



The routine monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 12th June 2019** at Castleton Village Hall.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Doddsworth
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Watson declared an interest in respect of Agenda item 6.1 (Planning application re Cowl Banks)
3. **Minutes** The Minutes routine meeting held on 8th May 2019 were accepted by resolution as a true record with one amendment i.e. to Minute 3 (hand rail Primrose Hill) which should have read "has not yet been repaired". The amended Minutes were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - I. **Danby toilets** – letter received from Robert Goodwill MP (previously circulated). Clerk to write to the Leader SBC to seek an update re the recent election pledge made to keep toilets open / re-open those previously closed.
 - II. Highways – **Tib Hill** repairs to verge sanctioned by NYCC
 - III. Highways – **Comondale to Dibble Bridge**, repairs to road / verge sanctioned by NYCC (No update re complaint about Ness Terrace resident's fence)
 - IV. **Grass cutting in Westerdale** – there is still confusion as to why a contractor is attending on behalf of NYCC and cutting grass in Westerdale. Further response from NYCC awaited.
 - V. **Conservation area** – Mr France has written requesting the Parish Council submit a report to the NYMNPA Planning Committee re Article 4 Directions specifying with reasons which (if any) Article 4 Directions should be relaxed. (Agenda item for a future meeting)
 - VI. Westerdale village name sign – the necessary work has been completed
 - VII. **Electric Vehicle charging points** – Cllr Margetts led a lengthy discussion regarding the possibility of installing a number of publicly available charging points in the village. Government money is available and a provider would be willing to install a row of between 6 and 8 points (any less would not be viable) A number of potential locations were debated – further research needed, Agenda item for a future meeting, letter FAO NYCC, NYMNPA and SBC to be drafted by Cllr Margetts and the Clerk.
5. **External Reports**

CCLR Pearson informed members about the current difficulties being encountered at Borough Council level due to the large number of new Councillors needing specific roll based training (planning and licencing being particular areas of difficulty).
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1 Planning Application NYM/2019/0268/FL regarding the construction of single storey garden room extension at Cowl Banks, Ainthorpe Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – no objection.**
 - 6.2 Planning Application NYM/2019/0324/FL regarding the resurfacing of an agricultural track at land near Westgate Farm, Comondale. **Resolved – support....** will allow an existing farming business to operate in a safe and efficient manner, track in question is believed to be needed

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

due to a change in circumstances i.e. the refurbishment / occupation of a previously derelict property.

- 6.3** Planning Application NYM/2019/0330/FL i.e. an application to convert the first floor of a building to bunk barn holiday accommodation at High House, Westerdale. **Resolved – support** will allow a small traditional hill farm to diversify and provide accommodation for those wishing to partake in pony trekking, the building in question is no longer used for farming purposes.

7. Accounts / Financial

By resolution the monthly statement of accounts was approved and payment of outstanding invoices was thereby authorised.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk made members aware of the following:

- I. New Website Accessibility Regulations (No immediate action needed – further details to be circulated to members)
- II. Whitby Town Council “Yorkshire Day” 1/8/19 – Noted (no attendees cost prohibitive £49.50 per ticket.)
- III. VE Celebrations over the 8th May weekend 2020. – Noted, future agenda item.
- IV. NYMNPA Village Improvement Scheme - grant application is being submitted ref the Village Hall, a letter of support has been requested – approved, Clerk to provide.

9. Items reported by Parish Councillors

Highways issues to report:

- I. Entrance to Castle Close from Church Street – large pothole
- II. Approach to Dibble Bridge from the direction of Castleton – advanced warning sign obscured by undergrowth.
- III. Station Road (below Castle Hill) – kerb stone missing
- IV. Castleton in general – blocked gullies.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm

Next meeting Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 7pm