



The routine monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8th January 2020** at Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: G Banner (Chair), J Day, S Medd, R Findlay, I Margetts, I Dodsworth, R Rudsdale, E Watson, CClr C Pearson and J Preston (Clerk)

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr P Stonehouse.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None declared.
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on 11th December 2019 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
The Clerk reported all allocated tasks had been completed with no issues to feedback upon.
5. **External Reports**
CClr Pearson reported that repairs to the road side barrier at the junction of the Blakey road and the road down into Botton (Stormy Hall) would be undertaken by the County Council, the necessary funds (£3078.50) having been made available by CClr Pearson from his allocated 'Locality Budget'. It was not possible to state when the work would be scheduled for. Members expressed their gratitude.

CClr Pearson also gave a brief update with regards internal Borough Council issues, none of which affect this Parish.
6. **Planning Applications**
Members considered the following Planning Application:
NYM/2019/0828/FL Application for erection of agricultural livestock building at Slate Hill, Fryup.
Members resolved to support the application. Positive development of a local business and enhancement of necessary security measures.
7. **Accounts / Financial**
 - 7.1 By resolution the monthly statement of accounts was approved and payment of outstanding invoices was thereby authorised.

Members were made aware that a donation of £400 had been received from the Danby Court Leet, which will go towards the cost of upkeep of roadside verges etc. Members expressed their gratitude acknowledging the work of the Court Leet and their continued year on year support of the Parish Council.

7.2 2020/2021 Budget planning / Precept

The Clerk presented year on year comparative figures in respect of the Parish Council's income and expenditure with the current financial year figures showing an estimated overspend (i.e. an excess of expenditure over income) in the region of £1300. Members were aware that the majority of the overspend came about as a result of unanticipated expenditure incurred in getting the six community defibrillators within the Parish back into a 'rescue ready' state. It was also noted that the same level of expenditure would be incurred in four years' time when again defibrillator batteries would need to be replaced as a matter of routine. The Parish Council acknowledged that the defibrillators were a very

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valuable and potentially a life saving community resource and as such agreed to budget for the replacement defibrillator units and cabinets should the need arise / when the equipment reached its end of life.

It was also accepted that due to inflation the Council's general expenditure would likely increase. Based on current income and expenditure the estimated deficit for the next financial year would be in the region of £1200.

Accordingly, following a lengthy debate members unanimously resolved to increase the Precept. Further discussions ensued as to the actual financial impact an increase would have on the residents of the Parish, members subsequently unanimously resolving to increase the precept by £1000.

This table shows the headline charge per band (before any discounts / exemptions etc.)

Banding	Current charge	Projected charge after increase	Annual increase
A	£12.78	£13.74	96p
P	£14.91	£16.03	£1.12
C	£17.04	£18.32	£1.28
D	£19.17	£20.61	£1.44
E	£23.43	£25.19	£1.76
F	£27.69	£29.77	£2.08
G	£31.95	£34.35	£2.40
H	£38.34	£41.22	£2.88

8. Correspondence

None received

9. Items reported by Parish Councillors

The following issues were raised:

- Poor visibility at the Danby River Esk bridge due to overhanging trees obscuring the view of motorists crossing the bridge.
- From White Cross down to the bottom of Sandhill Bank, Comondale the extreme edges of the road surface are braking up.
- Potholes in the road / poor road surface from the top of Westerdale village to the cattle grid in the direction of Sugar Loaf.

Meeting Closed 7:50pm

Next meeting Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7pm