

AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29th June 2026

At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Cllrs: John Dinsdale (Chair), Frances Colston, Linda Cooper, Chris Parker, Alison Sayer, Sandra Wilman, Robert Walker, David Wood

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Members of the public: 2

- 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs Rob Cromey-Hawke and Peter Windle
- 2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on** - The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st May 2026 were approved as a true and correct record.
- 3. Declaration of interest** - None
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**
 - **Serious Problems in Thornton Rust re Yorkshire Water Services - recurring loss of water pressure affecting the whole village of Thornton Rust (Agenda item 9 B/fwd)**

Cllr Cromey-Hawke (who was unable to attend the meeting) sent the following update: The matter has worsened significantly since the last Parish Council meeting, with last week seeing 5 out of 6 days having issues reported to Yorkshire Water and still needing multiple persons to report before it is considered an issue. Residents decided to contact Rishi Sunak to explain the issues and highlighting that it had been escalated through the PC and to District Cllr Yvonne Peacock without resolution. His staff responded immediately and consequently Yorkshire Water arranged an engineer on site immediately and identified the problematic pump and noticed a power supply issue which is outside their control as it is subcontracted out. Rishi's input has finally led to this matter being taken seriously and residents are hoping there is a permanent fix delivered soon. One of the resident's is awaiting a callback with details of when the matter will be resolved.

The two residents who attended the Parish Council meeting reiterated Cllr Cromey-Hawke's update. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.

- **Decaying Trees, Outgang, Thornton Rust (Agenda item 9 B/fwd)**

Cllr Cromey-Hawke sent an update that he is due to meet Lee the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Tree Officer on 02.07.26, as they had been unable to find mutually convenient dates/times over the last 2 weeks.

5. Highways/Street Lights/Bins/Trees

Cllr Dinsdale has been approached by two residents regarding the hole at the top of Mill Lane, Aysgarth. Councillors had attended a site meeting a number of years ago when a scheme had been promised to install kerbing from Northampton House to the Aysgarth village sign. Cllr Dinsdale had attended the Bishopdale Bridge meeting at YDNPA Offices in 2026 where it was discussed again. **Action - Clerk to follow up with Area 1 Highways.**

Cllr Dinsdale reported that he has white marks on potholes near his property near Aysgarth/Thornton Rust and Cllr Cooper advised there are marks on the drains in Thoraby which was encouraging news.

Cllr Cooper advised that rats had been seen near the sewerage works in Thoraby - **Action - Clerk to report it to Yorkshire Water.**

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101136	F Cartwright	251.98	Clerk Pay - June 26
101137	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - June 26
101138	F Cartwright	251.98	Clerk Pay - July 26
101139	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - July 26
A19200816	British Gas	75.15	Electricity 08.03.26 - 08.06.26
-	Pip Pointon	30.00	Clerk Aysgarth Annual Parish Meeting
Total		£629.11	

The following invoices which were received after the agenda had been issued were approved for payment:

261	J Reynolds	60.00	Internal Audit Fee YE 31.03.26
-	HMRC	188.80	PAYE Q1 ended 05.07.26

6.2 Income Received (excluding bank interest) since the 21.05.26 Meeting:

05.06.26	Leon Gallivan	5.00	Peppercorn, Thornton Rust
10.06.26	J Dinsdale	213.18	Rock Garden Donations
10.06.26	HMRC	1,124.00	VAT Reclaim 01.04.25 - 31.03.26

6.3 The latest bank statements were made available for review

6.4 VAT Reclaim 01.04.25 - 31.03.26

The VAT Reclaim of £1,124.00 had been received on 10.06.26

6.5 Funding from NYC towards .gov.uk website and e mail costs

The Clerk updated that no form had been received from NYC. **Action - Clerk to chase District Cllr Peacock again.**

7. AGAR/Accounts for 2025/26 (Circulated)

B.1. Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26

The Annual Internal Audit Report prepared by Jo Reynolds was noted. All the accounts were in order.

