



A **Virtual Meeting** of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 13th January 2021**.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, R Findlay, P Stonehouse, R Rudsdale (late attendance due to technical issues), S Medd, I Margetts, I Dodsworth, CClr Pearson and J Preston (Clerk)

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** N/A

2. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 9th Sept 2020 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising** None raised

5. **External Reports** None raised

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications

6.1 **NYM/ 2020/0963/LB** Kirkview Cottage, Main Street, Westerdale. Listed Building consent for alterations to front boundary wall to create gated pedestrian access. **Resolved – support.** Benefit to applicant and neighbours (historically a history of disputed access which this will resolve). Members however would prefer to see stone gateposts used which would be in sympathy with the existing wall.

6.2 **NYM/2020/0932/FL** Rear of 27 High Street, Castleton. Construction of replacement building for domestic garaging and storage purposes. **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 Budget & Precept requirement for the financial year 2021 / 22. Members debated and considered the documentation prepared by the Clerk and subsequently by resolution resolved to approve the Parish Council's budget for the forthcoming financial year. Following further discussions members resolved to increase the precept from £14,500 to £15,000

8. **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.

SBC had advised that because Councillor Banner represented Comondale Parish, then the Notice needed to be headed 'Parish of Comondale'. Furthermore a candidate (or person who is co-opted) must meet the criteria for nominations which includes residency - they must have resided in the parish for the whole of the preceding 12 months or within **4.8 kilometres** of it.

If, within 14 days after the date of the notice being posted (i.e. no later than 27th January 2021), a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made to the Returning Officer, Scarborough Borough Council, by **TEN** electors for the Parish, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy can be filled by co-option.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

After the expiry of the Notice of Vacancy SBC will contact the Clerk to let us know if any requests for an election have been received. If there are no requests a replacement for Councillor Banner can be co-opted.

9. Items reported by Councillors

- 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.
- b) Westerdale Side in places the road is subsiding and in a fairly dangerous condition.
- 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.
- 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.
- e) Gift for former Councillor Banner approved by resolution - £50 – Clerk to progress.
- f) Toilet block Comondale. The Caretaker had advised that a door was in need to replacement and the Clerk reported the building was in desperate need of decorating i.e. doors, windows and internal walls needed painting. Clerk to seek estimates and report back.
- g) NYMNPA and the Dark Sky status, the Clerk confirmed he had written to the Authority stating that members of the Parish Council had been asked for their opinion on the proposal and in general would support the application.

Meeting Closed 7:50pm

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