



The routine monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 9th January** at Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: G Banner (Chair), E Watson, I Dodsworth, R Findlay, P Stonehouse, S Medd, R Rudsdale, I Margetts, C/Clr Pearson together with J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr J Day.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None declared.
3. **Minutes** The Minutes routine meeting held on 12th December 2018 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - I. Perceived poor general condition of Strait Lane, CC Highways have surveyed the area in question and have scheduled necessary repairs (no time scale stipulated).
 - II. Blakey road at the junction to Botton village (damage to a section of the concrete post and rail barrier). No update from Highways available at this time.
 - III. Blocked under road culverts causing flooding of the road (1) approx. 200m beyond Riddings Fm and (2) approx. 150m beyond Daleside Fm, Westerdale. CC Highways have surveyed the area and have determined that no work is necessary at this time (Clerk to question this decision)
 - IV. Parish Seats – the survey conducted by Cllr Day was very worthwhile but a definitive list of exactly which benches in the area are owned by and therefore the maintenance of which is responsibility of the Parish Council needs to be drawn up – agenda item for a future meeting.
 - V. The Chair informed the meeting that the site visit which formed part of the Local Needs Housing Survey had been conducted in conjunction with Mr Huby and NYMNPA. As a result three potential sites for the development / building of affordable housing had been identified. The next step of the process is for Mr Huby SBC to identify and make contact with the respective land owners.
5. **External Reports** - no reports presented on this occasion
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1 Planning application NYM/2018/0809/CU in respect of Rosedale Intake, Danby i.e. an application to change the use of the main house to B & B and holiday accommodation. Resolved – no objection
 - 6.2 Planning application NYM/2018/0816/FL in respect of 28 Church Street, Castleton ie an application in respect of the first and second floors involving alterations and raising the roof level (rear elevation) to create a local occupancy letting dwelling. Resolved – no objection
 - 6.3 Planning application NYM/2018/0827/FL in respect of Ainthorpe House, 1 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe i.e. an application to change the use of agricultural land to a domestic garden together with the erection of a multi-purpose home office, tractor store and occasional community events hub (retrospective). Resolved – objection. In considering this application a letter from the applicant seeking support and two emails raising objections were taken into consideration. The application was debated at length and extensive reference was made to the Planning Supporting Statement provided by the agent on behalf of the applicant. The basis of the objection – The actual building proposed (which has been erected prior to necessary permission being sought / granted) is not the issue however it is felt that the proposed so

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

called 'community hub' use is inappropriate / incompatible in this location and is both unfair and an inconvenience to neighbours.

From local knowledge it seems the Planning Supporting Statement is somewhat misleading in parts. (Full details submitted to the NYMNPA)

7. Accounts / Financial

7.1 The statement of accounts for the preceding month was approved by resolution and payments thereby authorised.

7.2 Budget Planning and Precept 2019 / 20

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a detailed briefing paper and spreadsheet which set out year on year income and expenditure details together with various projections for 2019/20.

Toilet cleaning has an impact on Parish Council income and expenditure and the Borough Council are going to close the toilet block at Danby before the new financial year begins in April. In respect of cleaning arrangements members resolved to continue to pay the amount currently being paid on a monthly basis. The rationale for this decision being the fact that there has been no increase in the amount paid for a significant time.

Grass cutting - visibility splays. Resolved for the parish Council to continue with responsibility for grass cutting and therefore accept the grant from County Council towards the cost incurred.

The Clerk's salary is paid as per the terms of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services and new pay scales have been announced for 2019/20. In accordance with the NJC announcement members resolved to increase in the Clerks salary by £14.07 /month gross as of April 2019.

After detailed consideration and debate in respect of the facts and figures presented members resolved to set the Parish Precept at £13,500 which equates to a Band D increase of 45p.

8. Correspondence

Scarborough Borough Council Budget consultation – the clerk advised that SBC had embarked up on a consultation process in respect of their budget for 2019/20. This was available on line – details circulated for individual response.

9. Items reported by Parish Councillors

- a) Railway bridge, Langburn's Bank – general concerns raised about the lack of information provided as to what work will be undertaken and particularly in respect of how long the road closure would be in force for. Clerk to investigate.
- b) Large potholes between Hob Hole and West House – outside the Parish boundary, clerk to investigate and report accordingly.
- c) Granite sets around the grass triangle near to Station Cottages on Langburn's Bank damaged / displaced. To report.
- d) Station Road between end terrace and Castle Hill – road surface breaking up where the highway joins the track (no kerb). To report.

Schedule of meetings for the forthcoming 12 months agreed up on – to be circulated / published on line.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

Next meeting 7pm, Wednesday 13th February 2019