B.2. Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

The Statements from Section 1 of the External Audit Form were confirmed and it was resolved as a true and correct record. Section 1 was then signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

B.2.i. Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26

The Accounting Statement in Section 2 was considered, and it was resolved as a true and correct record. Section 2 was then signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

B.3. Presentation of the Accounts for the Year 2025/26

The accounts were presented to the council for the year. The accounts were considered and approved by the council.

B.4. Certificate of Exemption - AGAR 2025/26 Part 2 - To exempt the Authority

The Certificate of Exemption was considered and approved by the council.

8. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

New Applications

R/51/37H - Full planning permission for a new water disinfectant and service reservoir on land adjacent to the existing Aysgarth Water Treatment site; works to the existing access road; removal of existing tank once redundant, and restoration of site at Land at Aysgarth Water Treatment Works, OS Field No 8062, High Lane, Thornton Road, Aysgarth. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/57/55 - Full planning permission for erection of 1no. 3-bedroom detached dwelling house with associated garage and solar panels, accessed via the existing field access track at Plot 1, Land adjacent to Stone Flagged Cottage, Newbiggin-in-Bishopdale, Leyburn, (GR:399671,485532), DL8 3TD. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

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

Approved Conditional

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). **(Approved Conditional 29.05.26)**

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). **(Approved Conditional 03.06.26)**

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

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

B/fwd to Item 4

10. (Standing Item) Edwardian Rock Garden, Aysgarth

The Parish Council had no update

11. Avril & Bill Douglas Memorial Bench - Cllr Dinsdale is liaising with a plaque engraver in Catterick as the original intended engraver was no longer engraving.

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

The Parish Council was continuing to monitor the situation.

13. Joint Cemetery Management Committee Insurance Costs (Circulated)

The Parish Council considered the e mails received from the Clerk to the Joint Cemetery Management Committee (JMC) dated 01.06.26 and 04.06.26 including the decision taken by Burton-Cum-Waldon Parish Council at their meeting dated 02.06.26.

RESOLVED - The Parish Council decided to take the same approach as Burton-Cum-Walden Parish Council and contribute one third of the coming year's insurance premium £212.66 (being one third of the premium quote of £638) providing Carperby Parish Council also contributed a third. **Action - Clerk to respond to the Clerk of the JMC**

14. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 12.05.26 from HSBC - Financial Services Compensation Scheme Limit increase to £120,000
- 15.05.26 from YDNPA - Footpath No. 6 (part) Aysgarth Order 2024 No. 5
- 18.05.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - New Parish Website
- 18.05.26 from YDNPA - Spring Newsletter
- 22.05.26 from Area 1 Highways - Parish Workshops Availability
- 30.05.26 from Central Dales Practice - Letter for patients **(The Clerk and Councillors had assisted with the distribution of the letters)**
- 31.05.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Update May 2026
- 01.06.26 and 04.06.26 from P Pointon Clerk to Joint Cemetery Management Committee - Request for financial assistance for insurance costs (Item 13)
- 05.06.26 from NYC - Changes to requirements regarding publication of councillors' usual residential address **(No action required from the Parish Council)**
- 05.06.26 from NYC - Planned Road Restriction Aysgarth to Thornton Rust Rd between 22.06.26-24.06.26
- 06.06.26 from HMRC - Acknowledgement of Claim for VAT Refund received
- 11.06.26 from Area 1 Highways - Parish workshops concluded, presentations available in due course
- 15.06.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Wildfire Prevention Campaign Briefing
- 19.06.26 from NYC - Public Notice & Agenda for Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee meeting on 29.06.26

15. Any Other Business

Concerns had been received by the Parish Council Councillors regarding the management and staff turnover at the Central Dales Practice. Cllr Dinsdale had been reassured by the Practice that this was being looked into.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 3rd September 26 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute
The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour