



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 14th July 2021** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: I Margetts, D Murrell, R Rudsdale, E Watson, P Stonehouse (Acting as Chairman), CCllr C Pearson and J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr's Findlay and Day. (Absent – no apologies received Cllr's Medd & Dodsworth.
2. **Declarations of interest** None
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 26th May 2021 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 Commondale toilets – The Clerk informed members that subsequent to the last meeting he had written to six local tradesmen seeking tenders for the work required. Three of the six had responded but declined to submit tenders. One had failed to reply and two estimates had been submitted. The estimates were considered. **Resolved** to accept the estimate submitted by Mr TW Simpson, Commondale Building Services.
The Clerk informed members that he had progressed submission of a grant to SBC which had been approved in the sum of £2,500.
 - 4.2 **Station Bank pavement condition.** The Clerk reminded members the County Council's Highways Dept had reiterated their previous stance advising the section of footpath most causing concern is private and therefore not maintainable at public expense. Furthermore an enquiry initiated on line with HM Land Registry had only revealed that the 'property' is unregistered and therefore it is not possible to establish ownership. The Clerk advised he had reviewed the County Council's Common Land definitive map and the path was not shown as being common land. It has therefore been impossible to establish ownership responsibility. The Clerk was tasked with contacting Highways to enquire when the lower part of the pavement will be repaired / resurfaced with a view to requesting the 'private' section of the path be repaired at the same time but at the expense of the Parish Council. The Clerk is also to look at the possibility of obtaining a grant from the National Park Authority by way of the Village Improvement Scheme.
 - 4.3 **Highways issues update (as per information from County Council Highways Dept)**
 - a) Danby Dale near Lumley House – damaged post and rail fence. **Repairs completed.**
 - b) Station Road Castleton near play area / Postgate House continuing problem with blocked gully causing flooding across the width of the road. **Work will be undertaken (no time scale indicated).**
 - c) Whyett Bank about 150m beyond the cattle grid towards Westerdale – pot holes and cracking (possible subsidence) of the road surface. **Work will be undertaken (no time scale indicated).**
 - d) Birkfield Bank above the junction to Westerdale Side excessive water flowing on the road – seems to be emanating from below the road. **Work will be undertaken (no time scale indicated).**
 - e) Out of Hob Hole in the direction of Kildale gorse bushes badly encroaching on the narrow road. **The reported issue does not meet the criteria for further action.**

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

5. External Reports

Cllr Pearson informed members that the Government's reply regarding the proposal for a new Unitary Authority was due imminently.

The NYMNPA is starting a large piece work with regards a 35 year Management Plan which prior to publication would go out for public consultation.

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications

6.1 **NYM/0377/2021/FL** Application for proposed concreting works at Lodge Farm, Lodge Lane, Danby. **Resolved – No objection.**

6.2 **NYM/0441/2021/FL** Application for reprofiling and use of land for the siting of two camping pods at The Coombs, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – No objection.**

6.3 **NYM/0439/2021/FL** Application for alterations and construction of single storey extensions at 27 West Lane, Danby. **Resolved – No objection.**

6.4 **NYM/0468/2021/FL** Application for erection of stable building at Land adjacent 6 Lodge 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.

8. Annual Parish Assembly

Resolved. The Annual Parish Assembly would be staged on Wednesday 8th September, 6.30pm. There would be no guest speaker and no prepared presentations, the meeting would give the electorate the opportunity to ask question of and make representations to the Parish Council. Notices about the meeting would be posted a week in advance and the public would be encouraged to submit questions in advance.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Concerns regarding 'over vigorous' grass cutting in Danby. The issues with regards grass cutting in the villages has changed over the years due to the sheep situation. Some people want the grass kept short for aesthetic reasons while some don't want it cut so as to encourage wildlife. The Clerk was tasked with contacting the Village Caretaker to request a list of locations where he cuts grass with a view to possibly reducing the size of areas being cut.
- 9.2 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 - local councils are being encouraged to take part in the lighting of Beacons on the 2nd of June 2022 in celebration. Noted – in hand with the Danby Beacon 'committee'.
- 9.3 Complaint received from a member of the public ref rubbish left o/s the Old Tea Rooms & noise from ongoing building work at that location. Discussed - the 'rubbish' in question is on private property hence it and the ongoing work are not within the remit / powers of the Parish Council. Reply to be sent.

10. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Triangular island near the Esk Bridge / cricket field – displaced granite setts.
- b) Low road on the approach to the Duke of Wellington junction – left side of the road near to a gate the road appears to be subsiding.
- c) Sandhill Bank, Comondale, opposite the Old School House / near the toilets – damaged/loose manhole cover.
- d) Cllr Watson mentioned a Farming & Protective Landscapes Grant was now available via the NYMNPA.

11. Next meeting

Wed 8th Sept at 7pm in Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 8:10pm