

**Austwick Parish Council
Meeting 4 2021-2022 – Monday 6th September 2021
Minutes**

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

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

The Council **noted** that, on 5th July 2021 it had received the resignation of Councillors Sarah Wiltshire and Ian Smith. Councillor Sarah Wiltshire has moved out of the parish, and Councillor Ian Smith has retired after around twenty years' service to the Council, firstly as Clerk and later as a Councillor. Councillors Barbara Tibbatts, David Dewhirst and Peter Goold and Clerk Marijke Hill joined in expressing and **recording** their thanks and appreciation to Sarah and Ian for their valuable contribution to the Council's work during their tenure of office.

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:

All members of the public participated at items 4.6c1, and 4.6c2, various planning matters. Mr Cleverly also participated at item 4.8c.

4.1 Apologies for absence: District Cllr Lis

4.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests.

- a. Councillors did not record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (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 Police, District and County Councillors and YDNPA Reports:

The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 24 incidents during the period between 2nd July and 2nd September 2021, all minor apart from six Road Traffic Collisions, three with a single vehicle on A65 on 10th July; one with 2 vehicles on A65 on 15th July; one with 2 vehicles on 28th July on A65; and one with 3 vehicles on 2nd August on A65. A member of the public enquired what email address residents should use when reporting an incident to the police. The Council agreed to find out and consent was requested and given to send the reply from NYP to the parishioner's email address. There were no reports from the District and County Councillors and the YDNPA.

4.4 Minutes of Meeting 3 2021-2022

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of Meeting 3 held on 5th July 2021, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Goold, as a true and accurate record.

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

No matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda were reported.

4.6 Planning

a. Applications

1. NYCC: CA6 039 Austwick Common (CL275) – Right Entry 18 – Notice of an application to transfer a registered right of common in gross and application for the registration of the transfer in the commons register. The Council **noted** that it had no comments to make.
2. C/04/611M Section 73 application for variation of Condition 2 of C/04/611H and C/04/611N/LB Section 19 application for variation of Condition 2 of C/04/611J/LB (full planning permission and listed building consent for alterations to barn/garage to incorporate garaging, store, home office, art studio and a guest bedroom suite to be used in conjunction with the main dwelling and installation of photovoltaic roof covering, with glazed

lantern roof light, installation of flue pipes and air source heat pump) in respect of installation of inset solar PV panels to the barn roof at Harden House Barn, Holm Lane, Austwick. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that it had no comments to make.

3. C/04/624F Householder planning permission for alterations to the north east elevation of the dwelling and widening of both vehicular access points, Chapel On The Green, Main Street, Austwick. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that it had no comments to make.

b. Decisions

1. C/04/609B full planning permission and amended notification for the proposed continuation of the winning and working of mineral until 31 December 2034, with a lateral and deepening extension of the extraction area down to 127 metres above Ordnance Datum within the existing site and revised restoration proposals to be completed by 31 December 2035, Dry Rigg Quarry, Helwith Bridge, Horton-in-Ribblesdale. **Not yet decided.**
2. C/04/148M amended plans to full planning permission for erection of 8 dwellings and creation of new vehicular access to site at Land off Pant Lane, Austwick. **Not yet decided.**
3. C/44/101G application for the variation under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) of conditions 1,2,3,4 and 5 of permission reference C/44/101F for mineral extraction: Condition 1 to enable the continued import of mineral by HGV from Dry Rigg Quarry to Arcow Quarry railhead for its temporary stocking and export by rail until not later than 31 December 2034; Condition 2 to enable the railhead and adjoining land to be restored not later than 31 December 2035; Condition 3 to refer to this Section 73 application submission documents; Condition 4 to remove the 'Prior to the resumption of mineral extraction...' restriction and refer to the proposed revised restoration scheme; Condition 5 to remove the 'Prior to the resumption of mineral extraction...' restriction and require stockpiling to be carried out in accordance with the currently approved scheme, Arcow Quarry, Helwith Bridge, Horton-in-Ribblesdale. **Not yet decided.**
4. C/04/698 full planning permission for siting of three shepherds huts for holiday let accommodation, creation of limestone hardcore track, and installation of package treatment plant (amended description), Crummack Farm, Austwick. **Not yet decided.**
5. C/04/701 householder planning permission for erection of porch to the front elevation and erection of kitchen/diner extension to the rear incorporating the existing garage as utility and store; installation of Air Source Heat Pump to the rear of the utility room; re-roofing works to the property; widening of the existing driveway and associated groundworks, 2, Hall Close, Austwick. **Approved conditionally.**
6. C/18/146E full planning permission for creation of timber wagon turning and timber stacking area; maintenance and improvement of timber extraction route and installation of reinforced concrete crossing over the sheep underpass, Long Lane, Thwaite Lane and Thwaite Wood, Ingleborough Estate, Clapham. **Not yet decided.**
7. C/04/60B full planning permission for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling or holiday let at Newfield Barn, Wharfe, Austwick. **Not yet decided.**
8. Tree Preservation Order No 4 (Austwick) 1965 to carry out a 10% crown thin and removal of epicormic growth from two lime trees, and the removal of one redwood, Harden House, Austwick. **Given consent.** The Council **noted** that this is on the condition that a replacement tree of native species is planted within the first planting season after felling.
9. Tree Preservation Order No 2 (Austwick) 1987 to carry out a 3m crown reduction and reduction of one limb on the east aspect by up to 6m, and the removal of deadwood from one ash, Higson House, Wharfe. **Given consent.**

