

**Austwick Parish Council
Meeting 2 2024-2025 – Monday 20th May 2024
Minutes**

This meeting succeeded the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and started at 18.07.

The Parish Council allocated a reasonable period of time at the start of the meeting to allow registered electors the opportunity to ask questions and / or make statements that relate to the work of the Council.

Public Participation:

Mrs Thompson reported that the wall at the junction of Townhead Lane with Thwaite Lane is damaged, presumably by vehicles using the lane for the timber extraction. The Council agreed to address this item after the forestry work is completed for the year.

Mr Cleverly participated at item 2.8a: dying ash tree on Graystonber Lane.

2.1 Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

a Present: Cllrs Peter Goold (Chairman), Barbara Tibbatts, David Dewhirst, and Mark Robinson.

In attendance: Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill and six members of the public.

Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting by Cllr Kate Smith.

b Members of the Council had been notified of the reason for absence of Cllr Smith and **resolved** to accept the reason given.

2.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests.

a. Councillors did not **record** any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other interests in relation to items on this agenda.

b. No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this agenda.

2.3 North Yorkshire Councillor and North Yorkshire Police reports:

The Council had **received** the written police report which contained 7 incidents in the parish and in the surrounding area during the period between 2 and 18 May 2024, notably an incident of a house burglary and campervan stolen and later found and recovered by the police at Dales Bridge.

There was no report from the North Yorkshire Council Councillor.

2.4 Minutes of Meetings

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Meeting 1, held on 15th April 2024, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chair, Cllr Goold, as a true and accurate record.

2.5 To receive updates on Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda

The Council **noted** that there were no updates on Matters from previous meetings reported.

2.6 Planning

a. Applications

The Council **noted** it had not received any planning applications to consider.

b. Decisions

1. C/04/64H Section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 of C/04/64G (Full planning permission for conversion of barn to single dwelling with local occupancy/holiday let restriction) in respect of installation of two additional windows to west elevation as required to conform to building regulations at Lawsons Barn, Wharfe, Austwick. ***Not yet decided***
2. C/04/705 Full planning permission for conversion of barn to 4-bed dwelling for local occupancy, together with installation of package sewage treatment plant at Fleet Barn, Wharfe Road, Austwick. ***Not yet decided***
3. C/04/32P and C/04/32Q/LB Householder planning permission and Listed Building Consent for

re-roofing and installation of solar panels, including replacement doors to workshop at Bridge House, Greystonber Lane, Austwick. **Approved conditionally.**

4. YDNPA notification under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the felling of three scots pine covered by Tree Preservation Order No. 4 (Austwick) 1965 at Woodland Heights, Austwick. **Consent given.**
5. YDNPA notification under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the removal of two ash and crown lift and reduction of one yew covered by Tree Preservation Order No. 4 (Austwick) 1965 located at Austwick Hall, Austwick. **Consent given.**

c. Additional and other planning matters

1. YDNPA's determination of planning application C/04/148M/DIS1 at land off Pant Lane. The Council had **contacted** the YDNPA Principal Planning Officer, recording its disappointment with the decision to allow discharge from the new housing development into the combined sewer, leading to an inevitable further overload on the already inadequate Austwick sewage pumping station. The Council **noted** the reply that the Planning Authority had duly consulted with both North Yorkshire Council's Lead Local Flood Authority and United Utilities, as well as forwarded the Parish Council's comments to both consultees, asking them to take the Parish Council's comments into consideration in assessing the proposed drainage strategy. Both consultees responded and confirmed that they were satisfied with the detail submitted by the applicant. The Planning Authority is reliant on the expertise of both the Lead Local Flood Authority and United Utilities in such matters and it was a specific recommendation given by United Utilities on the original application to apply the condition originally.

