

**Austwick Parish Council  
Meeting 6 2021-2022 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
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:**

Mr Cleverly and Mrs Thompson participated at item 6.6.b5 planning decision conditions applied, raising serious concerns regarding the movement of timber wagons and stone lorries on the bridleways and public highway.

Mr Cleverly also participated at item 6.7a The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative.

Mrs Thompson also reported that two street name signs are faded and in a poor condition. The Council **agreed** to address this matter at item 6.8b.

**6.1 Present:** Cllrs Peter Gould (Chairman), David Dewhirst, Mark Robinson, and Kate Smith.  
**In attendance:** Parish Clerk Marijke Hill and three members of the public.  
**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Barbara Tibbatts.

**6.2 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.

**6.3 Police, District and County Councillors and YDNPA Reports:**

The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 9 incidents during the period between 16<sup>th</sup> October and 5 December 2021, notably three non injury road traffic collisions on the A65, as well as a disruption when trees and cables had blown down on the highways in stormy weather.

There were no reports from the District and County Councillors and the YDNPA.

**6.4 Minutes of Meeting 5 2021-2022**

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of Meeting 5 held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Gould, as a true and accurate record.

**6.5 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.

**6.6 Planning**

**a. Applications**

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

**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/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. **Approved conditionally.**

The Chairman, Cllr Goold, **reported** that he, Cllrs Tibbatts and Dewhirst had attended the YDNPA Planning Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October and that Cllr Dewhirst had delivered the presentation approved at the last Parish Council meeting, setting out the reasons for refusal of the application. The Committee resolved, using the Chairman's casting vote, to grant planning consent. Cllr Goold **reported** that Councillors had considered the conditions applied in the planning decision notice and had requested an amendment so that the requirement for a risk assessment would cover the movement of timber wagons and stone lorries on the public highways as well as on Thwaite Lane. The Planning Officer had informed the Council that planning consent conditions cannot be altered without the agreement of the applicant and referral back to Committee and this was very unlikely to be considered. It was, at that stage, agreed not to pursue the matter further. The Chairman also **reported** that, following the Planning Committee meeting, he had held discussions with Cllrs Lis and Ireton following a meeting they had requested and held with the applicant, Mr Philip Farrer, to consider alternative timber extraction routes. Mr Farrer had made clear that there is no alternative economically viable route.

The Council **decided** to contact the Planning Officer to request to be provided with a copy of the 'method statement or risk assessment' required to be submitted to the YDNPA and the consequent written approval issued by the Authority in order that the Parish Council understand the mitigation measures to be applied in the use of the Thwaite Lane bridleway by HGVs and help inform residents on matters of safety and the effect on the local environment. The Council also **decided** to contact Mr Farrer in order to offer facilitating a meeting between him and/or his agents and Austwick residents to learn more about the Ingleborough Estate's timber extraction plans.

6. 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**
7. 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. **Approved conditionally**
8. C/04/646A householder planning permission for erection of single storey bedroom extension, Norber, Town Head Lane, Austwick. **Approved conditionally**
9. C/04/32N/LB listed building consent for installation of seven aluminium slide past (balanced vertical sliding) using 6.8mm internal glass, secondary glazing units, five to the existing functioning sash windows on south-west (front) of building and two to the roadside/south-eastern aspect to two non-opening windows, Bridge House, Graystonber Lane, Austwick. **Approved conditionally**

**c. Additional and other planning matters**

1. The Council **noted** it had not received any additional and other planning matters.

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

**a. The Queens Green Canopy Initiative**

Cllr Dewhirst **reported** that a site meeting with Mr Hewitt of the YDNPA to discuss the further funding of our conservation verges and also the funding of a tree replacement project on the

verges of Graystonber Lane and Clapham Road is likely to take place in the early spring of 2022. As it is known that other organisations in the community are considering Jubilee tree planting, The Council **agreed** that Mr Graham Cleverly would arrange to meet Dr Lindsey Smith to discuss the most suitable type of tree species and the exact location of the trees.

- b. Meeting of Settle & District Aid in Sickness Fund held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
The Chairman, Cllr Goold, **reported** that the Trustees had held their first meeting since November 2019. In the last twelve months, the charity had awarded four grants of £250 each in support of disadvantaged young people in Bentham, Settle, Hellifield and Long Preston. Gifts of £700 and £350 had been made to St John's Hospice, Lancaster, and Martin House Children's Hospice respectively.
- c. Proposed changes to Parish Council website  
The Chairman, Cllr Goold, **informed** the Council about the proposed changes of adding two new planning pages, 'planning applications pending' and 'planning applications determined', and that the objective is to meet the requirement for residents to easily keep up to date with planning information, and to also advise residents how to access the YDNPA's planning portal should they wish to know more about any planning application or decision. The Council **agreed** to put up a permanent notice on the notice boards in Austwick and Feizor and **agreed** to review the additional workload involved for the clerk at the Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **6.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:**