c. Additional and other planning matters

1. To **receive** an update regarding planning application C/18/146E: Ingleborough Estate woodland management and to **ratify** the decision to object to this planning application. The Council **ratified** the decision to object to this planning application on the grounds that heavy goods vehicles transporting timber will pass, frequently and for the foreseeable future, along the length of Thwaite Lane, and through the centre of Austwick village using Townhead, Main Street and Clapham Road. This entails HGVs negotiating a much-used bridleway, an extremely steep and narrow lane, and highways containing tight junctions and bends, narrow sections, many parked vehicles, a primary school, the village shop and post office, and a

public house, together with many dwellings on both sides of the road. This would cause an unacceptable level of risk, damage and disturbance to the residents of our community, infrastructure and environment of the area.

The Council recommended that the applicant seeks an alternative route to extracting timber, closer to Clapham and accessible to a highway, that would not require the proposed engineering to, and use of the length of Thwaite Lane and the use of the highways through Austwick village.

2. To **receive** an update regarding planning application C/04/15A: Lanshaw Lodge, Austwick and to **consider** additional planning application C/04/15B householder planning permission for reinstatement of vehicular access off Holm Lane and closure of existing access onto Clapham Road with associated works, Lanshaw Lodge, High Street, Austwick.
The Council **agreed** that a neighbouring parishioner should have the opportunity to suggest comments regarding the landscaping plans and the retention of the existing trees along the boundary with the property and, in the absence of any adverse comments from the parishioner, the Council will notify the YDNPA that it has no comments to make.
3. To **consider** additional planning application C/04/646A householder planning permission for erection of single storey bedroom extension, Norber, Town Head Lane, Austwick.
The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that it had no comments to make.

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

- a. YDNPA application for diversion of Footpath 20 and Bridleway 61
The Council **agreed** that it had no comments to make regarding the YDNPA application for a diversion of Footpath No. 20 and Bridleway No. 61 under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 257.
- b. Wild Ingleborough project
The Council had **received** correspondence from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Stakeholder Development Officer for Wild Ingleborough, Mr Paul Brady, asking the Parish Council if he could attend a Parish Council meeting in order to inform people about the project as well as hear thoughts, concerns and ideas. The Council **agreed** to invite Mr Brady to the Parish Council meeting on 6th December.
- c. road safety at the Orcaber Lane junction on the A65
The Council had **received** a copy of a letter to NYCC Highways from a resident who recently had been involved in a serious road traffic accident on 2nd August at the intersection of Orcaber Lane and the A65 near the Dalebridge Centre. The Council **noted** the reply from NYCC Highways that the causation factor for this accident was driver's error and that NYCC Highways will not take action.
The Council **agreed** that the Chairman should write a letter to NYCC Highways, expressing serious concerns about the presence of three junctions and absence of safety lanes for traffic turning right off the A65, that together with no speed limit restrictions, continue to make the narrow, winding section of the A65 between the Settle and Clapham bypasses an extremely dangerous length of highway. The Council **agreed** to ask for the lack of a speed limit, absence of right turn vehicle lanes and the safety of pedestrians on the length of the A65 between the Settle and Clapham bypasses, be reassessed and appropriate action taken.

