



The routine monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 2nd October 2019** at Castleton Village Hall.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** None received (Cllr's Banner and Margetts not in attendance)
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Watson declared an interest in agenda item 6.2 – planning application.

Stronger Communities (Ryedale & North York Moors) Prior to dealing with the formal business of the evening members received a presentation delivered by Paddy Chandler the NYCC Stronger Communities Delivery Manager for Ryedale and North York Moors who spoke about Stronger Communities, the work being undertaken in the upper Esk Valley and how the Parish Council could potentially influence and/or be involved in this. Mr Chandler was accompanied by Debbie Johns the Botton Village 'Champion'. The work of the Stronger Communities team primarily involves providing funding opportunities, developing networks and providing organisational support with the focus being on increasing social connectivity, improving communication, improving social well-being and bringing benefits to the community. Debbie Johns spoke about 'Esk Valley Together' partnership event being staged at Botton Village on Friday 8th November (9:30-2:00) which is being staged with the support of Stronger Communities. The event will provide an opportunity to meet, share ideas and collaborate with 'partners' working across the Esk Valley. The presentations were well received and the speakers were thanked by all members present.

3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on 11th September 2019 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - I. **Highways issues:** The remedial work needed ref vegetation around the advanced warning sing on Dibble Bridge bank has not been carried out and the fence near Foul Green Farm, Comondale has not been repaired – The Clerk reported that he had received an acknowledgement from County Highways that the work needed will be undertaken. The report on the Parish Portal indicating the work had been completed was acknowledged as being incorrect.
 - II. **Other highways issues:** issues raised at the last meeting have been reported but no updates were available.
 - III. **Fryup Village Hall defibrillator:** The Clerk reported that he had fitted a new battery and the equipment was therefore 'rescue ready'
 - IV. **Abbeyfields & Comondale defibrillators:** In the absence of Cllr Banner it was not known if the electrical issues had been resolved. Update awaited from Cllr Banner re the possibility of Abbeyfields contributing to the costs incurred.

5. **External Reports**
None presented.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

6. Planning Applications

6.1 NYM/2019/0607/FL Application for alterations and construction of replacement rear extension at 5 Strait Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved No objections**

6.2 NYM/2019/0603/FL Application for alterations and construction of replacement rear extension at 7 Strait Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved No objections**

6.3 NYM/2019/0606/CVC/FL Application for variation of condition 2 of planning approval NYM/2013/0018/FL to change from holiday letting accommodation to a letting dwelling at Firbank Cottage, Castleton. **Resolved No objections**

6.4 NYM/2019/0616/FL Application for construction of replacement domestic store (part retrospective) (revised schemes to NYM/2018/0372/FL, NYM/2018/0587/FL and NYM/2019/0418/FL) at Ainthorpe House, 1 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved No objections**

6.5 NYM/2019/0615/FL Application for demolition works and conversion of outbuildings to form 1 no. local occupancy dwelling and 1 no. holiday cottage at Park Nook Farm, Langburns bank, Castleton. **Resolved No objections**

6.6 NYM/2019/0621/FL Application for variation of condition 7 of planning approval NYM/2019/0140/FL to allow the removal of additional trees at Moor Top, Castleton. **Resolved No objections**

7. Accounts / Financial

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

7.2 Members considered renewal of membership to **Community First Yorkshire** and resolved not to renew.

7.3 **National Association of Local Councils** – Model Financial Regulations. Members reviewed and debated the templated regulations and agreed the amendments necessary to make the Regulations fit for purpose for the DGPC. Clerk to circulate an electronic copy to members.

8. Castleton Conservation Area & NYMNPA Article 4 Directions

By resolution members approved the letter which had been drafted by the Clerk FAO Mr C France, Director of Planning NYMNPA. In brief the letter set out the reasons as to why members believed certain Article 4 Directions in respect of the Castleton Conservation area should be eased / amended.

9. Parking in Castleton

Members discussed at length the parking issues in Castleton, which all agreed were problematic. It was acknowledged that even if land was available for parking the Parish Council was not in a position to buy any land. If a car park was made available the likelihood was that residents would continue to park outside or as near as possible to their own home. Parking restrictions (yellow lines) were ruled out as this would make the situation much worse. Resident only parking permits were also discussed and ruled out as there was no way of 'policing' non-conformance. Members reluctantly accepted that nothing could be done at this time to ease the situation.

10. Correspondence

Letter received re the planned felling of trees / replanting of an area in Baysdale – noted.

11. Items reported by Parish Councillors

I. Abandoned temporary road signs Commondale / Dibble Bridge

II. Damage to concrete post / rail barrier on the Blakey road at the Botton junction.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

Next meeting Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7pm