AYSGARTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd September 2026
At Aysgarth Institute at 7.30pm

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

District Councillor: Yvonne Peacock

In Attendance: Mrs F Cartwright - Parish Council Clerk

Members of the public: None

1. **Consideration of Apologies for Absence** - None

2. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on -** The minutes of the Meeting held on 29th June 2026 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. **Declaration of interest** - Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Item 7 Planning Application R/53/26C.

4. **Matters arising from the last meeting** - none

5. **Highways/Street Lights/Bins/Trees**

Historic

- **Mill Lane, Aysgarth** - Cllr Dinsdale reported that Mill Cottage, Aysgarth had reported the condition of the top of the Lane to Highways and someone would get back to them. The Parish Council had previously been promised a design scheme at a site meeting a number of years ago and this had been reiterated at the Bridges meeting at YDNPA Offices . Action - Clerk to follow up with Area 1.
- **Bin, Thornton Rust** - The Parish Council resolved to trial the larger bin offered in Julie Toombes (NYC) e mail
- **Telegraph Poles in Trees, Thornton Rust** - Cllr Cromey-Hawke has spoken to BT Open Reach as 9 of the telegraph poles are in trees and the trees are overhanging. District Cllr Yvonne Peacock has requested for the trees to be sorted out via a capital scheme rather than maintenance. Action - Clerk to follow up with Area 1, cc Yvonne Peacock.
- **Thornton Rust /Quebec -** Trees and bushes restrict road width which is dangerous and scratches vehicles. Action - Clerk to report to Area 1.

New from 03.09.26 meeting

- **Emergency vehicle access on Doctor's Lane, Aysgarth** - Councillors and the Clerk had received concerns and complaints regarding vehicles blocking access for emergency vehicles - Action - Clerk to advise the authorities.
- **New Council Bins in Aysgarth -** The Clerk had received an e mail from an Aysgarth resident regarding problems with neighbour regarding siting of the new bins. Action - Clerk to respond suggesting that they continue to leave their bins outside of their house. The Parish Council will ascertain whether the Parish Council owns the land outside the front of the neighbouring house.
- **Goose Lane, Thoralby -** Councillors advised that YDNPA had said that Goose Lane, Thoralby belongs to Highways. Action - Clerk to ask Area 1 to confirm and ask if they could mow it twice per year.

- **Vegetation (thistles, blackthorn & nettles) on pathway opposite Dales Central Practice, Aysgarth** - Action - Clerk to request for it to be cut back by Area 1
- **Bridge, Thornton Rust** - The 3 week closure is creating issues.
- **Road Resurfacing, Thornton Rust** - When Highways resurfaced from Aysgarth to Thorton Rust they raised the surface above the height of the curb stone and filled drainage holes, water is running over onto the properties to the institute sandbags. Action - Clerk to report to Highways.
- **Bishopdale Bridge, Bishopdale** - Cllr Sayer advised that some works had been carried out but it had been hit by a vehicle again.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The council resolved to authorise the following payments:

Date/Inv #/Chq	Payee	£	Description
101140	F Cartwright	189.38	Clerk Pay - August 26
101141	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - August 26
101142	F Cartwright	189.38	Clerk Pay - September 26
101143	F Cartwright	10.00	Clerk Expenses - September 26
11256165	Business Stream	19.74	Rock Garden Water 29.04.26 - 28.07.26
LL0631/4018/27	WBW Surveyors	264.00	Stewardship Thoralby Moss 2026
Total		**£682.50**	

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

01.09.26	John Dinsdale	£135 + £15=	£150.00	Mat's for Posts in Thornton Rust (TR A/C)

Clerk Pay - The Parish Council resolved to increase the Clerk's pay to £17.17 per hour (back dated to 01.04.26) per the annual NALC correspondence. Action - Clerk to advise the external Payroll bureau.

6.2 Income Received (excluding bank interest) since the 29.06.26 Meeting:

24.07.26	John Dinsdale	£136.59	Rock Garden Donations
03.08.26	RPA No2	£123.56	Thoralby Moss, details TBC by WBW
07.08.26	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	£15.00	Annual Rent Seata Quarry 2025

6.3 The latest bank statements were made available for review

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

The Clerk asked District Cllr Peacock for an update regarding the £500 funding. Cllr Peacock said that they had been experiencing some problems and asked that the Clerk resend her e mail address to District Cllr Peacock so that she can chase it up.

