

Austwick Parish Council
Meeting 4 2020-2021 – Monday 17th August 2020
Minutes

Present: Cllrs Peter Goold (Chairman), Barbara Tibbatts, David Dewhirst, Ian Smith and Sarah Wiltshire.

In attendance: Parish Clerk Marijke Hill and one member of the public.

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: The Council noted that Mr Graham Cleverly had met a YDNPA volunteer, carrying out the annual PROW survey, who told him that the footpaths at the Three Bridges are not well signposted and also that one of the three clapper bridges is a little eroded but has not lost its footing. This information would be reported to YDNPA in the survey record. Mr Cleverly participated at item 4.8e.

4.1 Apologies for absence: none

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 Police, District and County Councillors and YDNPA Reports:

There were no reports from the Police, District Councillors, the County Councillors and the YDNPA. The Council **agreed** to ask NYP to continue to send incidents reports in order to keep the Council's records complete.

4.4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8 2019-2020 (24th February 2020) and Minutes of conducted business for periods 1, 2, and 3.

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th February 2020 should be **confirmed** and that the minutes of the Parish Council conducted business for periods 1, 2, and 3 should be **ratified** 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. To note planning applications received and actions taken

1. C/04/139B householder planning permission for demolition of existing garage and erection of extensions to north and west elevations to provide additional living accommodation, Well Spring Cottage, Austwick.
The Council **agreed** to inform YDNPA that it had no comments to make.
2. C/04/64G full planning permission for conversion of barn to single dwelling with local occupancy/holiday let restriction, Lawson Barn, Austwick Road, Wharfe.
The Council **agreed** to inform YDNPA that it was noted that, as this had been a very comprehensive application, there had been no reference or inclusion of a renewable energy scheme as per YDNPA's Design Guide Appendix D.

b. To note planning decisions

1. C/04/609B full planning permission 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/04/78D full planning permission for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling or holiday let and installation of package treatment plant at Sandford Barn, Wharfe, Austwick. **Not yet decided.**
3. 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.**
4. C/04/84C householder planning permission for porch extension, replacement and alterations to the window and door openings, conversion of garage to provide additional living accommodation, re-roofing and insertion of four velux rooflights, Victoria Lodge, Townhead Lane, Austwick. **Approved conditionally.**
5. C/04/698 full planning permission for siting of five shepherds huts for holiday let accommodation; creation of limestone hardcore track and parking bays, and installation of package treatment plant, Crummack Farm, Austwick. **Not yet decided.**
It was **noted** that The Council had written to the Planning Authority on 16th July with its very strong concerns about the proposal to permit holiday accommodation at this location, including that the proposed development would harm the special landscape character and the tranquillity of the area, and a request for conditions in the planning consent and a requirement for a management plan to control the use of the site, the use of natural materials and colours for the huts, and preservation of the dry-stone wall.

c. To note additional and other planning matters

1. The Council **noted** the agenda for the YDNPA Planning Committee Meeting on 25th August regarding the submission of details under condition 19 of planning permission C/44/101F for the siting of a mobile washing plant at Arcow Quarry, Helwith Bridge, Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

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

- a. To receive an update regarding the Compliance with The Public Sector Bodies (websites and mobile applications) (no. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 by 23 September 2020. The Council **considered** the various options, provided by the Chairman, Cllr Goold, regarding meeting the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines and the requirement to make a web site compliance assessment. The Council **agreed** to stay with the current web site provider who has quoted £125 plus VAT to select a new template, convert all existing pages to it, and carry out some design work. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Goold should proceed.

4.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:

- a. parking at junction of Townhead Lane and Main Street
The Council had **received** correspondence from residents raising concerns regarding vehicle parking near or on the junction of Townhead Lane and Main Street as well as parking on some verges. The Council **agreed** that it might consider making a fresh request to NYCC Highways for the installation of double yellow lines if it could demonstrate that the problem is serious and occurs frequently and at various times. The Chairman, Cllr Goold, suggested to the residents to collaborate together to make a library of photos showing the problem over a three month period. The Council will contact both residents mid-October to decide whether there is convincing evidence for the Parish Council to review.
- b. reinstating white road markings after resurfacing of roads
The Council had **received** correspondence from a parishioner enquiring if the Council would consider contacting NYCC Highways to have the white road markings reinstated after the resurfacing of the roads. The Council was **informed** that all the white lines, including the 'keep clear' signs have now been reinstated.
- c. request for installation of H-bar white marking to ease parking issue
The Council has **received** correspondence from a parishioner enquiring if the Council would consider installing a 'H-Bar' white line to alleviate the blocked driveway by parked cars at Low Street on the corner of The Green. The Council **agreed** that applications for a 'H-Bar' white

line are a matter for the affected householder and the Council's reply to the parishioner in question will contain details to enable the parishioner to contact NYCC Highways direct.