2.7 To note reports and updates regarding parish and parish council matters other than maintenance

- a. BOAT status issue at Thwaite Lane timescale for submitting case statements and comments to the Planning Inspectorate
The Council was **informed** that it has received confirmation from the Planning Inspectorate that the Parish Council's Statement of Case, incorporating reasons that the Modification Order 2007 was not lawful and should be quashed, is in a form and layout that is acceptable as well as an acknowledgement letter. In due course all interested parties in this matter will receive copies of all the Statements of Case submitted, with the opportunity to comment further. The Council **noted** the receipt of the current draft statement of case from the Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance, who are arguing that the route does not have public vehicular rights, but that if the Inspector deciding the case finds it does, it should be a restricted byway, not a byway open to all traffic.
- b. Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Forum 7th May 2024
The Chair, Cllr Goold, **reported** on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Forum, which was held to review the achievements of the current Management Plan as well as kick-starting work on updating the Plan to meet the challenges of the next five years. Presentations were given on overall progress on the current Management Plan objectives; feedback from the public consultation on the key issues facing the National Park; and the challenges and opportunities faced by younger people in the National Park.
- c. to allow Settle Beavers to put up dog fouling awareness posters
The Council had **received** a request from the Beaver Leader for Settle Beavers to put up hard plastic posters in key dog waste areas in Austwick asking people to clean up after their dogs, following a successful bid for funding from North Yorkshire Council. The Council had asked the Beaver Leader for a picture of the poster they are proposing as well as its dimensions and what they are intending to attach the posters to. The Council **agreed** to support this initiative if a satisfactory response to its questions is received.
- d. to consider financial support towards the costs of the Austwick Parish Newsletter
The Council has **received** a letter from the Treasurer of the Austwick Parochial Church Council, seeking the Parish Council's continued financial support towards the costs of the

Austwick Parish Newsletter and highlighting the continued increase of the production costs. The Council **agreed** to give a donation of £400 as a contribution to the costs incurred in producing the Austwick Parish Newsletter.

2.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:

a. issues relating to NYC Highways

The Council had **received** a representation about a dying mature Ash tree on the road verge at Graystonber Lane, which, if not attended to, will undoubtedly fall sooner or later possibly causing damage to the highway and, more particularly, to the Grade II listed Austwick Bridge. The Council **agreed** to contact NYC Highways asking them to visit and inspect this substantial tree as soon as possible and fell and remove the tree.

b. issues relating to YDNPA

- 1 The Council was **informed** that the YDNPA's Southern Ranger Team have commissioned works to replace the stepping stones on public footpath number 31, over Austwick Beck.
- 2 Cllr Dewhirst **reported** that two of the slats of the finger post at the notice board in Feizor have fallen out of the post. The Council **agreed** for Cllr Dewhirst to report this verbally to the Area Ranger.

c. repair of a capstone from the bench at Flascoe Bridge

Cllr Robinson **reported** that the capstone has been replaced on the bench at Flascoe Bridge at the cost of the adoptee of the bench.

d. possible locations for a bigger waste bin to increase the capacity of bins in the parish

The Council **considered** the possible locations for a bigger waste bin in order the capacity of bins in the parish is increased and **agreed** to retain the small existing waste bin at the end of Flascoe Lane at Tommy Bank Barn and ask North Yorkshire Council (NYC) for an additional general waste bin on the grassed verge at the bottom of Townhead Lane. The Council **decided** to contact NYC Waste Management asking advice regarding permission involved from NYC; possible costs involved; and a confirmation from NYC that an additional waste bin be emptied by the NYC operative.

e. damage to window at the bus shelter

The Council had **received** a representation that two windows at the Bus Shelter have been damaged. The Chair, Cllr Goold, had inspected the damage and found that one pane was broken, one pane was cracked, and one pane was crazed. The broken glass had been removed by the lengthsman who had made a temporary repair. The Council **agreed** for the Chair, Cllr Goold, to liaise with the lengthsman and the Parish Hall Caretaker, Mr Armstrong with a view to carrying out a full repair.

f. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters

The Council **noted** that no lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters were reported.

2.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account on on 30th April 2024 as £17,133.04.
- b. The Council **noted** receipt of £7,250 from North Yorkshire Council as first instalment of the precept.
- c. The Council **approved** payment of £37.50 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 5 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- d. The Council **noted** the lengthsman services report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 30th April
- e. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £350.15 for maintenance on village greens; £404.60 for maintenance on village verges; £119.00 for maintenance on outlying verges; and £88.65 for maintenance on miscellaneous grounds, all for April.
- f. The Council **noted** payment of £365.04 to the clerk as salary for April.
- g. The Council **noted** the notification of the Council's exempt status of the Financial Year 2023-

- 2024 by the External Auditor.
- h. The Council **noted** that there were no other financial issues to consider.

2.10 Correspondence received

The Council **noted** it had not received any correspondence.

2.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the North Yorkshire Council Standards bulletin March 2024; and the Highways Town/Parish Council workshop notes 2024.
- b. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Bulletins 26/4, 10/5; the Law and Governance bulletin April; the NALC consultation on Standards in Public Life until 14th June; and the Craven Branch Annual meeting 17 June-call for agenda items.

2.12 To determine any Matter not included on this Agenda which the Chairman considers must nevertheless be addressed as a matter of urgency

The Council **noted** that no matters of urgency were reported.

2.13 Date and time of the Parish Council

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 1st July 2024 to be held at Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed this meeting at 18.57.

This meeting was succeeded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 19.30.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council