



The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th April 2018** at Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: G Banner (Chair), I Dodsworth, P Stonehouse, J Day, E Watson, R Rudsdale, R Findlay, CClr Pearson and J. Preston (Clerk).

1. **Declarations of Interest** None declared.
2. **Apologies for absence** Cllr's P Caffry and I Margetts.
3. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held 14th March 2018 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
The Clerk advised all issues raised by members at last month's meeting had been reported and actioned by the appropriate authority, in particular both damaged road signs had been replaced and the large pothole on Eston Lane had been filled. From previous reports the fence at the bottom of Howe Bank had been repaired and the post and rail fence near the rail bridge (Castleton / Danby road) had received attention by Railtrack.
5. **External reports**
The Police Report had been circulated separately in advance of the meeting and published on the website.
CClr Pearson spoke briefly about the new electoral arrangements for Scarborough Council – some ward boundaries were going to change and there was going to be a reduced number of Borough Councillors in the future.
6. **Planning**
6.1 Planning application NYM/2018/0152/FL regarding the application for erection of replacement general purpose agricultural building at Howe Cottage, Danby. Resolved no objection
6.2 Planning application NYM/2018/0173/FL regarding the application for construction of a local occupancy bungalow with associated parking and landscaping works (resubmission following withdrawal of NYM/2018/0045/FL) at land adjacent 6 Wellington Close, Danby. Resolved to support (as with earlier submission) – proposal meets a local need.
7. **Accounts**
7.1 The monthly breakdown of accounts was presented – accepted by resolution.
7.2 The Clerk advised that he was in the process of preparing the year end accounts for audit and members resolved to appoint the same internal auditor as used previously i.e. Mr Owens, Argot Accounting, Redcar.
7.3 The Clerk also advised that the Parish Council's insurance was due for renewal next month – the current provider Zurich Municipal had provided a quote for renewal of £1,215.59 (a slight increase on last year's premium). The Clerk however reported that he had sought additional quotes via a broker specialising in working with Parish Council's. Three quotes had been obtained the best of which (and the one recommended by the broker) was from Inspire via Axa and was for £826.35 (a saving of £361.11 on last year). Entering into a 3 year agreement with Inspire would however bring the cost down to £785.03 per year (a saving on last year of £402.43). Members resolved to accept the quote in respect of Inspire via Axa and enter into the 3 year agreement.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

8. Stone Trodds, Bridge Green, Danby

Concerns had been raised regarding damage being caused to the trodds on Bridge Green at Danby by vehicles being driven on / over them by residents. It seems that if a vehicle is parked on the road adjacent to one of the houses on Bridge Green it becomes necessary to drive over the trodds or even up the line of trodds to get past, accordingly the stone trodds are being smashed and the grass verge churned up. CCllr Perason advised that from experience this matter should be raised with Area 3 Highways. Clerk to action.

9. Cleaning Public Conveniences

The Parish Council has received a draft Service Level Agreement prepared by SBC regarding the upkeep of Castleton public convenience (circulated to members). The Clerk reported that the draft document was almost identical to the current agreement. The payment being offered by SBC in respect of cleaning only Castleton toilet block was 60% of the current amount but there was no mention of index linking this sum as was understood would be the case. Furthermore the draft indicated that public and employer liability insurance would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. It has been the case and is currently the case that the toilet cleaner is self-employed and therefore individually responsible for his own and public liability insurance. Members accordingly acknowledged that it was not possible to agree the terms of the new / proposed SLA. The Clerk advised that he had raised these issues with Mr Thompson SBC and a response was awaited.

Correspondence

None received

9. Highways and other issues raised / to be reported

- a. Road out of Westerdale past Sugarloaf up towards Ralphs Cross junction in a poor state repair
- b. Access road to Newhouse Farm, Westerdale is in a very bad state of repair with access proving impossible for the oil tanker deliveries.
- c. The granite sets at the junction near the Millenium Cross, Westerdale have been dislodged by a vehicle cutting the corner.
- d. Rotten / damaged gate Westerdale side / Quarry Farm.
- e. Lodge Lane, Danby on the approach to the Moors Centre – apparent drainage issue with large amounts of standing water.
- f. Church Street from the junction with Ashfield Road down to the junction with Howe Bank – problem with blocked gullies / road side ditch.
- g. Strait Lane, Ainthorpe – blocked gullies.
- h. Post Office - concerns raised about the very poor service currently being provided by the Post Office. Subsequent to the resignation of the Postmaster (old Chapel Tea Rooms) the Post Office had introduced what they refer to as an Outreach service whereby the Postmaster from Marske had been identified to attend the Old Chapel Tea Room twice weekly at specified times whereby the normal range of services would be available to the public. Frequently however this proves not to be the case, the individual concerned is often late and / or does not turn up at all.

Meeting Closed 8:35pm

**Next meeting 7pm, Wednesday 9th May 2018
(This is the Annual Meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council)**