



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 9th March 2022** in Castleton Village Hall.

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

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 9th February 2022 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 General Highways issues: Highways have confirmed repairs will be initiated in respect of the following issues reported by the Clerk:
 - a) Pot holes, Westerdale Side near Brown Hill House
 - b) Pot holes / road condition, New Way from the Millennium Stone up towards the Rosedale junction
 - c) Damaged Cattle grid Castle Lane
 - d) Pot hole, Danby Bank (repairs complete)
 - 4.2 Station Road pavement. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Contractor and advised that his quote had been accepted and the necessary work could be initiated. Enquiries had been made with NYMNPA re the possibility of receiving a grant byway of the Village Improvement Scheme – the scheme is closed for this financial year and is unlikely to be offered again. Enquiry made with CClr Pearson with regards a possible grant from his Locality Budget – this scheme has also closed until May 2022.
 - 4.3 Parish Council notice board at Ainthorpe. Members resolved to purchase a new notice board and posts to be sited in the existing location. Clerk to progress
 - 4.4 Defibrillators, issues re guardianship & maintenance. Guardians have been identified for the defib's at Comondale and Abbeyfield. The Clerk will make contact and train individuals as to what is required
 - 4.5 Grass cutting – results of consultation with Dawney Estates & Danby Court Leet. Councillor Watson reported that she had been given the go-ahead to trial re-wilding certain verges. Some expert advice is now needed as to how to achieve the desired results and to identify the most suitable locations. Mr Taylor is to be invited to the April meeting and his opinions sought as to the feasibility from his perspective.
 - 4.6 Scarborough Borough Council has confirmed receipt of the application to register the Downe Arms as an Asset of Community Value. The application will be considered 22 March 2022 and if the nomination is successful, a further notice will be issued to advise of this. If the nomination is unsuccessful, Danby Parish Council, as the nominating body, will receive a written statement of reasons why the nomination was unsuccessful.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

5 External Reports

Cclr Pearson informed members that the NYMNPA's twenty five year management plan was almost complete. Cllr Findlay interjected and expressed his disappointment in that the plan, which referred to the special qualities of the National Park had made no mention of the huge importance played by farming, agriculture and land management. Cllr Pearson advised that these issues had subsequently been taken into account and mention would be made in the final document.

The Borough Council's Waste and Minerals plan was now with the County Council for their final approval.

Two new vehicles specifically designed for the repair of potholes have been purchased by the County Council.

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications.

- 6.1 NYM/2022/0077. Application for non material amendment to planning approval NYM/2020/0054/FL to allow installation of 30 solar panels to east, west and south roof slopes at Ainthorpe Yard, Easton Lane, Ainthorpe. (Deadline for response has lapsed and the application has been passed with conditions, NFA required by the Parish Council).
- 6.2 NYM/2022/0133 and NYM/2022/0134 ref The Cottage, Main Street, Westerdale. Application for demolition of lean-to and subsequent construction of single storey garden room to the rear together with internal alterations. Includes an application for Listed Building consent. Resolved – support. The proposal is to remove an old unsightly structure which is not fit for purpose and replace it with something useful which is totally unobtrusive and which will enhance the value of the property.
- 6.3 NYM/2022/0125. Application for removal of shed, and to use the land for the siting of 2 camping pods with the creation of access steps at land to the south and east of The Coombs, Ainthorpe. Resolved – support. The proposal makes good economic sense for the applicant and the local economy and makes better use of the land.

7. Accounts / Financial

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

The Clerk informed members that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had (after very lengthy discussions and many disagreements) agreed new rates of pay applicable from **1st April 2021**. The increase agreed being 1.75% which should be back dated. The Clerk advised members that he would decline the back dated increase, with the new rate of pay being implemented as of the Clerk's April 2022 salary. The percentage increase equates to £10.08 per month gross.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Application received on behalf of the Westerdale Community Fund seeking financial support for Jubilee celebrations Sun 5th June. Resolved to support by way of a grant of £250.
- 8.2 Northern Area Parish Forum, next meeting 7pm 5th April Egton Village Hall. Noted NFA.
- 8.3 Staging Events – the Clerk reminded members that he had previously advised of the insurance implication should the Parish Council wish to stage any events. Correspondence received from the Council's insurer was referred to highlight the issues. Members briefed accordingly. Information to be circulated by the Clerk.

9. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Christy Gate Road between Castleton Rigg Low road and Back Lane – pot holes and general poor condition

- b) Sugar Loaf up towards the Blakey junction – blocked gullies / off sets, the road is awash when it rains (impress on Highways to do a site visit when it's raining)
- c) Station Road near the playground – blocked gullies, leaves / pine needles are washing down the side of the road and blocking gullies, road always floods when it rains. Road side needs sweeping, gullies need clearing.
- d) 'Toilet' fingerboard sign near the road bridge over the Esk is pointing the wrong way, the lettering is barely visible and the sign has dropped on the post to a potentially dangerous height.
- e) Langburns Bank near the entrance road to the care home – there is a steel man hole in the road, the road surface has broken away leaving a hole.
- f) Lockwood Beck cattle grid – void below the grid is full of debris, road awash in heavy rain (to be reported to Redcar & Cleveland)

Condition of the toilets in Castleton – mention was made of the poor state of repair that the building is in despite a promise from SBC that repairs would be initiated with a likely scheduled date being October 2021. The Clerk reminded members that he had contacted SBC Cllr Randerson who apologised for the work not having been completed – he could not provide a date as to when the work would be done. Cllr Pearson informed members that he had been made aware that the concrete roof slab for the toilets had cracked and needed specialist repairs, apparently three contractors have been approached but no responses received.

Next meeting

Wed 13th April 2022 at 7pm in Castleton in Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 8:20pm