

Austwick Parish Council
Meeting 7 2023-2024 – Monday 15th January 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.

Swarth Moor peatland restoration works and Dragons in the Dales project presentation

The Council had invited two officers of the Yorkshire Peat Partnership led by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to give a presentation about the Swarth Moor hydrological restoration plan and the Dragons in the Dales project. The hydrological restoration plan is currently expected to be implemented between August and October 2024, alongside the research of dragonfly trends in Swarth Moor and identification of suitable habitats of the red-listed White-Faced Darter dragonfly, but this will depend largely on ecological constraints. There is a chance the working window will need to be brought forward to May and June to fit in with licencing conditions decided by Natural England.

Public Participation:

Mr Holloway of Far End Laithe, Wharfe, reported a blocked gully on Wharfe Road near his property. The Chairman, Cllr Goold, replied that the lengthsman usually clears the gullies on Wharfe Road, up to but not beyond Wharfe Brow and that, on this occasion, Mr Holloway should report this issue directly to North Yorkshire Council via its website.

Mr Cleverly reported to have noticed a large amount of dog mess on the lanes, pavements and in the fields around the village. The Council **noted** Mr Cleverly's concerns.

Mr Cleverly also participated at item 7.7a: proposal for an Austwick Environmental Advisory Group. Mr Tibbatts participated at item 7.6c.2: additional planning application received at Far End House, Wood Lane East, Wharfe.

7.1 Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

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

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

b The Council had **received** no apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

7.2 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.

7.3 North Yorkshire Councillor and North Yorkshire Police reports:

The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 6 incidents in the parish and in the surrounding area during the period between 1st December 2023 and 13th January 2024, all of a minor nature.

There was no report from the North Yorkshire Council Councillor.

7.4 Minutes of Meetings

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Meeting 6, held on 4th December 2023, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Goold, as a true and accurate record.

7.5 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.

7.6 Planning

a. Applications

1. C/04/636B Householder planning permission for erection of shed and installation of gate to rear garden at Cheetham Cottage, Austwick. The Council **noted** that the deadline to provide

comments was on or before 29 December and it **ratified** notifying the YDNPA that the Council had no comments to make. The Council further **noted** that the YDNPA Planning Authority has conditionally approved this planning application.

2. 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, The Council **noted** that the deadline to provide comments was on or before 4 January and it **ratified** notifying the YDNPA that the Council had no comments to make.
3. 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. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that the Council had no comments to make.

b. Decisions

1. C/04/704A Full planning permission for conversion of barn to provide short stay accommodation; installation of sewage treatment plant; installation of ground source heat loop and associated works at Dam House Barn, Wharfe, Austwick. **Approved conditionally.**
2. 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**
3. 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**
4. 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**
5. C/04/711 Householder planning permission for re-ordering of existing dwelling and extension into attached former barn (already in domestic occupation) and two storey side extension and replacement rear single storey extension at Far End House, Wood Lane East, Austwick. **Withdrawn**
6. 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. **Not yet decided**
7. YDNPA notification under the Town and Planning Act 1990 to apply work to trees covered by Tree Preservation Order No 1 (Austwick) 1980 at 7, Hall Close, Austwick. **Consent given** to fell one rowan, and crown reduce one rowan by 30%.
8. YDNPA notification under the Town and Planning Act 1990 to pruning works to one cedar covered by Tree Preservation Order No 4 (Austwick) 1965 at Austwick Hall, Austwick. **Consent given**

c. Additional and other planning matters

1. YDNPA: Austwick Diversion Order 2023 confirmed under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 257 to footpath no. 20 and bridleway no. 61.
The Council **noted** that the above Order has recently been confirmed by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.
2. 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. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that, bearing in mind the Authority's Dark Skies policy, any planning consent should contain appropriate conditions to require any proposed external lighting to be approved by the Authority.

3. Regarding planning application C/04/148M/DIS1 at land off Pant Lane, the Chairman, Cllr Goold, **informed** the Council 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.

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

- a. Proposal for an Austwick Environmental Advisory Group
Cllr Robinson **reported** that the YDNPA Senior Wildlife Conservation Officer has not replied to the enquiries made regarding ways in which the Park Authority has worked with community groups in other parishes, but that a number of Parish Councils, such as Settle Town Council, Addingham and Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Councils, have a strong link with a sustainability or environmental group.
As Chairman of the Field and Local History Society Mr Cleverly reported that its members will consider amending its constitution at their upcoming meeting, which, once approved, would allow the Society to submit grant applications on behalf of the suggested Austwick Environmental Advisory Group and facilitate its members in engaging with projects undertaken by the AEAG. The Council **agreed** to await further information from Mr Cleverly and confirmed its support by its intention to appoint at least one Member of the Council to the AEAG.

7.8 **To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:**

- a. issues relating to NYC Highways
The Council **noted** that no issues relating to NYC Highways were reported.
- b. stile damage on Pennine Bridleway near Flascoe Bridge
The Council **noted** that the repair on this stile has been completed by YDNPA.
- c. other issues relating to YDNPA
Cllr Smith **reported** that a ladder stile near Jop Ridding Farm has the bottom slat broken. The Council **agreed** to report this to the YDNPA Area Ranger for repair.
- d. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters
Cllr Dewhirst **informed** the Council of the intention of a small voluntary group to clear some of the gullies in the parish. The Council **agreed** to allow this voluntary group to carry out this work as long as usual care be taken in terms of health and safety. The Council further **agreed** that, as its lengthsman budget for the current financial year is now fully spent, and for other reasons, the lengthsman should be requested not to carry out further services for the Council until the spring of this year.

7.9 **Finance**

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account on on 31st December 2023 as £12,331.11.
- b. The Council **noted** receipt of £2.30 from Electricity North West as annual wayleave payment.
- c. Cllr Dewhirst **verified** the bank reconciliation to 31st December 2023 and **reported** that no issues have been found.
- d. The Council **approved** payment of £45.00 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 6 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- e. The Council **noted** the Lengthsman Services Report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 31 December and **noted** the total for actual lengthsman services costs to be just under £6,900, an overspend of about £600 to the current budget, as foreseen by the Council.
- f. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £89.10 for maintenance on village verges, for December.
- g. The Council **approved** payment of £30 to the Parish Hall Council for the hire of the hall on 16th October and 4th December.
- h. The Council **approved** payment of £358.80 to the Clerk as salary for December and £83.13 as expenses for October to December 2023.

- i. The Council **considered** one other financial issue and **noted** the update by Cllr Robinson on the finances and future of the Parish Newsletter and the options that may necessarily be given to residents, such as asking residents for a voluntary contribution, or reducing the number of issues from three to two per year.

7.10 Correspondence received

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

7.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the Settle Road Race on 25th February 2024 organised by 'It's grim up north running'.
- b. The Council **noted** the Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner's budget consultation until 21 January.
- c. The Council **noted** the D-Day 80 letter and information from the Pageantmaster, Bruno Peek.
- d. The Council **noted** the NYC Home Upgrade Grant phase 2 (HUG2), available for North Yorkshire residents to help them make their homes more energy efficient.
- e. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Bulletins 15/12, 5/1; and the Law and Governance Bulletin December.

7.12 Date and time of the Parish Council

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 26th February 2024 to be held at Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed this meeting at 21.34

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council