

Austwick Parish Council
Meeting 4 2024-2025 – Monday 2nd September 2024
Minutes

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 Jupp, a resident of Pant Lane participated at item 4.8b: Pant Lane drainage issues.

4.1 Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

- a **Present:** Cllrs Peter Goold (Chairman), Barbara Tibbatts, and David Dewhirst.
In attendance: Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill and six members of the public.
Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting by Cllrs Mark Robinson and Kate Smith.
- b Members of the Council had been notified of the reason for absence of Cllrs Robinson and Smith and **resolved** to accept the reasons given.

4.2 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.

4.3 North Yorkshire Councillor and North Yorkshire Police reports:

The Council had **received** the written police report which contained 20 incidents in the parish and in the surrounding area during the period between 29 June and 31 August 2024, 7 specific items, all of a minor nature.
There was no report from the North Yorkshire Council Councillor.

4.4 Minutes of Meetings

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Meeting 3, held on 1st July 2024, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chair, Cllr Goold, as a true and accurate record.

4.5 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.

4.6 Planning

a. Applications

1. C/04/60G Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (replace Proposed Drawing No1 Rev C with Proposed Drawing No 1 Rev D) of C/04/60F in respect amendments to the approved scheme for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling or holiday let at Newfield Barn, Wharfe, Austwick. The Council **noted** that the deadline to provide comments was on or before 19th August and that an extension to this deadline was agreed with the Planning Authority to 5th September. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that it has no comments to make.

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. **Approved conditionally**
2. C/04/705 Revised set of plans for 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/04/697A Full planning permission to roof over an existing midden at Old Hall Farm, Feizor,

Austwick. **Approved conditionally**

c. Additional and other planning matters

- 1 The Council **noted** the receipt of planning application C/04/709C Section 73 application to vary Condition 2 of C/49/26F (Full planning permission for erection of extension to form new entrance hall) in respect of amendments to the design at Fechs Sheiling, Feizor, Austwick. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that it has no comments to make.

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

- a. BOAT status issue at Thwaite Lane: Parish Council further comments submitted to the Planning Inspectorate

The Council had **submitted** additional comments to the Planning Inspectorate following its meeting held on 1st July 2024 as minuted at item 3.7a. The Council **noted** that the Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that the Council's comments have been circulated to all interested parties. The Council also **noted** receipt of a copy of all interested parties' further comments. The Council **agreed** that it will await the determination of the Planning Inspectorate's decision in due course.

- b. Austwick WWTW overflow follow up meeting

The Council had **contacted** Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Council indicating its readiness to be included in a follow up meeting with all interested parties to discuss possible options for further action regarding the 2023 statistics of the Austwick Waste Water Pumping Station (WWTW). The Council **noted** it had not received an invitation to such a meeting and **agreed** to forward this item to the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting on 14th October.

- c. alleged acts of vandalism in the parish

The Chair, Cllr Goold, **referred** to the recently reported alleged incidents of vandalism, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the parish, as well as his discussions with committee members of several local community Associations. The Council **ratified** publishing the item in the current Parish Newsletter as well as posting a message on the Austwick Community Chat Facebook page to bring this unacceptable behaviour to people's attention and invite readers to reproduce it on other social media if they wish, reaching more people of the younger generation.

As there had been no further reported incidents in the last several weeks, the Council **agreed** to defer a request that the police attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the problem in the hope that these incidents will not occur again.

The Council **noted** that the police publicly ask that anti-social behaviour and vandalism be reported promptly to enable them to intervene at an early stage. If Parish Councillors do not have direct personal knowledge of such incidents, they are not witnesses and, if asked and agreeing to intervene, this could only cause delay and risk confusion as the police would then ask the Council to provide the names of those who have first-hand information. The right course of action is for witnesses to incidents to themselves call the police directly and promptly.

- d. Settle Harriers event on 17th August

The Council had **received** correspondence from the Settle Harriers to seek the Council's permission to erect a gazebo on the green next to the Gamecock pub for an informal and Settle Harriers only challenge on 17th August to raise money for the Cave Rescue Organisation. The Council **ratified** contacting them and ask for further information, such as their Public Liability insurance cover for the event as well as that all residents who overlook the green were notified of the event in advance. The Council had **received** confirmation of the two matters and **ratified** giving the Settle Harriers permission for the gazebo to be erected.

4.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:

- a. dying mature ash tree on Graystonber Lane

The Council had **contacted** NYC Highways again asking them to visit and inspect a dying ash

tree on the road verge at Graystonber Lane, near Austwick Bridge with a view to felling and removing the tree. The Council **noted** the reply from NYC Highways that the tree has been inspected and that no action is required at this time.