- a. dislodged manhole cover on Graystonber Lane  
The Council had **reported** a dislodged manhole cover on Graystonber Lane to NYCC Highways and **noted** the reply that an order had been raised for its repair. The Council **agreed** to contact the Highways Officer again to enquire when the repair can be made.
- b. other issues relating to NYCC Highways  
Following the representation at the public participation session, the Council **agreed** to contact Craven District Council asking if the street name signs, one located at the junction at Townhead Lane and Wharfe Road and one located at the corner of Graystonber Lane and Pant Lane, could both be replaced as they are faded and in a poor condition.
- c. response regarding footpath fingerpost at Townhead to Crummackdale  
The Council **noted** the response from the YDNPA Area Ranger that the replacement of the faded and damaged finger post on the PROW which passes through the front garden of 'The Croft' and is located near 'Dear Bought Barn' as well as an additional finger post on Townhead Lane are both added to their list of finger posts to be ordered.
- d. storm damage to PROWs  
The Council had **reported** a number of blocked bridledways to the Area Ranger at the YDNPA as storm damage. The Chairman, Cllr Goold, **informed** the Council that most were dealt with within a day and that the remainder of works is in hand.
- e. other issues relating to YDNPA  
The Council **noted** that no other issues relating to YDNPA were reported.
- f. Graystonber Lane and Clapham Road conservation verges  
There was no report.
- g. parish map on front wall of Parish Hall  
Cllr Robinson **informed** the Council that an Austwick centred parish map, which includes Feizor and Wharfe, is estimated to cost £22.99 + VAT. The Council **decided** that Cllr Robinson should proceed and be reimbursed, and that Cllr Robinson should also contact the joiner regarding refurbishing the frame.

h. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters

Cllr Dewhist **reported** about the litter on Holm Lane and suggested that the Parish Council should consider contacting the campsites nearby early next year with a view to asking them to re-enforce their litter policy that users of the campsite should take all litter home. Cllr Smith suggested to also contact the Primary School and ask if they would consider to engage in a pupil-led litter picking campaign. The Council **agreed** to put this item on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

It was **reported** that the notice board at Feizor has sustained considerable storm damage and the Council **agreed** to put this item on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## 6.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account bank on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 as £16,422.56 with £16,308.21 parish council monies and £114.35 AED funds.
- b. The Council **approved** payment of £35.00 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 7 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- c. The Council **approved** payment of £15.00 to Austwick Parish Hall Council for hire of the Hall on 18 October.
- d. The Council **approved** payment of £16.50 to Cllr Dewhirst as reimbursement for purchase of dog fouling warning signs.
- e. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £145.80 for maintenance on village greens; £166.50 for maintenance on verges; £380.70 for maintenance on outlying areas; and £441.88 for planting two hawthorn trees, all for October.
- f. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £63.00 for maintenance on village greens; £234.00 for maintenance on verges; and £433.80 for maintenance on outlying areas, all for November.
- g. The Council **noted** the Lengthsman Services Report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 30 November 2021. The Council was **informed** that the Lengthsman has indicated that his programme of work for the remainder of 2021-2022 may exceed the budget by approximately £300 and **agreed** that this is acceptable.
- h. The Council **approved** payment of £244.80 to the clerk as salary for November
- i. The Council **considered** the budget for the financial year 2022-2023, and **agreed** to set the expenditure budget at £12,981. Regarding the lengthsman services expenditure budget the Council **agreed** to increase the grass cutting figure in line with higher hourly rates and decrease the figure for maintenance on outlying areas with the same amount, thus keeping the expenditure budget for lengthsman services to £6,300, the same figure as in previous years. The Council **resolved** to precept Craven District Council, its Billing Authority, for £13,000, an increase of 4% thereby setting a receipts budget at £13,128 for the year.
- j. The Council **considered** one other financial issue and it was **reported** that the identification and verification of the newly appointed Councillors as signatories on the bank mandate is in progress.

## 6.10 Correspondence received

- a. The Council was **informed** that the Wild Ingleborough Project presentation was cancelled as the Development Officer for Wild Ingleborough was no longer available in that role. The Council **agreed** to extend its invitation and offer our meeting dates in the new year in order to accommodate a presentation.

## 6.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the information received from NYCC and CDC regarding the Local Government Reorganisation.
- b. The Council **noted** the early notification of Settle Road Race, February 2022.
- c. The Council **noted** the invitation for a representative to join CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed).
- d. The Council **noted** the YLCA the White Rose Update 29 October; 5, 12, 19, 26 November; and 3 December; NALC PC7- 21 regarding the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016; and the Law and Governance Bulletin 12 November; 3 December.

- e. The Council **noted** the CDC Nominations for Craven Community Champions Awards 2021 poster.

**6.12 Date and time of the Parish Council**

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to be held at Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50.

**Marijke Hill**  
**Clerk to the Council**