7. Planning - To consider the following Planning Applications:

<u>New Applications</u>

R/51/55T/LB - Listed building consent for installation of an EV charger at 1 Yore Mill Cottages, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR **(Approved Conditional 25.08.26). The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/51/8K - Full planning permission for the siting of an ANPR camera system and satellite link equipment onto the existing 'Pay & Display' pole, and for construction of a 20 metre solar panel fence to north west corner of the car park at The Falls Car Park, Church Bank, Aysgarth DL8 3SR. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/57/58 - Full planning permission for erection of detached single-storey building, for purposes ancillary to the existing public house and the development previously approved under R/57/6W at STREETHEAD INN, Street Head Inn, Newbiggin, DL8 3TE. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/53/31C/OH - Consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to divert the route of the overhead line via the erection of 3 spans of overhead line, 3 poles and ancillaries (Ref: DI81859) at Kidstones, Bishopdale (GR: 395585, 481576). **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/51/42L - Full planning permission for change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of 2no. shepherds huts to provide short-term holiday accommodation, together with soft and hard landscaping and boundary treatment, including creation of a bio-diversity enhancement area with access ancillary to the holiday accommodation at Home Farm, Thorngarth, Aysgarth DL8 3AG. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/53/26C - Full planning permission for erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling to support the agricultural operations at High Green Farm, Westfield Lane, Thoralby (GR:398853,485848). **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/51/54R - Full planning permission for the introduction of metal flue pipe for a wood burning stove, internal room layout alterations and re-positioning of a flood defence gate accessing the river bank (retrospective) at 4, The Bothy, St. Joseph's Mews, Church Bank, Aysgarth, DL8 3SR. **The Parish Council had no comment to make.**

R/51/54S/LB - Listed building consent to retain works undertaken in respect of the introduction of metal flue pipe for a wood burning stove, internal room layout alterations and re-positioning of a flood defence gate accessing the river bank at 4, The Bothy, St. Joseph's Mews, Church Bank, 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

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
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.

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 Clerk updated that further to various correspondence received from the planning applicants, the applicants were not able to attend the 3rd September PC meeting. The clerk had received a 'text' from the applicants on the day of the meeting, but it was not legible. Clerk will ask the applicant to send it through again on 'e mail' so that she could circulate it to Councillors in preparation for the 8th October meeting.

8. (*Standing Item*) Thoralby Moss and Thornton Mire

- **Serious Problems in Thornton Rust re Yorkshire Water Services**

Cllr Cromey-Hawke updated the meeting that Yorkshire Water had confirmed that the problems are being caused by sub contracted electrical works and no time scale for resolution has been given. There had been 3 outages in August.

- **Decaying Trees, Outgang, Thornton Rust**

Cllr Cromey-Hawke updated that following the site meeting with the Senior Trees and Woodland Officer, YDNPA had confirmed in an e mail dated 03.07.26 the following:

The trees are not protected by Tree Preservation Order or Conservation Area and as such the Parish Council do not need YDNPA consent to carry out work to the trees. The Officer feels that the Oak has issues, including something going in the root plate. He thinks this is more likely down to poor planting than anything nasty but with the lean and the fact that it is being supressed by the adjacent Cherry, he thinks it would be better coming out. The two Ash have Ash Dieback and although they are not at the point where they need to come out urgently, they are not going to recover and will probably need removing next year. The self-seeding Cherries are ok, but the poorer specimens could be taken out to give the better ones a chance to make decent trees.

Cllr Cromey-Hawke said that no specialist services would be needed. Barry and a couple of residents are happy to carry out the work in late Autumn. The Parish Council resolved that the trees should be removed.

Thoralby Moss Works

Estimates were being prepared by John Ellerton and Robbie Parker which would be considered at a 'Parish' Meeting.

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

Cllr Dinsdale and Windle had weeded the Rock Garden. Cllr Windle had mended the hinges on the Honesty Box. He had stripped the seat down and new bolts were required which would be purchased. The Parish Council thanked them for their ongoing maintenance works.