4.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:

- a. issues relating to NYCC Highways
The Council **noted** that no issues relating to NYCC Highways were reported.
- b. issues relating to YDNPA
The Council **noted** that no issues relating to YDNPA were reported.

- c. Graystonber Lane and Clapham Road conservation verges
Cllr Dewhirst **reported** that a site meeting with Mr Hewitt of the YDNPA will be arranged shortly.
Mr Cleverly informed the Council that the small piece of land at Flascoe Bridge is overgrown and asked the Council if it would consider to carry out some maintenance or improvement. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Dewhirst will endeavour to identify the owner of the plot so that the Council's involvement can be considered further.
- d. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters
Cllr Dewhirst **informed** the Council that the lengthsman has cleared most of the ivy at the bus shelter 'pinfold', after the tree surgeon had reduced the height of the Silver Birch tree, and will clear the debris soon.

4.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account bank on 31st July 2021 as £13,918.61 with £13,804.29 parish council monies and £114.35 AED funds.
- b. The Council **approved** payment of £45.00 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 9 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- c. The Council **approved** payment of £450.00 to Tree Tops Forestry for treework carried out at Austwick pinfold.
- d. The Council **approved** payment of £30.00 to Austwick Parish Hall Council for hire of the Hall on 24 May and 5 July
- e. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £211.50 for maintenance on village greens; and £351.00 for maintenance on verges, both for July.
- f. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £223.20 for maintenance on village greens; £323.10 for maintenance on verges; £103.80 for maintenance on outlying verges; and £145.80 for miscellaneous repairs, all for August.
- g. The Council **noted** the Lengthsman Services Report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 30 June 2021.
- h. The Council **approved** payment of £244.80 per month to the clerk as salary for July and August 2021.
- i. The Council **noted** that there were no other financial issues to report.

4.10 Correspondence received

- a. To **note** parishioner's concerns over ash trees on the road-side near the junction of the Austwick road onto the A65
The Council had **received** correspondence from a parishioner to NYCC Highways regarding ash trees on the road-side near the junction of the Austwick road onto the A65 with ash dieback disease, requesting that NYCC Highways should carry out maintenance on the ash trees.
- b. To **note** parishioners' concerns over felling of Copper Beech at Chapel on The Green.
The Council had been **informed** that the Copper Beech tree at Chapel on The Green was diseased with a fungal growth called Ganoderma in three locations, and that this 'root rot' gets to the heart of the tree, is serious, there is no treatment, and it will kill the tree. The tree was weakened and will fall sooner or later, which could cause catastrophic damage to property or injure a person. The Copper Beech did not have a Tree Preservation Order on it and, therefore, it is the owner's responsibility to cut it down if this is deemed necessary. The Council **noted** that the tree is now felled.

4.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the NYCC Local Government Reorganisation
- b. The Council **noted** its response to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Local Plan 2023-2040 Consultation No.4 – exploring the options: Local Occupancy and Barns.
- c. The Council **noted** the YDNPA Planning Seminar on 23 September and Skipton and Ripon ACC meeting on 2 September
- d. The Council had **received** the invitation to participate in a virtual YDNPA Parish Forum

meeting on 13th October. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman would write a letter to the YDNPA Chairman indicating that the benefits of Forum meetings, in particular to hold separate Forum meetings for parishes in the north and south of the park, thereby making the meetings more personal and relevant, are not achieved if the meetings are held as a “Zoom webinar” and that the Council will be keen to attend a Forum meeting in the future if the previous format is re-introduced.

- e. The Council **noted** the CDC Parishes Liaison Meeting 22 September
- f. The Council **noted** the ACE Settle and area transport and energy survey to 30 September
- g. The Council **noted** the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan consultation to 7 November
- h. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Update 16 & 30 July, and 20 August; Law and Governance Bulletin 9 & 28 July and 3 September
- i. The Council **noted** the Malham Dales Bus 881 Sundays and Bank Holidays time table from 15 August to 17 October
- j. The Council **noted** the Healthwatch North Yorkshire Newsletter for July and August

4.12 To consider Co-option of two additional Councillors

The Council had **received** two applications for the two vacancies and it **resolved** to appoint Mrs Kate Smith and Mr Mark Robinson to fill the two ‘ordinary vacancies’ by co-option.

4.13 Date and time of the Parish Council

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 18th October 2021 to be held at Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council