- b. Pant Lane drainage issues
The Council had **contacted** NYC Highways twice requesting that Highways' engineers review whether the escalated drainage issues at Pant Lane should be assigned priority status and it **noted** that a reply is still awaited. Members of the Council expressed their dismay and the Council **agreed** to write to NYC Highways again, copying NYC Cllr David Ireton, referring to all correspondence in the last year and requesting that the abandoned work to resolve the serious drainage issues on Pant Lane, causing damage to residents' properties, now be completed as a matter of priority. The Council **agreed** to keep the situation under review and consider further action prior to the next Parish Council meeting on 14th October.
- c. issues relating to NYC Highways
The Council **agreed** to consider asking NYC Highways to remove the 'skid surface' signs on Austwick Road at the next Parish Council meeting on 14th October.
- d. damaged fingerpost on Holm Lane
The Council had **reported** the damaged fingerpost on Holm Lane to the YDNPA outgoing Area Ranger and **noted** that this matter has been forwarded to the relevant Access Ranger as well as being kept on file for the new Area Ranger who was due to start work in August. The Council **agreed** to forward this item to the agenda of the Parish Council meeting on 2nd December.
- e. other issues relating to YDNPA
Cllr Dewhirst **reported** that the verges and shrubs on either side of the bridleway that runs parallel with the A65 between Clapham Road, Austwick and the highway into Clapham, are severely overgrown. The Council **agreed** to report this to the YDNPA Area Ranger asking the relevant Access Ranger to clear the overgrowth as soon as possible.
- f. additional waste bin to increase the capacity of bins in the parish
The Chair, Cllr Goold, **reported** about a site meeting with Cllr Dewhirst and the NYC Waste and Street Scene Locality Manager and **reported** that two new waste bins have been installed in the village to overcome the capacity problem, one to replace the small dog waste bin at Tommy Bank Barn and one at the bottom of Townhead Lane, the locations recommended by the NYC Waste Locality Manager during the site visit.
- g. lengthsman duties or other parish maintenance matters
The Council **noted** that no lengthsman duties or other parish maintenance matters were reported.

4.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account on on 27th August 2024 as £11,995.32.
- b. The Council **approved** payment of £67.50 to Charlotte Wilkinson for nine weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- c. The Council **noted** the lengthsman services report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 27th August.
- d. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £434.25 for maintenance on village greens; £744.27 for maintenance on village verges; and £124.20 for maintenance on outlying areas, all for July.
- e. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £41.40 for maintenance on village greens; £157.65 for maintenance on village verges; £414.95 for maintenance on outlying areas; and £48.22 for other lengthsman services, all to 27th August.
- f. The Council **approved** payment of £10.00 to the Parish Hall Council as agreed annual contribution to electricity running costs of the community defibrillator at the Parish Hall for

2024.

- g. The Council **considered** an adjustment to the clerk's salary to include an allowance for holiday pay and **approved** payment of £409.20 per month to the clerk as salary for July and August as well as **approved** payment of £132.48 to the clerk as back-payment of the increase for the three months April to June 2024.
- h. The Council **noted** that there were no other financial issues to consider.

4.10 Correspondence received

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

4.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the NYC planned road restriction notification QB091281478740200 at Pant Copy for Yorkshire Water to install a new water supply connection for a period of two days between 25th and 26th July. Road plates will be on site to maintain access for residents.
- b. The Council **noted** the NYC planned road restriction notification JG800NP BUS-58 152170 at Pant Lane for Electricity North West to provide a new electric connection for a period of 5 days between 5th and 9th August 2024. Access will be maintained for residents as no diversion is available.
- c. The Council **noted** the NYC: 'Let's Talk Rubbish' consultation between 8 July and 16 September 2024; North Yorkshire Local Access Forum; 'Keep North Yorkshire Clean' anti-littering campaign; Parish Sector information: boundary commission briefing presentation slides; and the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee meeting on 5th September.
- d. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Bulletins 5/07, 12/07, 22/07, 26/07, 2/08, 9/08, 16/08, 23/08, 30/08; Annual Review 2023-2024; Law and Governance bulletin July 2024 and the Craven branch meeting on 3rd October.
- e. The Council **noted** the YDNPA newsletter summer 2024.

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

The Council had **received** correspondence from Simpson Millar LLP in connection with an alleged incident at the Street Market event held on 27th May 2024 and **agreed** to reply to the law firm that the Parish Council was not responsible for the organisation of the event.

4.13 Date and time of the Parish Council

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 14th October 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 21.01.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council