- d. other issues relating to NYCC Highways
no other issues have been reported
- e. Graystonber Lane and Clapham Road conservation verges
Mr Cleverly enquired if the Council would consider cutting the verge on Graystonber Lane. The Council **agreed** to ask its lengthsman to carry out this work and would fund the cost from previously received grants, as an amount of approximately £274 is still available. Mr Cleverly also asked if Cllr Wiltshire will assist him in checking the bird boxes on Graystonber Lane and Clapham Road. The Council **reiterated** its decision to ask Mr Mark Hewitt of YDNPA for a grant of £500 in order to continue to fund work on the maintenance of both verges and it **agreed** that Cllr Dewhirst should continue to pursue this.
- f. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters
Cllr Dewhirst **informed** the Council that the lengthsman will strim the Village Greens as and when necessary, rather than a full cut with a mower, to minimise costs.
- g. extending the parish wildlife project
The Council **agreed** that Cllr Wiltshire should make enquiries regarding a possible new application to the Yorkshire Water Services Biodiversity Enhancement Programme, submitted by Lune Rivers Trust.

4.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account bank on 31st July 2020 as £14,221.41 comprising £12,621.26 parish council monies and £1,600.15 AED funds.
- b. The Council **verified** the bank reconciliation to 31st July 2020.
- c. The Council **approved** payment of £25.00 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 5 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- d. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £306.00 for grass cutting on village greens; £450.00 for grass cutting on village verges; and £71.82 for maintenance on outlying areas, for July.
- e. The Council **noted** the Lengthsman Services Report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 31 July 2020.
- f. The Council **approved** payment of £233.40 per month to the clerk for salary for July and August 2020.
- g. The Council **approved** payment of £86.02 to Craven District Council for the delivery of four boxes of dog waste bags.

4.10 Correspondence received

- a. The Council **noted** the correspondence received from CDC Leader Richard Foster and NYCC Leader Carl Les and their respective positions regarding the creation of one or more unitary councils in order to secure a devolution deal for the region.

4.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Progress Report for 2020
- b. The Council **agreed** to respond to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Local Plan 2023-2040: Consultation No.2 – Exploring our options – ‘Ambitions’ by taking the middle view of 30 new homes built per year; a low carbon future; and nature-friendly farming.
- c. The Council **noted** the YDNPA: Supported Bus Services and Rural Mobility Fund 2020/21 as well as the Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company: Craven Connection bus services 580/581/582 full timetable
- d. The Council had **received** correspondence from Power for People regarding the Local Electricity Bill's Reintroduction to Parliament. The Council **resolved** that it
(i) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
 - if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
 - would result in revenues received by councils or community organisations that chose to set up local renewable electricity companies, which could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- (ii) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 187 MPs;
- (iii) further resolves to write to the local MP asking them to support the Bill in Parliament and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support.

- e. The Council **noted** the CDC and NYCC "It's OK to Ask" leaflet, which provides a list of organisations and resources where residents can access help and advice
- f. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Update 17, 31 July and 14 August 2020
- g. The Council **noted** the Healthwatch North Yorkshire August 2020 Newsletter

4.12 To consider the method of future Parish Council business to be conducted

The Council **agreed** to cancel the scheduled Parish Council meeting on 7th September 2020 and **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.30 pm at Austwick Parish Hall, subject to prevailing Covid-19 measures.

The Council **resolved** that the clerk and RFO is empowered to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101.

The Council **noted** that these delegated powers would be exercised by the clerk and RFO only after consultation with the Chairman, Cllr Goold, and that all decisions and actions taken would be reported to all councillors in a timely manner and would be minuted for ratification at the next meeting of The Council. The Council further **agreed** that the subsistence of these delegated powers would be reviewed at the next meeting of The Council.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council