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

Present : Councillors: G Banner (Chair), J Day, S Medd, R Findlay, I Margetts and P Stonehouse together with J Preston (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr's Dodsworth and Watson. Cllr Rudsdale not in attendance.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None declared.
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on 13th November 2019 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

6.3 The Chair elected to take agenda item 6.3 out of sequence as members of the public were in attendance specifically in respect of this issue. The National Park planning application number **NYM/2019/0216/FL** relates to the proposed construction of a convenience store etc. at Central Garage, High Street, Castleton. Members considered this application at the April 2019 meeting and since that meeting other consultees have submitted responses to the NYMNPA. Members of the Parish Council deemed it necessary to consider and if necessary comment upon the additional information.

The Parish Council in general supports the application in principal but three issues have given cause for concern, which are briefly set out as follows.

1. The lack of measures incorporated in the proposal regarding the use of energy from renewable sources. Two members of the public (one of whom was in attendance) had submitted their concerns / observations in respect of this issue to the National Park. The gentleman in attendance explained his concerns and members agreed to indorse his initial response.
2. Comments made by the National Park's own Buildings Conservation officer were not fully supported by members of the Parish Council as it is felt too much emphasis is being made of the fact that the old garage site adjoins the village Conservation Area. The author of the response has described the site as "sensitive". Various other observations and recommendations are made within the submission which are not supported by the Parish Council, furthermore there has been no consultation with the Council or residents. In respect of Article 4 Directions which apply to the Conservation Area concerns of the Parish Council have been reported previously a lengthy letter to NYMNPA. An acknowledgement has been received with a more detailed response to follow; with the issues raised by DGPC likely to go before the Planning Committee in February 2020.
3. The County Council's Whitby Highways Officer has submitted two wordy reports, the first of which prompted those acting on behalf of the applicants to alter their plans particularly in respect of the access road. Amongst the recommendations made is the imposition of double yellow (no parking at any time) lines for a length of 43m on the right side of the road heading in the direction of the village hall. This recommendation has caused a great deal of public concern and it would certainly not be supported by the Parish Council **unless** within the proposal free parking could be provided to offset the loss of on-street parking places. If additional parking cannot be incorporated into the proposal then the Highways recommendation regarding yellow lines would be opposed in the strongest terms.

Discussions in respect of the 3 issues was meaningful and those members of the public who were in attendance were involved in the debate, which was most heated and passionate in respect of the

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recommendations made by NYCC Highways. Castleton residents were encouraged to write to the National Park Planning Committee individually to raise their concerns. The Clerk was tasked with responding on behalf of the Parish Council.

4. Matters Arising

- I. **Highways issues:** The Clerk advised that all highways issues which had been raised by members had been reported to the County Council.
- II. **VE Day 75th Anniversary:** Part of the commemorations planned involves the ringing of Church bells, the Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from the Parochial Church Councils that all churches in the Parish would be taking part in the celebration.

5. External Reports None presented.

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications:

- 6.1 NYM/2019/0752/FL** Application for alterations and construction of dormer window at Homefields, 87 Ainthorpe Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – no objection**
- 6.2 NYM/2019/0615/FL** Application for demolition works and conversion of outbuildings to form one local occupancy dwelling and one holiday cottage at Park Nook Farm, Langburns bank, Castleton, **Resolved – no objection**
- 6.3** See above.
- 6.4 NYM/2019/0814/FL** Application for retention of 7 metre high monopole supporting two antenna, ground based equipment building, lpg store and meter cabinet together with erection of additional pole with satellite dish at the existing base station, Hall Farm, Westerdale. **Resolved – no objection**

7. Accounts / Financial

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

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Members considered correspondence from NYMNPA ref a proposed woodland creation project at Holly Lodge Farm, Danby Head. Noted, no comment / further action necessary.
- 8.2 The Clerk reported that the annual independent playground inspection had been completed and the resulting report had been provided to the Chair of the Playground Committee. Noted NFA required.

9. Items reported by Parish Councillors

The following issues were raised:

- The derelict toilet block at Danby was reportedly becoming an eyesore – Clerk to enquire with SBC as to their intentions in respect of the building.
- Large pothole reported approx. 200m beyond Ralphs Cross on the right side of the road heading in the direction of the Blakey PH (Not our Parish but will be reported).
- Cllr Findlay raised concerns about urgent ditch work that he believed needed attention. The ground is saturated after recent heavy rains and there is a great deal of run off from Sugar Loaf, Brown Hill, 'Post Box' corner (Westerdale Side) and at the top junction in Westerdale Village. Report to Highways.
- Village Caretaker to be contacted and requested to spend some time in Comondale by way of a general tidy up of verges etc.

Meeting Closed 8.15pm

Next meeting Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7pm