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The **Annual Meeting** of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8th May 2019** at Castleton Village Hall. The annual Meeting was immediately followed by the routine monthly meeting.

Present : Councillors: G Banner (Chair), P Stonehouse, J Day, E Watson, S Medd, R Rudsdale, I Margetts, I Dodsworth, R Findlay, CCLR Pearson, J. Preston (Clerk) and two member of the public for the Annual Meeting and part of the routine monthly meeting.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr G Banner accepted a nomination from the floor and was elected as Chairman by resolution; the Declaration of Office was signed accordingly.

2. Apologies for absence

N/A – all members in attendance

3. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr J Day accepted a nomination from the floor and was elected as Vice Chairman by resolution.

4. The following additional appointments were made:

- 4.1 The Danby Village Hall Management Committee - vacant
- 4.2 The Castleton Village Hall Management Committee - Cllr Rudsdale
- 4.3 Castleton Play Area Committee – Cllr Day
- 4.4 The Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Cllr Banner and J Preston (Clerk)

Minutes of the Routine Monthly Meeting

Agenda item 8 (out of sequence) & Public Participation

Danby Public Conveniences

Following the closure of the toilet block in Danby, concerns have been raised by Danby residents and other members of the public, a petition has been signed by over 1000 people and one Danby resident has written to Robert Goodwill MP seeking his involvement and support. The author of the letter to Mr Goodwill was present and spoke about the concerns raised and problems being encountered because of the closure of the toilets. The Chair explained some of the history regarding the decision taken by Scarborough Borough Council and expressed the support of the Parish Council clearly stating that the Parish Council had strongly opposed the closure but SBC had made the decision purely on financial grounds. The Parish Council had been offered the opportunity of taking over ownership of the toilet block but this was not a viable option as to do so would likely have necessitated increasing the precept by in the region of £3000 i.e. a 25% increase. Clerk to write to Mr Goodwill.

1. Declarations of Interest None declared.

2. Minutes – The Minutes of the meetings held on the 10th and 17th April 2019 were both accepted by resolution as being accurate and were signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

The hand rail on the steps up to Primrose Hill has been repaired by Mr Taylor.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

4. **External Reports**

CCLR Pearson gave members an update regarding the recent Borough Council election results and the subsequent make-up of the Borough Council, which was now under new Labour leadership.

5. **Planning**

5.1 Planning Application NYM/2019/0246/FL regarding the construction of a replacement porch and boiler room/store at 91 High Street, Castleton. **Resolved – no objection**

5.2 Application for Listed Building Consent, ref NYM/2019/0247/LB for the construction of replacement porch and boiler room/store at 91 High Street, Castleton. **Resolved – no objection**

6. **Accounts / Financial**

6.1 The Clerk presented the statement of accounts for the preceding month and members resolved to authorise payment of all outstanding invoices. The Clerk also informed members that the internal audit of accounts had been completed without issue.

6.2 **External Audit process** – Members referred to the External Audit documentation thereby reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control, Members thereafter approved by resolution the Annual Governance Statement, which was signed by the Chair and Clerk / RFO.

6.3 **External Audit process** – Members subsequently considered the Accounting Statement, which was thereafter approved by resolution and signed by the Chair and Clerk / RFO.

6.4 **Insurance** – By resolution members approved renewal of the policy of insurance as per the terms of the quote received.

6.5 **Grant Application** – Members considered a grant application made on behalf of Castleton Cricket Club. Resolved to support the application in the sum of £200 specifically in relation to financing coaching of juniors.

7. **Electric Vehicle charging points**

Cllr Margetts spoke about the increasing number of electric vehicles on the roads and the ongoing shift away from internal combustion engines in favour of electric power. Despite the shift however it was apparent that publicly available charging points (vital where electric vehicle owners weren't able to plug into a private supply) were not being made available. Cllr Margetts believed it was important to raise this matter with NYCC, SBC and NYMNPA. Members agreed that Cllr Margetts was best placed to raise the topic and open discussions accordingly.

8. **Danby Public Conveniences** – see above

9. **Annual Westerdale Parish Assembly**

Cllr Findlay and the Clerk updated members as to issues raised at the Annual Westerdale Parish Assembly, which had been held on the 11th April.

Gritting / grit bins – concerns raised about the apparent neglect of Westerdale – Clerk to write to Highways.

Grass cutting – concerns raised due to the fact that there is an apparent waste of money by NYCC which is using a contractor to cut visibility splays in the Westerdale area which are also been tended by the Village Caretaker – Clerk to write to NYCC.

10. **Correspondence**

The Clerk informed members that he has been dealing with a query raised by Yorkshire Ambulance Service in respect of the defibrillators situated around the parish. YAS were of the belief that the Parish Council some years ago had agreed pay for consumables (e.g. pads) and replacement batteries as and when needed. The Clerk explained that he had researched the Minutes and accounts extensively and had found no records of any such undertaking being made, a response had accordingly been provided to YAS.

11. Items reported by Parish Councillors

Cllr Stonehouse raised concerns in respect of the following roads.

- i) Commondale to Dibble Bridge – as a result of the closure of the road into / out of Castleton due to the rail bridge repairs the road into Castleton via Commondale has seen a huge increase in traffic including heavy vehicles which has caused a substantial deterioration in the overall condition of the road.
- ii) Ainthorpe, from the tennis courts onto Danby Castle – road generally in a poor state.
- iii) Castleton / Danby low road between the tracks to Winsley Hill Farm and Tib Hill a heavy vehicle has been in the gutter which is causing flooding of the road.

NYMNPA – Clerk to enquire as to progress with regards re-writing of the policy concerning building repairs / alterations to properties Conservation Areas.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Next meeting 7pm, Wednesday 12th June 2019