



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

Present : Councillors: J Day, R Findlay, D Murrell, E Watson, S Medd, I Dodsworth, I Margetts and J Preston (Clerk). No members of the public in attendance

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr's P Stonehouse and R Rudsdale
2. **Declarations of interest** Cllr Dodsworth declared an interest in respect of agenda item 6.1 and Cllr Murrell in respect of agenda item 6.5.
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 8th Sept 2021 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 Station Bank pavement condition. The Clerk reported he had contacted 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 reported he had been advised by Highways that the question had been passed onto the Area Manager, Maintenance Manager and the new highways officer for their consideration. The local highways officer was planning to re-visit the area to see if there were any defects on the publically maintainable section that met County Council intervention levels for repair. If there were then it may be possible to combine County Council repairs with those needed by the Parish Council. A firm response one way or the other is awaited.

4.2 In April 2021 the Clerk reported issues in respect of a blocked gully near Duck Bridge which was causing flooding and potholes etc Top End to Wood End, Westerdale. In both cases the County Council's highways inspection had deemed that work / repairs was necessary but up to the date of the September meeting repairs had not been actioned. These issues were raised with Highways and it was reported that at the end of May the County Council's contract with 'Ringway' had finished. Subsequently a new Teckal company, 'NYHighways', was formed owned by the County Council, which now delivers the highway maintenance service across North Yorkshire. Ringway failed to complete several orders due to the winter service pressures and these orders are now with NYHighways to deliver. It seems the two issues reported back in April had slipped through the net and need to be re-reported so the new highways officer can revisit the issues reported and raise a new maintenance orders.

5 **External Reports** - None

6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the following Planning Applications

- 6.1 **NYM/2021/0676/NM** Application for non material amendment to planning approval NYM/2020/0054/FL to allow increase in ridge height to south elevation, omission of balcony, installation of solid glazing together with solar panels to approved dwelling at Ainthorpe Yard, Easton Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – no objection**
- 6.2 **NYM/2021/0679/FL** Application for construction of single storey side extension at Park Nook Farm, Langburns Bank, Castleton. **Resolved – no objection**

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

- 6.3 **NYM/2021/0698/FL** Application for alterations, construction of replacement garden room with roof terrace above together with construction of single storey extension and pitched roof over existing flat roof to rear at 19-20 Castle Close, Castleton. **Resolved – no objection**
- 6.4 **NYM/2021/0734/FL** Application for alterations and construction of single storey front and rear extensions at 29 High Street, Castleton. **Resolved – no objection**
- 6.5 **NYM/2021/0650/FL** Application for erection of timber car port at Fowl Green House, Commondale. **Resolved – no objection**

7. Accounts / Financial

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

8. Grass cutting

To consider the extent of areas where the village caretaker cuts grass (in response to the issue being raised by members of the public). Cllr Watson is leading in respect of this issue and has consulted with the lead ecologist from the NYMNPA who has offered to advise and assist. At this time only one 'patch' of rare / unusual wild flowers is known to the Authority. Further work and discussions will be undertaken with a view to coming up with an advised response, which will need to involve discussions with the village caretaker. The grass cutting season is at its end hence Parks advise that the issue is not pressing. To be addressed at a later date prior to spring 2022.

9. Speed limit in Commondale

To consider concerns raised by residents. Currently the extent of the 30 mph area in Commondale ends just after Ness Terrace but effectively the village does extend beyond that location almost up to the entrance to Long Green Farm. The railway station lies beyond Ness Terrace as does the start of the well-used bridleway. The Beyond Boundaries care farm at Fowl Green farm between Ness Terrace and the Diving Duck is an area of particular concern, there are provided, opportunities for people with learning disabilities ranging in age from 14 to over 65. They also provide a service for people of school age who are perhaps finding school very difficult and need a day or two of practical work. There is no footpath and no street lighting. Resolved to canvas Highways with respect of moving the speed limit, provision of a pavement and street lighting.

10. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- 10.1 The Queen's "Green Canopy Initiative" created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Resolved to accept the offer – tree to be planted on land owned by the Parish Council near to the public conveniences in Commondale where recently a dead ash tree has been removed.
- 10.2 Strait Lane, Ainthorpe. Status of the lane – complaint raised by a member of the public. Reply to be sent by the Clerk advising the issue raised is not within the remit of the Parish Council and the complaint, a private matter, should be directed to the County Council.
- 10.3 NYMNPA – Parish planning training 21st Oct. To be attended by the Clerk.
- 10.4 Letter from a member of the public raising issues in respect of various planning matters including 'second homes' and properties being converted to holiday lets. Clerk to reply.

11. Items reported by Councillors

- 11.1 Off setts Sandhill Bank into Commondale are in need of clearing.
- 11.2 Castleton Rigg Low Road, Christy Gate Road up to Brown Hill House – general road condition / pot holes .
- 11.3 Birkfield Bank, on the sharp bend near the old quarry entrance – huge pothole / road surface crumbling.

Next meeting

Wed 10th November at 7pm in Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 8:30pm