and approved the Accounts the Clerk could apply for a Certificate of Exemption.

## 9. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

### New Applications

**R/51/78A** - Householder planning permission for erection of wrap-around single storey extension to existing bungalow, including side and rear extensions, and installation of roof-mounted solar photovoltaic panels on the rear (south-facing) roof slope; together with the erection of a detached double garage within the domestic curtilage at Highfield, Aysgarth, Leyburn, DL8 3AH (close date 11.05.26). **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

**R/53/15G** - Full planning permission for replacement of existing modern agricultural buildings and car port with new buildings serving the same purposes at New House Farm, Bishopdale, Leyburn, DL8 3TG (close date 28.04.26). **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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

### Approved

**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 (**Approved conditional 16.04.26**)

**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 (**Approved conditional 28.04.26**)

**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 (**Approved conditional 28.04.26**)

**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

**10. (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**  
Cllr Cromey-Hawke reported three instances last week. Yorkshire Water visited twice but will not divulge what the cause of the problem is. Residents are encouraged to report problems as YW will only come out after a number of complaints. The Clerk and Cllr Cromey-Hawke had still 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 again.**

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

The Risk Assessment carried out on 04.04.26 by Cllr Dinsdale and the Clerk was noted.

**12. Avril Douglas Memorial Bench** - Cllr Dinsdale was now in receipt of the bench and was arranging for the engraving of the plaque.

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

It was noted that Meadow View had been sold by auction for a second time in 2026. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.

**14. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:**

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

- 31.03.26 from YDNPA - Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation
- April 26 from Thoraby Resident - Various documents re historical records for Thoraby Moss
- 01.04.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Crisis & Resilience Fund - Partner Briefing (Follow Up)
- 02.04.26 from YDNPA (received pm on day of last PC meeting) - Planning Application R/51/60G
- 07.04.26 from Area 1 - Notification Letter - C118, Yore Bridge, Aysgarth - Bridge Parapet Repairs
- 07.04.26 from YDNPA - Northern Parish Forum Agenda and Registration 22 April 2026
- 08.04.26 from Leyburn and District Emergency Community Support Organisation - Contact details  
**It was agreed that the Chairman Cllr Dinsdale should be the primary contact with the Clerk as back up**
- 10.04.26 from YDNPA - Response to PC e mail re Gill Beck Footpath Crossing Nr Thornton Rust
- 17.04.26 from WBW - Confirmation re Environmental Stewardship Annual Claim Form submitted for 26

- 20.04.26 from Quickline Update - Bainbridge and surrounding areas
- 20.04.26 from NYC - New Consultation - Bradleys Both Neighbourhood Plan Modification
- 27.04.26 from Ware & Kaye - Acknowledgement of receipt of various historical Thoraby Moss documents
- 27.04.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Public Space CCTV Review
- 28.04.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - The Updated Parish Charter
- 29.04.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Monthly Update April 2026
- 29.04.26 from Area 1 - Highways Area Update
- 29.04.26 from Area 1 - Parish Workshops
- 27.04.26 from YDNPA - Have your say on the new Design Guide
- 01.05.26 from NYC - Household Waste Recycling Centre Registration Scheme
- 06.05.26 from Area 1 - Introducing Alan Palfreyman Network Coordinator
- 11.05.26 from YDNPA - Enquiry re Church View bungalow at Aysgarth Falls Hotel

**Action - Clerk to respond**

- 11.05.26 from NYC - Reopening of Call for Sites
- 12.05.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - NYC Highways Workshops
- 13.05.26 from YDNPA - Proposed diversion of public footpath 20.97/11 (part) Thoraby
- 13.05.26 from NYC - Planned Road Restriction Notification - Holme Lane, Thoraby
- 14.05.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Older People's Champion Annual Report 2026
- 15.05.26 from UDHW - Draft minutes of 12.05.26 meeting
- 15.05.26 from NYC - Love Your Local Market - Offer from North Yorkshire Council
- 15.05.26 from YDNPA - Footpath No. 6 (part) Aysgarth Order 2024 No. 5

**15. Any Other Business**

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting - Monday 29th June 26 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute**  
**The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour**