

## Austwick Parish Council

Minutes of conducted business by Austwick Parish Council under authority delegated to the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, Cllr Goold, noted as approved by Parish Councillors by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

### Period 8: 19<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#### 8.1 Cancellation of meeting

The Council **noted** that the Parish Council meeting, scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 has been cancelled under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

#### 8.2 The Council confirmed the Minutes of Period 7 of conducted business to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### 8.3 To note the North Yorkshire Police incidents report

The Council **noted** that it has asked an incident report from NYP for the period from 16<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021, in order to keep the police incidents report up to date. Nine incidents were reported, notably two incidents of Covid-19 travel breach.

#### 8.4 Planning

##### a. To note planning applications received and actions taken

- 1 C/04/609B amended notification for 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 at Dry Rigg Quarry, Helwith Bridge, Horton-in-Ribblesdale. The Council **noted** that it had no further comments to make.
- 2 C/04/618D Full planning permission to extend existing nursery to provide a new year-round wet/messy play area, Austwick C of E Primary School, Austwick. The Council **noted** that it had no comments to make.

##### 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/04/698 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.**
5. C/04/64G full planning permission for conversion of barn to single dwelling with local occupancy/holiday let restriction, Lawson Barn, Austwick Road, Wharfe. **Not yet decided.**
6. 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-inRibblesdale. **Not yet decided.**

- c. To note additional and other planning matters  
The Council has not received additional or other planning matters.

#### **8.5 To note reports and actions on parish and parish council matters other than maintenance**

- a. To receive an update regarding the new defibrillator in Feizor  
The Council has been **informed** that CU Medical Systems has identified an issue with the battery meter on the newly installed defibrillator in Feizor that may cause the battery meter to display lower energy level than is actually contained in the battery. CU Medical Systems will arrange correction of the faulty device via a software re-install.
- b. YLCA survey on the power to hold remote meetings  
The Council **considered** a survey request from YLCA to all its member councils, which seeks to inform YLCA, NALC and thereby UK government as to whether councils favour the introduction of a permanent legal basis for local authorities to have the option to hold meetings remotely or, additionally, in a 'hybrid' mode with some councillors present and others remotely. Following an exchange of views between councillors, the Council **agreed** that it did not have a consensus opinion on the matter and that it would not respond to the survey.

#### **8.6 To note reports and actions regarding parish maintenance matters**

- a. replenishment of salt heaps on Town Head Lane  
The Council **noted** that the salt heaps on Town Head Lane and on Crummack Lane have been replenished.
- b. other issues relating to NYCC Highways  
No issues have been reported.
- c. issues relating to YDNPA  
No issues have been reported.
- d. dog fouling on footpaths  
The Council **noted** that correspondence has been received from Mrs Heap commenting on the prevalence of dog fouling on Wood Lane and asking whether new signage could help to reduce the problem. The Council, having reviewed the decisions and steps taken in the last few years to deal with this issue, decided that no further useful action could be taken at the present time, but that the problem would be kept under frequent review. The Clerk was asked to notify Mrs Heap accordingly.
- e. Graystonber Lane conservation verge  
The Council **noted** that the additional protective posts, supplied without charge by NYCC, have now been installed, achieving a 5 metre gap between posts along the length of the verge, to deter vehicles parking on the verge and thereby causing damage.
- f. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters  
No lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters were reported.

#### **8.7 Finance**

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account bank on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 as £12,051.59 comprising £11,937.24 parish council monies and £114.35 AED funds.
- b. The Council **approved** payment of £30.00 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 6 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- c. The Council **approved** payment of £240.00 to the clerk as salary for February 2021.
- d. The Council **approved** payment to the clerk of £69.84 as reimbursement for annual website

- subscription as well as £24.90 for a two-year domain name renewal.
- e. The Council **approved** the appointment of Mr John Bownass as Internal Auditor for the Finance Year 2020-2021 for a fee of £105.00.
  - f. The Council **approved** a payment of £200.00 to support the production of the parish newsletter as a donation under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 142.
  - g. The Council **approved** payment of £81.00 to Craven Garden Care for Other Lengthsman Services for February.
  - h. The Council **noted** the Lengthsman Services Report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 28 February 2021.
  - i. The Council **reviewed** the parish clerk salary and **resolved** to increase it to NJC scale SCP 15 to £244.80 per month with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.
  - j. The Council **noted** that there are no other financial issues to report.

**8.8 To consider and approve the Financial Risk Assessment and Management document**  
The Council **approved** this document, identical to that of the previous year, and **agreed** publicising this document on the Council's website.

**8.9 To receive and respond to correspondence**  
The Council has not received items of correspondence.

**8.10 To receive and respond to items of information**

- a. The Council **noted** its response to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan 2023-2040 consultation no. 3 – exploring our options: building new homes.
- b. The Council **noted** the Yorkshire Dales National Park Annual Forum Presentations.
- c. The Council **noted** the response to the YLCA that it is not eligible to use the General Power of Competence and consequently it has not resolved that it meets the necessary conditions for eligibility, in order that the YLCA can update its database accordingly.
- d. The Council **noted** the Leaders of CDC's and NYCC's correspondence regarding Local Government Reorganisation in York and North Yorkshire and the Government consultation.
- e. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Update of 22 January and 5 and 22 February 2021.
- f. The Council **noted** the Healthwatch North Yorkshire Newsletter January 2021 and survey.

**8.11 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting**  
The Council **confirmed** that the scheduled date of the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and considered to hold this up to a week early, depending on prevailing Government regulations at the time, remotely or in-person.

**8.12 To review plans for holding the Annual Parish Meeting**  
The Council **agreed** to review in mid-March the feasibility of holding the planned Annual Parish Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April, depending on prevailing Government regulations at the time.

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