



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022** in Castleton Village Hall.

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

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Margetts (Absent – no apologies Cllr Dodsworth)
2. **Declarations of interest** None
3. **Minutes** The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
  - 4.1 **Highways issues.** The Clerk reported that all highways issues reported had been actioned (personal observations and as per the information provided on the Highways Dept's Parish Portal).
  - 4.2 **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022.** Cllr Rudsdale (a member of the Danby Beacon Committee) confirmed the beacon would be lit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June as part of the national celebrations and all would be welcome to attend. It is also possible that Castleton residents would organise a street party although nothing has been confirmed.
  - 4.3 **Commundale toilet lights.** The Clerk reported the motion activated sensor had been replaced with a timer at a cost of £80. This would therefor prevent the lights coming on at all hours but the timer could be overridden if the was a need i.e. a function in the village hall.
5. **External Reports** None presented
6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the following Planning Applications.

  - 6.1 Proposed woodland creation scheme for Botton Grove, Danby Head. Noted. No comment necessary
  - 6.2 **NYM/2021/0975** Ref 42 West Lane, Danby, application to install a first floor window.  
**Resolved – No objection.**
  - 6.3 **NYM/2022/0001** Ref 43 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe, application to demolish a garage / store and in its place construct a two storey side extension and in fill a trench at the rear of the property. **Resolved – support** Young family in need of extra living space.
7. **Accounts / Financial**
  - 7.1 **Monthly accounts** By resolution the monthly statement of accounts was approved and payment of outstanding invoices was thereby authorised.
  - 7.2 **Station Bank pavement condition.** The Clerk informed members that a local contractor had quoted a price of £4,200 to re tarmac the stretch of pavement in question. Members did not rule out acceptance of the quote but tasked the Clerk with exploring possible cheaper alternatives with the contractor, i.e. concrete or paving slabs.  
The Clerk was also tasked with re-contacting Highways as there had been a previous indication that if repairs to the lower section of pavement were undertaken by the County Council then the work could possible involve repairs to the upper length of pavement at the same time, but at the

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expense of the Parish Council. Members are keen to establish how much this would cost. Members continue to express their dismay at the fact that the County Council continue to deny responsibility for the upper length of pavement and the Clerk reminded members that his enquiries with HM Land Registry had not identified ownership and that the pavement was not on common land.

If the Parish Council agreed to finance the repair this would be as a gesture to the community and not an acceptance of responsibility for the pavement or indeed an indication that any future repairs necessary would be paid for by the parish Council.

**7.3 Budget 2022-23.** Members reviewed the figures and supporting explanatory notes produced by the Clerk relating to income and expenditure for the current financial year and thereafter by resolution agreed the budget for the next financial year. Furthermore given the Parish Council's current financial state it was resolved not to increase the Precept for the the financial year 2022-23, this would remain at £15,000.

**8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond) - None**

**9. Items reported by Councillors**

**9.1 Pavement outside Castleton Coop.** A broken stone slab has been removed and replaced with a tarmac patch which is very rough / unfinished. Is this a temporary fix? If it is, it is not satisfactory. Clerk to explore with Highways.

**9.2 Westerdale Side.** Above Brown Hill towards the Blakey Road potholes have not been repaired.

**9.3 Whyett Bank.** Westerdale side of Whyett Beck the gate of the cattle grid is rotten / ineffective allowing sheep to 'escape'.

**9.4 Street Light, Ness Tce, Commondale.** Light on and off intermittently (Cllr Murrell to provide lighting column number)

**9.5 River bank erosion, New Road.** Between Esk Mill and the road bridge over the River Esk apparent serious erosion of the river bank potentially undermining the road. (Previously reported by the Clerk but seems to have worsened).

**9.6 Notice Board, Ainthorpe.** Notice board is beyond repair, Clerk to seek prices for a replacement. Cllr Stonehouse to explore the possibility of fixing a new board to the wall of the fire station.

**Next meeting**

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm in Castleton in Village Hall.

**Meeting Closed 7:50pm**