Cllr Windle confirmed the meter readings for the Garden as follows:

Water	4265	Electricity	20698

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

The clerk updated the meeting that she had met the new owners of the George and Dragon public house and they had said that they are liaising with YDNPA and want to get the bar area of the pub open as soon as possible and would then move on to renovating the rooms. They have a good social media presence with the local community. The Parish Council resolved to pause the application for the Asset of Community Value. It was noted that Meadow View was up for auction again on a different platform.

11. Village Benches

The clerk said that she had been approached by David Pickard regarding a memorial bench for Barbara Pickard. The Parish Council agreed that the Pickard family could arrange a bench with a plaque providing that it was in keeping with the other benches in the village and maintained by the family. It was agreed that it could be sited in front of the village institute in Aysgarth.

Cllr Dinsdale had repaired the bench on the East side of Aysgarth village. The 'Millenium' bench which used to sit outside the Institute in Aysgarth was past repair and had been disposed of. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Dinsdale. There were no other bench issues in the other villages.

12. Correspondence (Circulated) E mail dated:

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

- 04.07.26 from UDHW - Draft Amended Constitution
- 09.07.26 from PKF Little John - Receipt of 2025/26 documents & notification of exempt status
- 11.07.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Parish Precept Arrangements for 2026/27 and 2027/28
- 11.07.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Tour of Britain Route Announced
- 11.07.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Register for the New Parish Website
- 11.07.26 from NYC - New Consultations : Submitted Neighbourhood Plans – comment by 12.08.26
- 14.07.26 from NYC - Register of Interests form template and supporting guidance
- 14.07.26 from Area 1 Highways - New CRM system - Net call Replacing Lagan- Go Live - 15th July
- 16.07.26 from Area 1 Highways - Information re Causeway One Network
- 21.07.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - "Don't Spark Disaster" Wildfire Campaign
- 21.07.26 from Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) - AGAR Digital Portal
- 23.07.26 from District Cllr Peacock - Hawes NHS public Survey
- 27.07.26 from Area 1 - Plan & Customer Feedback - New Bridge, Bishopdale - repair works
- 27.07.26 from Ruth Annison - Public Transport Report 15.07.26
- 28.07.26 from NYC Julie Toombes - Suggested new design for dog litter bin for Thornton Rust
- 29.07.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Parish Update July 2026
- 30.07.26 from NYC Resilience & Emergencies Team - Community Plans & offer to attend PC Meeting – Action - Clerk to invite them to a Parish Council meeting
- 30.07.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Local Plan Parish Council Briefings
- 28.07.26 from visitor - Bull in field near public right of way in Swinithwaite area
- 14.08.26 from NYC Bridges - Planned road closure of Thornton Gill Bridge, Thornton Rust, from 1.09.26 for approximately three weeks to facilitate bridge strengthening works as part of the Council's routine bridge maintenance programme. During the works, the bridge fill material will be removed, meaning that both vehicular and pedestrian access across the bridge will not be possible. Residents, landowners and farm traffic will be able to pass the road closure barriers to access properties and land, but it will not be possible to cross Thornton Gill Bridge during the works.
- 14.08.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Information regarding the Tour of Britain on Saturday 5 September
- 16.08.26 from Aysgarth resident - concerns that emergency vehicles such as Fire & Rescue cannot always access Doctors Lane, Aysgarth due to parked vehicles
- 12.08.26 from NYC re Information Recycling Roadshows taking place on 19.09.26 in Aysgarth & Hudswell
- 17.08.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - 'On Your Patch' Newsletter
- 24.08.26 from YLCA - Invitation to Branch meeting on 08.10.26 7.00pm at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn
- 20.08.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Parish Precept Arrangement Letter FY 27/28
- 26.08.26 from NYC Parish Liaison - Parish Update August 26
- 26.08.26 from YDNPA - Invite to On-line Autumn Parish Forum on Tuesday 17.11.26 7pm - 9pm

13. Any Other Business.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 8th October 26 at 7.30pm at Aysgarth Institute
The Parish Council will not tolerate rude, abusive or threatening behaviour