



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8th December 2021** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J Day, D Murrell, E Watson, I Margetts, P Stonehouse, S Medd, R Rudsdale, CClr C Pearson and J Preston (Clerk). No members of the public in attendance.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** No Received. (Absent – no apologies Clr’s Findlay & Dodsworth)
2. **Declarations of interest** None
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 10th November 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 informed members that a local contractor had stated he was interested in undertaking the necessary repairs on the pavement but he had yet to come back with a quote for the work. Clerk to follow up.
 - 4.2 **Highways issues.** The Clerk reported that all highways issues reported had seemingly been actioned (as per the information provided on the Highways Dept ‘ Parish Portal’.
5. **External Reports** CClr Pearson reported. (1) A meeting outlining the current situation with regards the new Unitary Authority has recently taken place and the presentation used had been circulated to members. (2) With regards the formation of the new Unitary Authority, in order to fall in line with the time table for elections to that body there will a round of Parish Council election in May 2022. There will be no financial burden on Parish Councils. (3) The National Park Planning Committee has approved the plans in respect of the Boulby Potash Mine, this secured the future of the mine for the foreseeable future which was good news with regards the employment situation and the local economy.
6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the following Planning Applications.

 - 6.1 **NYM/2021/0371/FL** 75 High Street, Castleton. Application with regards various alterations including construction of a single storey rear extension and installation of a dormer window at the front of the property.

This application has been refused by the Planning Committee and the applicant has lodged an appeal. Members considered the application and appeal and **resolved – not to withdraw their original objections**. Members were firmly of the view that a front facing dormer was out of place and not in keeping with other properties. In the appeal documents it is stated that dormers are already in place on a property a short distance from the application property. A photograph in the appeal documents shows dormers on what was previously a commercial property i.e. The Moorlands Hotel. The Parish Council do not see this as an appropriate example and contend the photographed property is not “a short distance” from 75 High Street.
 - 6.2 **NYM/2021/0938/R3** 1B Langburn Bank, Castleton. Application to vary planning approval NYM/2017/0834/R3 to allow a storage container at the above location to remain in place for a further 12 months. **Resolved – No objection.**

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

7. Accounts / Financial

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

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

8.1 Complaint from Comondale resident ref the security lights at Comondale Toilets which are activated by a movement sensor and reportedly coming on throughout the night with the movement of trees blowing in the wind and sheep passing etc. Members agreed that the builder who undertook the recent renovation work should be contacted to see if he could fix the problem.

8.2 Urban visibility grass cutting – Members resolved to continue with the current arrangement with the County Council thereby accepting the grant offered (£336.31).

9. Items reported by Councillors

Highways issue – as a result of a road traffic collision railing at the foot of Howe Bank, on the left of the bridge approaching Castleton from Danby have been damaged.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points (Discussed in response to a question raised by a member of the public). It was readily accepted by all that car owners who rely solely on 'on street' parking are going to find the transition to electric vehicles extremely challenging. The current County and Borough Council's do not seem to have addressed or discussed what will be a major problem in the coming years. Similarly the issue does not appear to have been considered in any great detail by the NYMNPA. Without there being a definite lead, (hopefully from the new Unitary Authority) it was agreed that unfortunately the Parish Council were not in any position to address the issue.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022. It was agreed that some form of celebration, perhaps a street party to mark the occasion would be appropriate. It was felt this should be a community led event and not something driven by the Parish Council. It was agreed in principal that the Parish Council would endeavour to provide financial support if something could be arranged. Cllr Rudsdale, who raised the issue agreed to take the matter forward firstly with Castleton School.

Castleton Public Conveniences. The Clerk reminded members that Cllr Randerson SBC Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods had previously given an undertaking that long overdue repairs to Castleton toilets would be undertaken in all likelihood during October 2021. The necessary work has not been carried out and the Clerk has contacted Cllr Randerson seeking an explanation – the following response being received. "I understand that the roof of this building requires specialist attention. This work because of backlogs won't be undertaken until the New Year unless the company contracted for this work find a slot earlier which is probably unlikely. I'm truly sorry about this delay which is beyond my control. I can't give you a specific date but rest assured it will be undertaken as soon as practicable.

10. Next meeting

Wed 12th January 2022 at 7pm in Castleton in Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 7:50pm