



The routine monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th September 2019** at Castleton Village Hall.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies for absence Cllr's Findlay, Banner and Margetts.

2. Declarations of Interest None

Prior to dealing with the formal business of the evening members received a presentation delivered by Station Manager Steve Harris, North Yorkshire Fire Service who has managerial responsibility for the fire stations based at Whitby, Lythe, Robin Hoods Bay, Goathland and Danby (and all the villages within those areas). The presentation included:

- an update on fire related activity in the Parish area.
- an update about community safety initiatives undertaken by the Fire Service and an overview of future initiatives planned in the Parish area.
- an overview of fire cover in the area, with particular emphasis on the fire crew at Danby and crewing challenges being faced (currently there are only 7 retained officers on the Danby crew and a minimum of 4 are needed to turn out the fire appliance (and where the Parish Council may be able to assist)).

The presentation was very well received and SM Harris was thanked by all members present.

3. Minutes The Minutes of the meetings held on 10th July and 7th August 2019 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

Meeting 10th July

- Highways issues:** The remedial work needed re vegetation around the advanced warning sign on Dibble Bridge bank has not been carried out and the fence near Foul Green Farm, Comondale has not been repaired – Clerk to chase up.
- Sandbag Store, Danby Station** – will be replaced by SBC.

Meeting 7th August

The Clerk reported that the defibrillators in Danby, Comondale, Westerdale, Castleton and at Abbeyfields had all been fitted with a new battery and were therefore 'rescue ready' – the Ambulance Service had been informed accordingly. Cllr Banner has agreed to act as guardian for the defib units in Comondale and at Abbeyfields, there was still a power issues with both these defib cabinets (Cllr Banner to investigate). Cllr Stonehouse will act as guardian for the Castleton equipment (Cllr Medd to act as his deputy). Mrs Findlay has agreed to continue as guardian for the Westerdale unit – Ambulance Service advised accordingly. (No change re guardian for Danby, details held by the Ambulance Service)

Update awaited from Cllr Banner re the possibility of Abbeyfields contributing to the costs incurred. An invoice raised by Restarting Hearts had been received, which included the costs of replacement pads and fitting – members resolved to pay the full amount.

5. External Reports

None presented.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

6. Planning

- 6.1** Planning Application NYM/2019/0582/FL for alterations, construction of single storey rear extension following demolition of store and change of use of land to extend domestic curtilage at Hillside, 10 Bridge Green, Danby was considered. Members resolved – **No objection.**
- 6.2** Planning Application NYM/2019/0584/FL for construction of single storey extension (revised scheme following withdrawal of NYM/2019/0152/FL) at Howe Cottage, The Howe, Danby was considered. Members resolved – **No objection.**

7. Accounts / Financial

- 7.1** By resolution the monthly statement of accounts was approved and payment of outstanding invoices was thereby authorised.
- 7.2** **National Association of Local Councils – Model Financial Regulations.** Carried forward to the meeting scheduled for 2nd October.

8. Fryup Village Hall Defibrillator

Fryup Village Hall lies just inside the Parish boundary and the Clerk reported he had checked the defibrillator at that location and found it to be not rescue ready and in need of a new battery accordingly members resolved to take over financial responsibility in respect of upkeep and maintenance of the defibrillator. Clerk to order/ fit a new battery ASAP.

9. Castleton Conservation Area & NYMNPA Article 4 Directions

Carried forward to the meeting scheduled for 2nd October

10. Correspondence

Letter received advising of the proposed decommissioning of the public phone boxes in Westerdale, Comondale and near to the Expedition Centre, Fryup. Public consultation period ends 26/11/19. Objections to be raised re all 3 sites due to the very poor / non-existent mobile phone signal and the close proximity of defibrillators at all 3 locations.

11. Items reported by Parish Councillors

- I. Question raised as to the necessity for a designated pedestrian walkway under the Castleton railway bridge. Clerk to investigate with Highways.
- II. Poor visibility and damaged concrete fence at Danby river bridge
- III. Street lighting not working on West Lane – Cllr Medd to provide pole numbers to enable reporting
- IV. Overgrown hedges Easton Lane
- V. Sandhill Bank, Comondale – Village Caretaker to be asked to cut grass / spray weeds.

Agenda item for the next meeting – parking problems in Castleton

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7pm