



A **Virtual Meeting** of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 10th February 2021**.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Rudsdale (illness) Cllr Dodsworth (technical difficulties)
2. **Declarations of interest** None stated
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - a) Concern raised over the state of the pavement down from the old Legion to Postgate on Station Bank. In need of serious repair on especially the steep part of the bank.
This issue was reported previously and Highways advised that the pavement "is not part of the Highway extent". The Clerk reported that he had raised another report with Highways and questioned the earlier reply. Update awaited.
 - b) Westerdale Side in places the road is subsiding and in a fairly dangerous condition.
Acknowledgement received from Highways - necessary repairs will be undertaken.
 - c) Hob Hole – recent heavy rain and snow melt flooded the ford at Hob Hole and subsiding water has dumped a substantial amount of deep silt.
This was not reported, a report from another source already existed which had been lodged only one day earlier. Duck Bridge also suffered from very heavy flooding, the Clerk reported he had been past a couple of times and all the water borne debris has been cleared from the river / crash barrier.
 - d) Lead Lane junction, Westerdale. Serious water run off caused by a blocked / or lack of a roadside drain (it is thought a sign (now removed) previously blocked the drain but the blockage was not cleared when the sign was removed.
This issues was reported on the 14th Jan but it seems no Highways inspection has been undertaken yet.
 - e) Decorating the Comondale toilet block. The Village Caretaker does not wish to take on the extra work and no response has been received from the other contractor who was contacted. Resolved – an advert seeking tenders to be put on the Parish Council's Facebook page, Clerk to provide the wording

5. **External Reports**

Cllr Pearson mention that in relation to the Covid pandemic North Yorkshire Police had at this point issued 169 penalty notices for breaches of lock down regulations.

Cllr Pearson also informed members that Network Rail had budgeted £2.7 million for essential maintenance in the locality of Castleton. (The closure of the road into Castleton seemingly to facilitate the work was discussed. Signs either side of the rail bridge near the Esk PH stipulate the road will again

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

be closed, however the Clerk pointed out no road closure notification had been received from Highways and no mention of the closure was on the County Council's mapping system.)

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications

6.1 **NYM/2021/0011/FL** Application for erection of Moorsweb community internet mast with ancillary equipment (max height 4 metres) at High Butterwitts Farm, Red Way, Houlseyke. **Resolved – support.** Much needed improvement to internet service

6.2 **NYM/2020/1019/FL** Application for removal of attached store, conversion of and extension to traditional building to form one local needs dwelling / residential annexe / holiday letting accommodation with associated parking at Scalefoot Farm, Comondale. **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 The Clerk reported the Current Account balance stands at £15,169 prior to this month's 'invoices' being settled. The Business reserve Account balance stands at £6,780. It was acknowledged that the money in the Business Reserve account was earning very little interest and the question was asked as to whether the Parish Council had the power to invest money whereby there was greater return. The possibility of investing in Premium Bonds was raised. The Clerk was tasked with investigating possibilities.

8 Correspondence from NYCC's Youth Development Worker

The letter outlines that "North Yorkshire Youth" will continue to offer support to Parish Councils regarding current youth provisions and will also offer support for any future volunteers interested in setting up youth projects in the parish. Discussed – the Parish Council is not directly involved in provision of any services or facilities for the 'youth' of the area but groups / clubs do exist eg at Castleton Cricket Club and Danby Sports Association. Cllr Watson offered to make those involved aware of the offer from NYY.

9. Casual Vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Banner.

The Clerk advised members that Councillor Banner's resignation had been reported to the Borough Council and an appropriate Notice of Vacancy (supplied by SBC) had been put on the notice board in Comondale.

No requests for an election have been received hence we are now at the co-option stage. Interested parties have until 25th February to apply in writing. Direct approaches to potentially interested and suitable people can be made.

10. Items reported by Councillors

(a) Burtree Lane (from the junction of Wandles Lane near Danby Church) towards (and beyond) Danby Beck – concerns ref general poor road condition / pot holes. Clerk to report.

(b) Serious concerns raised regarding the lack of gritting and grit heaps in the parish (particularly around Westerdale / Westerdale Side). Some of the roads in the area are particularly treacherous and have been for a number of days, Cllr Findlay praised Care Workers etc who were making very difficult journeys to look after people in need. Cllr Pearson agreed to take this matter up with Highways as a matter of urgency.

Meeting Closed 7:35pm

Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Wednesday 10th March 2021. This will be a virtual meeting.