

Austwick Parish Council
Meeting 8 2023-2024 – Monday 26th February 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 Thompson and NY Police Constable Hunt participated at item 8.7c: BOAT status issues at Thwaite Lane.

Mr Cleverly participated at item 8.8d: lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters.

8.1 Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

a Present: Cllrs Peter Gould (Chairman), Barbara Tibbatts, David Dewhirst, and Mark Robinson.

In attendance: NYP PCSO Jayne Grace and PC Ian Hunt, Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill and three members of the public.

Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting by Cllr Kate Smith.

b Members of the Council had been notified of the reason for absence of Cllr Smith and **approved** the reason given. The Council had **received** a request by Cllr Smith to put on record that the reason for absence is ill-health.

8.2 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.

8.3 North Yorkshire Councillor and North Yorkshire Police reports:

PCSO Jayne Grace presented the written police report which contained 4 incidents in the parish and in the surrounding area during the period between 14th January and 24 February 2024, all of a minor nature. PCSO Grace also reported about the increased number of burglaries in the wider area and asked people to be vigilant. The Chairman, Cllr Peter Gould, reported about the herd of cattle being recently driven through the village and along Graystonber Lane, damaging the verges, by a local farmer and asked if the officers could speak to the farmer regarding concerns for safety.

There was no report from the North Yorkshire Council Councillor.

8.4 Minutes of Meetings

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Meeting 7, held on 15th January 2024, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Gould, as a true and accurate record.

8.5 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.

8.6 Planning

a. Applications

1. C/04/712 Householder planning permission for demolition of existing verandah and replace with a two-storey gable extension at Stoneyber, Pant Lane, Austwick. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that the Council had 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. **Not yet decided**

2. C/04/706A amended plans to full planning permission for change of use, extension and alterations of former agricultural building to form local occupancy residential use and short term holiday-let, together with installation of package sewage treatment plant at Roadside Barn off Clapham Road, Austwick. **Not yet decided**
3. C/04/705 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**
4. C/04/611P and C/04/611Q/LB Householder planning permission and Listed Building consent for installation of inset solar panels in the north west and south east facing roof elevations of the detached outbuilding/annexe at Harden House, Holm Lane, Austwick. **Refused**
5. C/04/60F Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) & 5 (extent of rebuilding) of C/04/60E (Section 73 application to vary Condition 2 (design details to retain shippon to form stables including re-roofing; raise roof of outbuilding and extend to the north) & Condition 10 (owl nest box - barn owl nesting box to be provided to main barn) of C/04/60B (Full planning permission for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling or holiday let)) at Newfield Barn, Wharfe. **Approved – Section 106.**
6. C/04/643N and C/04/643P/LB Householder planning permission and Listed Building Consent for the installation of inset solar panels to the four inward facing roof valleys at Harden House, Holm Lane, Austwick. **Approved conditionally.**
7. C/04/711A Full planning permission for re-ordering of existing dwelling and extension into attached former barn, erection of two storey side extension and replacement of rear single storey extension at Far End House, Wood Lane East, Austwick. **Not yet decided.**

c. Additional and other planning matters

1. NYC: Byway Open To All Traffic no. 05.29/57 Lawkland and 05.11/53 Clapham-cum-Newby (Cragg Lane) Modification Order 2024.
The Council **noted** that the above Modification Order has recently been sealed by the North Yorkshire Council.
2. YDNPA: Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)
The Council **noted** that the YDNPA Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is to update its Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), which will provide up-to-date evidence to support the new Local Plan, currently under preparation and it is awaiting the questionnaire.
3. Regarding planning application C/04/148M/DIS1 at land off Pant Lane, the Chairman, Cllr Goold, **reiterated** that the Planning Authority has not determined the approval of details reserved by condition which covers the drainage strategy for this new housing development off Pant Lane.

