



The Annual Meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th May 2022** in Castleton Village Hall. This meeting was immediately followed by a routine monthly meeting.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, D Murrell, R Rudsdale, I Dodsworth, County Councillor David Chance and J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

1. Election of Chairman

By resolution Cllr Day was elected as Chairman and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

2. Apologies for absence Received from Cllr's R Findlay, P Stonehouse, S Medd.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

By resolution Cllr Findlay was elected as Vice Chairman.

4. To receive nominations and make appointments in respect of:

- 4.1 By resolution Cllrs Stonehouse & Rudsdale were elected as Parish Council representatives on the Castleton Village Hall Management Committee
- 4.2 By resolution Cllr Day was elected as the Parish Council representative on the Castleton Play Area Committee.
- 4.3 By resolution Cllr Medd and the Clerk were elected as Parish Council representatives on the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

Routine Monthly Meeting

1.1 Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr's R Findlay, P Stonehouse, S Medd.

1.2 Members resolved to permit any councillor unable to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office at this meeting, or who has not undertaken this task before this meeting, to sign their Declaration before or at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

2. Declarations of interest None

3. Minutes The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising - none raised. (Clerk to recontact Highways – response awaited ref pavement on Station Road, CCLR Chance to be copied in).

5. External Reports County Councillor David Chance introduced himself to members and explained the constitutional changes which have led to him being elected and representing the "Danby & Mulgrave" division. CCLR Chance is currently an Executive Member of the County Council being responsible for a variety of portfolios including Stronger Communities & Performance and Scrutiny; these responsibilities may however change with the reorganisation of the County Council. Conservative Councillors hold 47 of the 90 seats on the County Council.

6. Planning Applications Members considered the following Planning Applications

6.1 NYM/2022/0302. Application for erection of 30m lattice tower supporting 9 antennas, 6 transmission dishes, 6 equipment cabinets, 1 meter cabinet, and ancillary development thereto, including a GPS module, a generator and fuel tank, access track, hardstanding, and gabion walled compound at Land at north eastern plantation, off Shop Lane, Botton. (This application was

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

debated previously on receipt of a pre application consultation letter from the developer to which support was voiced.) **Resolved** – support. Mobile communications in the area are notoriously poor with there still being many blackspots. If this application is granted the situation will be greatly improved not only for the emergency services but also for members of the public.

6.2 NYM/2022/0273. Application for construction of dormer to rear of dwelling at 60 High Street, Castleton. **Resolved** – no objection

6.3 NYM/2022/0133 & 0134. Application for various works to the rear of The Cottage, Main Street, Westerdale. (Previously supported however amended details/additional information has been submitted to the Authority.) **Resolved** – no objection (amended details do not affect the Parish Council's decision to support the original application)

6.4 NYM/2022/0334. Application for use of land for the siting of one camping pod for holiday letting purposes at 50 Church Street, Castleton. **Resolved** – no objection

7. Accounts / Financial

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

7.2 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (External Audit process). By resolution members approved the Annual Governance Statement which was signed by the Chair.

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7.4 Policy of insurance. By resolution members approved renewal of the insurance as offered agreeing to commit to a three year plan which will guarantee no increase in costs over that time.

8. Annual Parish Assembly

Members were reminded there was a requirement each year to hold an Annual Assembly between the 1st March & 1st June. It was agreed to hold the Annual Assembly in advance of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council i.e. at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8th June in Castleton Village Hall. No guest speaker would be invited and the Assembly would be advertised as an opportunity for members of the Public to ask questions of and make representations to the Parish Council.

9. Correspondence

The Clerk read out a letter received from the Danby Beacon Trust (hand delivered at the meeting). The letter sought to clear a misconception that the Danby Beacon was the responsibility of Lord Downe when in fact the beacon is a community asset and the Trust is run by unpaid volunteers. Noted.

10. Items reported by Councillors

Cllr Watson reported that Mr Taylor had done the first cut of grass on the experimental verges in Danby following which she and a small group of friends had cleared the clippings. The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from a Castleton resident about the verges being cut so late and had responded accordingly explaining that the Parish Council caretaker was acting as directed by the Parish Council subsequent to expert advice having been taken.

Highways issues: (1) Lighting column fault, Ness Tce, Comondale – column number 5

(2) Brier Hill, Danby opposite the entrance to Danby Surgery a car has crashed into and destroyed a salt bin.

11. Next meeting

Members agree the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 8th June, in Castleton Village hall immediately following the Annual Assembly

Meeting Closed 7:55pm