



A Virtual Meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 14th April 2021**.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, R Findlay, P Stonehouse, S Medd, I Margetts, I Dodsworth, D Murrell, CCLR C Pearson and J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** None received
2. **Declarations of interest** None
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Decorating the Comondale toilet block / report re condition of the woodwork. Cllr's Day & Stonehouse reported they had inspected the toilet block and were in agreement fairly substantial repairs were necessary, eg windows and doors needed replacing, some re-pointing was necessary and part of the ceiling needed to be replaced. Cllr Stonehouse agreed to conduct a proper survey and itemise what was needed after which tenders for the required work would be sought. It was also mentioned that it may be possible a grant for the work could be obtained from NYMNPA.

4.2 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. Cllr Stonehouse is sure that when the pavement was last repaired the work was done by NYCC. Clerk to again seek an update.

5. **External Reports** CCLR Pearson spoke about the **public conveniences in Danby** and asked whether the Parish Council would support lobbying SBC to re-open the facility. The DGPC had been strongly opposed to the closure in the first instance but did not (and does not) have the finances to take on the ownership / upkeep of the toilets. It was agreed that because more and more people were visiting the National Park Danby should have public conveniences. It was agreed the Clerk would write in appropriate terms to SBC asking for the toilets to be refurbished and re-opened. Furthermore, in respect of the **toilet block in Castleton** it was noted the facility was in a fairly dilapidated state. The Clerk reminded members that there had been an undertaking from SBC to refurbish the block but it was not known how much money was going to be spent or when the work would be undertaken – to be addressed in a letter to SBC.

CCLR Pearson informed members that in the near future the County Council would take back in house ownership / responsibility for highways repairs, previously work needed was sub-contracted to Ringway.

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications

- 6.1 **NYM/2021/0211/FL** Application for conversion of a barn to form one holiday letting cottage at Waites House Farm, Westerdale. **Resolved – no objection**
- 6.2 **NYM/2021/0235/FL** Application to enclose an existing car port at Fairy Cross Plain Cottage, Stonebeck Gate Lane, Fryup. **Resolved – no objection**

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

- 6.3 **NYM/2021/0233/FL** Application for variation of condition 4 of planning approval
NYM/2020/0693/FL at Howe Cottage, Ainthorpe Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – no objection**

7. Accounts / Financial

- 7.1 Yorkshire Local Council's Association's – by resolution members approved expenditure with regards association membership for the current financial year.
- 7.2 By resolution the monthly statement of accounts was approved and payment of outstanding invoices was thereby authorised.
- 7.3 The Clerk informed members the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 had been completed and were ready for internal auditing however the auditor who had acted for the Parish Council for a number of years had declined to act on this occasion as he was retiring. Members agreed the Clerk should make enquiries locally to find an accountant / auditor to take on the work.

8. Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020

By resolution members approved adoption of the Code of Conduct as recommended by YLCA

9. Correspondence

9.1 Housing Needs Survey / Affordable housing sites – update from Mr Huby, Scarborough Borough Council. With reference to the site near to Wellington Close, Danby the planning authority had previously agreed the site could be suitable for a small development of bungalows in linear form, running north-south. Two storey properties had been ruled out. The Dawney Estate is now working with Broadacres Housing on developing an affordable housing scheme. No plans or layouts have been drawn up as yet but there have been discussions with planners as to what might be acceptable.

10. Items reported by Councillors

Cllr Murrell reported that with ref to the Mobile Post Office, verbal enquiries from Comondale residents had been made as to the possibility of the mobile Post Office stopping in Comondale. Members agreed the Clerk should progress the request by writing to the Post Master at Marske Post Office who was responsible for providing the mobile service.

Highways issues to report:

- a) Dibble Bridge Bank (Comondale side of the Esk bridge) – pot holes
- b) Dibble Bridge Bank, Crown End cattle grid – road surface breaking up exposing sharp metal edges of the cattle grid.
- c) Approach road to Danby Beacon (Elm Ledge) – pot holes
- d) Easton Lane adjacent to Kadelands House large pot hole at the road edge
- e) Duck Bridge at the T junction Lawns Road, Castle Lane & Easton Lane blocked gully
- f) Wood End, Westerdale beyond Dale Side farm near Wood Dale House (ruin) – blocked gully
- g) Wood End, Westerdale between Riddings Farm and the gated entrance to Waites House Farm – large number of pot holes.
- h) Westerdale Side between Brown Hill House and the junction with the Blakey Road – pot holes
- i) Station Road, Castleton access road near number 10 giving access to Castle Close – surface breaking up.

Also to address with Highways: Cllr Stonehouse raised concerns about the missing chevron sign at the top of Danby Bank, reported last month and according to Highways it had been repaired. Cllr Stonehouse reported the chevron board had been taken away and the concrete footing had just been left on the edge of the moor. The sign had not been re-instated.

Cllr Dodsworth raised concerns about the length of time it was taking to replace the cattle grid Yall Flat Lane / Ainthorpe Lane Junction. Yall Flat Lane is heavily used and closure of the road is a big problem

To address with NYMNPA: Question raised by Cllr Margetts, what progress if any has been made with the Parish Council's request to vary some of the Article 4 planning restriction.

11. Next meeting

Members agree the next meeting of the Parish Council (the Annual Meeting) would be held on Wednesday 26th May. This would be a face to face meeting. Venue to be confirmed but hopefully Castleton Village Hall would be available.

Meeting Closed 7:55pm

Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Wednesday 26th May 2021. Venue to be confirmed.