



The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th October 2017** at Castleton Village Hall.

Prior to the meeting opening PCSO Peter Lewis presented the Police Report, took questions from members and introduced the concept of "Rural Watch".

Present : Councillors: G. Banner, J Day, R Findlay, E Watson, I Dodsworth, P Caffry, I Margetts, CC C Pearson and J. Preston (Clerk).

1. **Declarations of Interest** None declared.

2. **Apologies for absence** Cllr P Stonehouse.

3. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held 30th August 2017 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising**

The Clerk presented a lengthy update

Planning. Raised with NYMNPA Mr Chris France Director of Planning

The Clerk advised he had written to NYMNPA and request training input re planning issues and had also raise concerns about the Old Bank regarding the apparent contradiction of advice / opinion previously provided by the Authority in respect of what the building could or could not be used for.

Mr France had replied and he and Mr Mark Hill will be attending the meeting scheduled for Wed 13th December.

Blockwork car parking area High Street, Castleton Mr Dowson has been advised that his estimate re necessary repairs had been accepted – he will undertake the work required fitting it in with his current schedule.

Highways issues update

a) Lodge Lane, Danby in a poor state generally and specifically in respect of potholes
Has been examined and will be repaired.

b) Briar Hill, Danby (on the left exiting the village) – kerbs / sets damaged
Has been examined and will be repaired.

c) Westerdale vegetation / trees overhanging near the water ford effectively reducing the width of the road.
Has been examined and will be cut back.

d) Overhanging trees on the approach to the bridge over the River Esk in Danby (on the left side of the road approaching from Ainthorpe)

This has been raised twice, it has been determined at this time no further action is warranted.

e) The 'Station Road' street name sign is missing from the wall of the old tea room.

Owners have been spoken to personally by the Clerk, they were unaware the sign was missing and would raise the matter with the builder working on the old tea room. (To follow up be the Clerk)

f) The Seated Man. Visitor numbers are seemingly much higher than anticipated and this is causing a problem with regards litter and parking on the roadside (71 vehicles counted on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon). Raised with NYMNPA and a response received from Mr France, Director of Planning.
"Thank you for forwarding this email setting out the Parish Council's concerns about the impact of the Seated Man – we have received a small number of complaints about this from some residents and visitors and I have asked the area Ranger to monitor this situation and help address the litter issue. The temporary planning permission did contain a condition that required an access management plan to be put in place if the sculpture became very popular to include a small parking facility, signage and a

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footpath – so we are considering whether this is required now, or whether this is just early interest which may reduce once winter approaches and the novelty dies down.

It is for these reasons that the permission was only for five years – and I think there are perhaps only three years of it left.

We will discuss this with David Ross and see what his views are before invoking the condition.

Thank you for letting us know the parish view – this is very important.”

Letter also received from Andrew Muir Planning Team Leader (Enforcement and Compliance)

“I can advise that I have contacted the developer and informed them of the current situation. I have asked them to take steps in removing the litter and disposing of the dog fouling. With regard to the parking of vehicles on the roadside verge, the Authority cannot prevent this however a condition on the planning permission provides the Authority with control over the erosion of the footpaths and roadside verges where this reaches unacceptable levels. The Authority is monitoring this situation.....”

5. **External reports** CC Pearson informed members that it had been some considerable time since a housing needs survey had been conducted in the area and that Colin Huby SBC was offering to undertake the survey if requested by the Parish Council. Resolved by members that the request be made – Clerk to progress.

6. **Planning**

6.1 **NYM/2017/0600/FL.** Application in respect of construction of extensions to dwelling together with shed extension to existing garage at Tib Hill Cottage, Hollin Top Lane, Danby. **Resolved No objection**

6.2 **NYM/2017/0609/LB.** Application in respect of Listed Building consent for installation of replacement hardwood vertical sliding sash windows and hardwood door to front elevation at Red Briar House, 21 Briar Hill, Danby. **Resolved No objection**

6.3 **NYM/2017/0605/FL.** Application in respect of the creation of a car park with traffic calming measures to serve existing village centre at land adjacent to the Botton Village Store, Botton Village, Danby. Following lengthy discussion and consideration of submitted documentation - **Resolved objection to be lodged.**

6.4 **NYM/2017/0594/FL.** Application in respect of the subdivision of six two bed self-contained accommodation units to create ten one bed units at Abbeyfield Esk Moors Lodge, Langburns Bank, Castleton. **Resolved No objection**

6.5 **NYM/2017/0561/FL.** Application in respect of alterations and construction of a two storey side and single storey rear extension following the demolition of an outbuilding at 1 Ash Grove, Castleton. Following discussions members **Resolved to support** this application

7. **Accounts**

The monthly breakdown of accounts was presented, which members resolved to accept, payment of outstanding invoices was authorised including the annual membership of Rural Action Yorkshire.

8 **Meetings attended by the Clerk**

The Clerk provided a verbal report in respect of meetings he had attended on behalf of DGPC

Northern Area Parish Forum

Presentations re mobile phone coverage (NYCC), work being undertaken by NYMNPA in the North Ranger area, updates re Boulby & Woodsmith mines planning applications. Main item raised being advanced warning re consultation being undertaken by NYMNPA regarding local housing issues – a response from Parish Council's will be welcomed. **(Consultation document circulated electronically for consideration by members in advance of the November meeting – Agenda item)**

Highways Area 3 Office

Highways Inspection manual – nationally used as a mean of determining whether defects warrant repair (electronic copy available)

ALL highways subject of regular inspection, cyclic depending up on classification and also reactive safety inspections.

- Lodge Lane, Lealholm – pre-surface dressing patching to repair potholes is carried out prior to surface dressing and this did happen on Lodge Lane. Prior to the surface dressing operation the contractor sweeps the surface of the road to remove debris before the surface is sprayed and then chipped. Occasionally if the defect is at the edge of the road the sweeper can scrub the repair or patch and in cases can lift the repair from the road surface – we think this is maybe what has happened here.
- New Road, Castleton – the grass triangle, surrounded by stone sets – we suspect these keep being broken by large vehicles turning in the area. Concrete might be a better solution however the National Park may object. The local project engineer is up in the area tomorrow and will have a look to see what he thinks.

North York Moors, Coast & Hills LEADER Programme - Funding opportunities.

Scarborough & Whitby Community Buildings Networking Meeting – village hall issues

YLCA The Chair informed members he had attended the recent YLCA Meeting in Filey and he provided an overview mentioning a presentation made by Assistant Chief Constable, North Yorks Police and also changes being made to the law in respect of Data Protection issues by way of new General Data Protection Regulations

9. Items reported by Parish Councillors

- 9.1 Road out of Westerdale towards Blakey (passing Sugarloaf / reservoir) – problem with water flowing onto the road / up through the road possibly due to recent heavy rain or natural spring.
- 9.2 Commondale – White Cross / Sandhiills Bank fairly substantial potholes at the sides of what is a fairly narrow road.
- 9.3 Question raised as to when the upgrade to the telecom's installation on The Howe will be progressed.

10. Correspondence

10.1 **Castleton Conservation Area** – NYMNPA planning to undertake the production of a conservation area appraisal and management plan for Castleton over the next few months. Two attendees at the November meeting will discuss the process / take views on-board. Agreed to start the meeting at 6.30pm and allow 30 – 45 minutes for the presentation.

10.2 **North York Moors National Park Trust** – letter and invite to the opening Friday 3rd November 1pm – 3pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Date of next meeting of the Parish Council
6.30pm Wednesday 8th November 2017**