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The routine monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th March 2020** at Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: I Dodsworth, E Watson, J Day (Chair), R Findlay, CClr Pearson and J Preston (Clerk)

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr's Banner, Medd, Rudsdale, Margetts & Stonehouse.
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on 12th February 2020 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
Highways defects update:
 - Potholes in the road / poor road surface from the top of Westerdale village to the cattle grid in the direction of Sugar Loaf. No feedback received from NYCC as yet and the issues have been re-reported.
 - The County Council has confirmed the blocked gullies issues on West Lane, Danby and in Castleton near the play area will be addressed. (No specific timescale mentioned but work to be undertaken within 90 days).
 - Lead Lane, Westerdale from the ford up towards Quarry Farm – badly damaged road surface reported by the Clerk.

Complaint about the condition of the track at the rear of Station Cottages. The Clerk confirmed that enquiries with HM Land Registry had confirmed the track and kerbed grass triangle were Common Land and part of the Dawney Estate. A detailed letter had been sent to the complainant in this case and he had been advised to contact the Estate.

Question raised about what (if any) permission is required when changing the use of a property from residential to a holiday let. The Clerk reported he had received a response from the North York Moors National Park Authority's Planning Administration Officer who had advised that without the question being about a specific property it is difficult to provide a definitive answer as there may be planning conditions/restrictions on the property which prevent changes without the submission of a planning application (e.g. if the property in question had a local occupancy condition attached). Generally however if the dwelling is unrestricted, letting it out for holiday use as single unit does not require the benefit of planning permission irrespective of whether or not it is located in a Conservation Area.

Notice Boards The Clerk informed members Cllr Stonehouse had obtained a price for units measuring approx. 4'6" x 2'6" ie £428+vat. More detailed information is required - agenda item for next month's meeting.

5. **External Reports**
None received.

6. **Planning Applications**
Members considered the following Planning Applications

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

6.1 NYM/2020/0076/FL Application for variation of condition 1 of planning approval NYM/2014/0847/FL to allow the static caravan to be sited for a further five year period at High House, Westerdale. **Resolved to support.** A continuing ongoing genuine need has been demonstrated. The siting is unobtrusive and continues to enhance the business.

6.2 NYM/2020/0148/FL Application for construction of replacement conservatory at 40 West Lane, Danby. **Resolved – no objection**

7. Accounts / Financial

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

Internal Auditor – members approved the appointment of Mr John Owens, Argot Accounting Redcar to act as the Internal Auditor in respect of the accounts, financial year ending 31st March 2020.

8. Policy Document approval

On the recommendation of the Clerk members approved the amended Parish Council's Grievance Policy (which had been drafted from the document recommended by the National Association of Local Councils).

9. Correspondence

9.1 Ripon Cathedral - 75th Anniversary of VE Day (For information only / invitation to attend). Noted

9.2 Broadleaved woodland planting project, Botton Grove Farm in Danby Dale. (For information / comment if considered appropriate.) Noted

9.3 Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Applications) Accessibility Regulations. Members considered and subsequently approved expenditure in the sum of £330 in respect of updates to the Parish Council's website to ensure framework and content accessibility.

9.4 Scarborough & Whitby Area Constituency Committee. A meeting of the committee will be held at Falsgrave Community Resource Centre, Seamer Rd, Scarborough, 20th March 2020 at 10:30am. For information only.

10. Items reported by Parish Councillors

None

Meeting Closed 7:40pm

Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Wednesday 8th April 2020

**Note: The meeting will be proceeded by the Annual Parish Assembly
(6:30pm)**