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

- a. to ratify the reply to the YDNPA regarding the National Park Management Plan public consultation
The Council **ratified** its response to the YDNPA consultation on the Management Plan and had agreed to report the following six priorities: increase the supply of affordable housing; improve resilience to the impacts of climate change, including wildfire, flooding and new pests and diseases; support upland livestock farming and land management to improve business viability and provide a wider range of public benefits; provide opportunities for people from a wider range of backgrounds and abilities to access the National Park for health and wellbeing; repair, restore and re-use traditional stone field barns; and reduce the impact of second homes and holiday lets.
- b. Plans for the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May 2024
The Council had sent an early invitation to County Councillor David Ireton, and the National Park Authority Area Ranger Rob Ashford and it **noted** confirmation of attendance by YDNPA Area Ranger Rob Ashford. The Council **considered** inviting a guest speaker to the Annual Parish Meeting and **agreed** for the Chair, Cllr Goold, to ask Mr David Butterworth, Chief Executive of the YDNPA to give a presentation and to finalise all other plans for the APM, including inviting North Yorkshire Police, at the next Parish Council meeting.

c. BOAT status issue at Thwaite Lane

The Council was **informed** that the Restricted Byway and Byway Open to All Traffic at Thwaite Lane (Clapham-cum-Newby and Austwick) Modification Order 2007 has been submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation by NYC following receipt by the Authority of objections/representations. In accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Paragraph 10 of Schedule 15, the Order is to be determined by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

The Council **decided** to contact the Planning Inspectorate to confirm it is in agreement with the case being dealt with by the written representation procedure. The Council also **agreed** to ask the Planning Inspectorate that the Council is kept informed at all stages as this matter proceeds and that it receives copies of all representations and Statements of Case made by interested parties and consultees.

8.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:

a. issues relating to NYC Highways

Cllr Tibbatts **reported** of a broken junction sign lying in the verge on the Austwick to Helwith Bridge Road near the junction to Stackhouse. The Council **agreed** to report this to NYC Highways for repair or replacement.

b. stile damage on Pennine Bridleway near Flascoe Bridge

The Council **noted** that the repair on this ladder stile has been completed by the YDNPA Area Ranger.

c. other issues relating to YDNPA

The Council **noted** that no issues relating to the YDNPA were reported.

d. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters

The Council **considered** the damage done by the herd of cattle to the verges of Graystonber Lane. Mr Cleverly informed the Council of cars parked up to the white posts on Graystonber Lane as well as farm traffic driving over the verges. The Council **agreed** to keep under review later in the spring the carrying out of remedial repairs to the damaged verges.

8.9 Finance

a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account on on 31st January 2024 as £11,715.08.

b. The Council **approved** payment of £45.00 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 6 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.

c. The Council **approved** payment of £84.84 to the clerk as expenses incurred for the annual website renewal costs.

d. The Council **approved** payment of £358.80 per month to the clerk as salary for January and February.

e. The Council **approved** payment of £118.51 to NYC for the delivery of 3 boxes of dog waste bags to Cross Leigh Store.

f. The Council **resolved** to appoint Mr John Bownass as the Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2023-2024 for a fee of £120.00.

g. The Council **reviewed** the parish clerk's salary and **resolved** to increase it to NJC scale SCP 18 to £365.04 per month with effect from 1st April 2024.

h. The Council **approved** the Financial Risk Assessment and Management paper.

i. The Council **noted** that there were no other financial issues to consider.

8.10 Correspondence received

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

8.11 To note and respond to items of information

a. The Council **noted** the Mayoral candidate's visit in the area.

b. The Council **noted** the NYC urban grass cutting 2024-2025; and the highways workshops on

- 26 and 28 February.
- c. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Bulletins 19/1, 2/2, 15/2; Craven Branch meeting 20 February; and the Law and Governance Bulletin January.

8.12 Date and time of the Parish Council

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 15th April 2024 to be held at Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed this meeting at 20.37.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council