



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

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, R Findlay, P Stonehouse, S Medd, I Margetts, I Dodsworth, R Rudsdale, J Preston (Clerk) and one member of the public i.e. the applicant for the position of Councillor with responsibility for the Comondale Parish.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** None received

2. **Declarations of interest** None

3. **Vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Banner**

Two written application for the position of Councillor had been submitted however after publication of the agenda for this meeting correspondence was received from one of the applicants who, because of other commitments had decided to withdraw his application. Consequently as the only applicant, Mr David Murrell would automatically be appointed as a Parish Councillor with specific responsibility for the Comondale Parish. Mr Murrell was welcomed as a member of the Parish Council.

4. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

5. **Matters Arising**

- a) Concern raised over the state of the pavement down from the old Legion to Postgate on Station Bank. This issue was reported 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 still awaited.
- b) 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 and Highways have determined the issues does not meet the criteria for action.
- c) Decorating the Comondale toilet block. The Village Caretaker does not wish to take on the extra work and has recently reported that he is of the opinion that much of woodwork is rotten and needs to be replaced rather than painted. No response was received from a contractor who was contacted and at last month's meeting it was resolved an advert seeking tenders would be put on the Parish Council's Facebook page. The advert however did not result in any responses. In light of the comments made by the village caretaker the condition of the woodwork etc will be checked. Agenda item for the next meeting.
- d) Investment in Premium Bonds. Advice sought from YLCA – response as follows: Where a council is looking to invest it will need to take cognisance of the Guidance on Local Government Investments produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government in 2018. Councils should look at the provisions that specifically refer to parishes, which clarify the extent to which they are expected to apply the guidance. Where a council is wishing to invest £10,000 or more it **must** have regard for the provisions of the statutory guidance. Where a council is

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investing less than £10,000 it **may** have regard for the provisions. YLCA has confirmed that National Savings and Investments Ltd do not permit corporate bodies to invest in Premium Bonds. Any investments will need to be risk assessed, (a major factor in the process).

6. External Reports None received

7. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications

- 7.1 **NYM/2021/0066/FL** Application to raise the roof height and construct a first floor extension at 1A Langburn Bank, Castleton. **Resolved – support.** An enhancement to a successful and much needed local business.
- 7.2 **NYM/2020/0109/FL** Application to relocate an LPG tank and for the erection of hurdle screening at St George & St Michael's Church, Castleton. **Resolved – no objection.**
- 7.3 **NYM/2021/0119/FL** Application to demolish outbuildings and construct a single storey side extension at 3 Station Cottages, Castleton. **Resolved – no objection**
- 7.4 **NYM/2021/0120/LB & NYM/2021/0114/FL** Application for Listed Building consent and planning permission for the installation of 3 rooflights and replacement internal and external doors and windows at Maylin, 31 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – no objection**

8. Accounts / Financial

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

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Danby Court Leet – grant towards the cost of maintenance of common areas. Members expressed their gratitude and acknowledged the year on year support of the Danby Court Leet
- 9.2 Danby Community Speed Watch. Members expressed their general support of the scheme as it is aimed at improving road safety.
- 9.3 Ingleby Greenhow PC on behalf of Baysdale residents ref grit bins / salt heaps. Request received from some residents of Baysdale regarding the provision of extra salt bins / heaps. Some properties in Baysdale are within the Scarborough Borough Council / Westerdale Parish boundary but the road into / out of Baysdale is not. By way of reference to the County Council's mapping system it is apparent that there are (or should be) 25 grit heaps or grit bins between the Baysdale road junction near Kildale and Baysdale Farm, these however are not maintained by North Yorkshire County Council and are likely to be the responsibility of Hambleton Council. NYCC state that they provide salt heaps and bins for use on roads and footways in severe weather, but not for use on private property and that heaps and bins are placed based on road gradient, severity of bends, road usage, and whether or not the road is already gritted. It is likely Hambleton Council has the same policy. DGPC has for a number of years pushed NYCC to provide extra grit bins / heaps for various locations throughout the parish but requests have been refused. The DGPC has not funded extra grit bins / heaps for any other locations within the Parish and has not budgeted to do so consequently it was resolved not to support this request.
- 9.4 Notification from NYMNPA ref proposed work on 2 trees at Dawnay Hall, Castleton. Noted NFA required

10. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Blocked gully, Westerdale, close to and on the same side of the road as 'Arkangel'
- b) Hob Hole towards Kildale – gorse bushes / vegetation encroaching onto the narrow road
- c) Heading out of Castleton towards Commondale junction on the left side of the road after the cattle grid dustbin lid sized deep pothole developing at the left side of the road.

- d) Ainthorpe Lane, near Strait Lane / Danby School. The road surface around a large manhole cover in the middle of the road has broken away exposing sharp edges.
- e) Westlane, Danby. Road side chevron board is damaged.
- f) Dog fouling in Castleton. Signs have been placed and it seems the message is getting across as the problem seems to be easing. Gratitude expressed to those who put up the signs.

Meeting Closed 7:40pm

Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Wednesday 14th April 2021. This will be a virtual meeting.