



A meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 29th July 2020** at the NYMNPA Moors Centre, Danby.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr Dodsworth. Non-attendee Cllr Day.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on 11th March 2020 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising** None raised
5. **External Reports**
CCLR Pearson gave a brief verbal overview regarding the possibility from 2022 of the devolution of County Council and Borough Council responsibilities to two unitary authorities .
6. **Planning Applications**
Members considered the following Planning Applications
 - 6.1 NYM/2020/0447/FL and NYM/2020/0449/LB – both application relating to consent for creation of new window to the gable end of The Cottage, 24 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – no objection**
 - 6.2 Proposed Base Station Site Upgrade, Land at Hall Farm, Westerdale. Pre-application consultation on behalf of Airwave Solutions Ltd. **Noted NFA required at this time**
 - 6.3 NYM/2020/0500/FL - application in relation to the Yorkshire Cycle Hub, Fryup. Applicant seeking to vary conditions of planning approval NYM/2015/0826/FL – alteration to the internal layout of the building and amendment to winter opening hours. **Resolved – support.** Viable local business / employer seeking to improve / enhance facilities.
- 7 **Accounts / Financial**
 - 7.1 By resolution the monthly statement of accounts was approved and payment of outstanding invoices was thereby authorised. In addition members resolved to retrospectively amend Standing Orders so as to allow the Chairman and Clerk to act independently of the Parish Council to sign cheques thereby allowing routine payments to be made on time.
 - 7.2 **External Audit process** – members reviewed the effectiveness Parish Council's system of internal control, subsequently preparing and approving by resolution the Annual Governance Statement, the declaration being signed by the Chair.
 - 7.3 **External Audit process** – members consider and subsequently approved by resolution the Accounting Statements the declaration being signed by the Chair.

In respect of the External Audit process the Clerk advised that the now approved documentation and notice explaining public access to the accounts would be published on the Parish Council web site on the 30th July.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

8. Items reported by Parish Councillors

- 8.1 Highway issues ie potholes / general poor condition of the road surface at the southern end of Westerdale village (this has been reported previously with repairs deemed necessary by NYCC however the work has not been carried out.
- 8.2 Abandoned motor vehicle on the moor off Dibble Bridge bank – the car has been there about a month and is being vandalised, windows are smashed and property is strewn about the moor.
- 8.3 Dibble Bridge Bank from the bridge to the cross roads – LH side pot holes.
- 8.4 Commondale – grass cutting / weed spraying – attention required from the Village Caretaker.
- 8.5 Castleton road side gullies blocked – when were they last cleaned out.

9. Date, venue & agenda for the next meeting

Following discussions members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at the NYMNPA Moors Centre, Danby.

Due to the Corona Virus situation it was not possible to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2020, the business of the Annual Meeting (ie election of the Chairman etc) would therefore be transacted at the commencement of the meeting scheduled for the 9th September. Cllr Banner announced he would not be standing for the position of Chairman at the meeting. Routine matters would be dealt with after the Annual Meeting. At this time the only other subject for the agenda would be in relation to the condition of the Parish Council notice boards (mentioned briefly at the March meeting).

Meeting Closed 8.15pm

Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Wednesday 9th September 2020 at the NYMNPA Moors Centre, Danby

Note: This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, routine business will be dealt with after the business of the Annual Meeting.