

**Austwick Parish Council
Meeting 2 2021-2022 – Monday 24th May 2021
Minutes**

This meeting succeeded the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

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

In attendance: PCSO Grace, Parish Clerk Marijke Hill and two members 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:

Mr Cleverly participated at item 2.6c.1.

Mr Lardner made an enquiry regarding the village website. The Chairman, Cllr Goold, replied that this website is kept updated and improved by volunteers from the community.

2.1 Apologies for absence: none

2.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests.

- a. Cllr Dewhirst declared a personal interest in relation to item 2.6a.1, planning application received relating to Barnsdale, Austwick.
- b. No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this agenda.

2.3 Police, District and County Councillors and YDNPA Reports:

PCSO Grace confirmed the written police report, which contained 9 minor incidents during the period between 12th April and 22nd May 2021. PCSO Grace reiterated that the Rural Mobile Watch Teams have been operational during the year in the area.

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

2.4 Minutes of the Parish Council remote Meeting 1 2021-2022

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council remote Meeting held on 12th April 2021 should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Goold, as a true and accurate record.

2.5 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.

2.6 Planning

a. Applications

1. C/04/141T and C/04/141U/LB householder planning permission and listed building consent for proposed rooflights and external flue at Barnsdale, Austwick. The Council **agreed** to notify the YDNPA that it had no comments to make.
2. C/04/702/GPDO Notification under Part 6 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the formation of a 70m forestry road, lorry turning bay and stacking area at Land off Thwaite Lane, Ingleborough Estate, Clapham. The Council **noted** that this application was not notified to the Council in the usual way, owing to errors at the YDNPA. At the Chairman's request however, the Council has now been included in the consultation process.

The Council further **noted** that this application contains no information about the working methods to be used for conveying timber to and from the stacking area or the timescale for the project of timber felling and transportation.

The Chairman **reported** that he has had telephone discussions with the YDNPA Senior

Planning Officer regarding the application and has asked that the Applicant should provide information concerning vehicles proposed to be used, their frequency, the intended route for conveying timber away from Thwaite Lane, the safety of users of the bridleway, and the reinstatement of any environmental damage caused.

The Chairman, Cllr Goold, **informed** the Council that the Planning Authority can only comment on specific elements of this type of application but that the Applicant has indicated that the application will be withdrawn. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman should keep in touch with the Senior Planning Officer on this matter as it progresses and it **authorised** the Chairman to seek a meeting between himself and the Applicant, Mr Philip Farrer of Ingleborough Estate, if this becomes expedient.

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/04/78D 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. **Approved – Section 106.**
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. **Approved – Section 106.**
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-in-Ribblesdale. **Not yet decided.**

c. Additional and other planning matters

1. Planning consent C/04/15a Lanshaw Lodge, Austwick
Referring to the minutes of the previous parish council meeting at item 1.6c.1, the Chairman **reported** that, after a lengthy delay, he had received an email from the Enforcement Officer at YDNPA explaining that a site visit has not yet been made, the new concrete building probably qualifies as 'Permitted Development', the applicant's agent has been requested to make an assessment of the present state of work on the site, and that the agent is considering making a new planning application for changes to the access and parking arrangements. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman should continue to press the Enforcement Office to visit and appraise the work on the site and that the Council should take all available steps to ensure that all construction complies with the planning consent that has been granted. Mr Cleverly endorsed the Council's decisions on this matter.

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

- a. Parish Hall Council 'opening up after lockdown event'
The Council was **informed** that the Parish Hall Council Committee proposed to hold a post Covid 'meet and greet' type event with village organisations giving them the opportunity to inform people about what they offer on Saturday 14th August. The Council **agreed** to have a presence at this event and Cllrs Goold and Tibbatts be present throughout, enabling those attending to ask about the work of the Parish Council.
- b. BOAT issue for Thwaite Lane
The Chairman **reported** that he had been contacted by Mr. Philip Farrer of Ingleborough Estate, concerned to discover that an application for the bridleway running the entire length of Thwaite Lane, from Clapham Church to Wharfe Road, Austwick (Slaindale) is the subject of an application to be declared a 'Byway open to all traffic'. The application was made in 2004 by 'Trail riders Fellowship', was the subject of objections by Austwick Parish Council amongst others, and is still awaiting submission by NYCC to the Secretary of State for resolution. The Council **agreed** to support Ingleborough Estate in its endeavours to resist this alteration to the Definitive Map. The Chairman was **authorised** to liaise with Ingleborough Estate and with Clapham Parish Council in submitting letters to NYCC requesting an early resolution of the matter.

2.8 To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters:

- a. issues relating to NYCC Highways
The Council **noted** that no issues relating to NYCC Highways were reported.
- b. issues relating to YDNPA
The Council **noted** that no issues relating to YDNPA were reported.
- c. Graystonber Lane and Clapham Road conservation verges
Cllr Dewhirst **reported** that the site visit with Mr Hewitt of the YDNPA to discuss various maintenance aspects of both conservation verges will be arranged as soon as all covid restrictions are lifted, hopefully before the next meeting of the Council.
- d. lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters
The Council noted that no lengthsman duties or parish maintenance matters were reported.

2.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of the HSBC current account bank on 30th April 2021 as £16,406.11 with £16,291.76 parish council monies and £114.35 AED funds.
- b. The Council **noted** receipt of £6,250.00 from CDC as 1st instalment of the precept.
- c. The Council **noted** the Annual Internal Audit Report for the Finance Year 2020-2021 and **approved** payment of £105.00 to J. Bownass Accountancy Services for carrying out the Council's internal audit for the year ended 31st March 2021.
- d. The Council **approved** Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR 2020-2021.
- e. The Council **approved** the Explanation of Variances for the Finance Year 2020-2021.
- f. The Council **approved** Section 2 – Accounting Statements of the AGAR 2020-2021.
- g. The Council **approved** payment of £30.00 to Charlotte Wilkinson for 6 weeks of bus shelter cleaning.
- h. The Council **approved** payment to Craven Garden Care of £126.00 for maintenance on verges; £232.00 for maintenance on village greens; and £31.80 for maintenance on outlying verges, all for April.
- i. The Council **noted** the Lengthsman Services Report – comparison of budget versus actual costs to 30 April 2021.
- j. The Council **approved** payment of £96.01 to Craven District Council for three boxes of dog waste bags.
- k. The Council **approved** payment of £244.80 per month to the clerk as salary for April and May.
- l. The Council **noted** that there were no other financial issues.

2.10 Correspondence received

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

2.11 To note and respond to items of information

- a. The Council **noted** the High Court Judgement on the continuation of remote meetings
- b. The Council **noted** the CDC consultation on the draft of the Statement of Licensing Policy which will run from 26th April to 7th June 2021.
- c. The Council **noted** the Friends of the Dales campaigns 'to protect our verges'
- d. The Council **noted** the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) rural broadband consultation to 25 May
- e. The Council **noted** the YLCA White Rose Update 23 April; and the Law and Governance Bulletins 30 April and 24 May
- f. The Council **noted** the Healthwatch North Yorkshire Newsletter for April and May
- g. The Council **noted** the CDC change to refuse and recycling collections, commencing 8th June.
- h. The Council **noted** the Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean 28th May to 13th June
- i. The Council **noted** the NYCC Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee Meeting 27th May.

2.12 Date and time of the Parish Council

- a. The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 5th July 2021 to be held at Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.
- b. The Council **reviewed** the subsistence of the delegated powers put at place at the meeting of the Council on 19th October 2020 and it **reconfirmed** 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 also **reiterated** 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