



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Monday 26th September 2022** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, R Rudsdale, G Thompson, D Murrell, J Preston (Clerk) and one member of the public present throughout.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr's R Findlay, S Medd, P Stonehouse & I Dodsworth, Cllr D Chance.

2. **Declarations of interest** None declared

3. Minutes

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

4. Matters Arising

Castleton Toilet block Repairs to the roof of the building are underway and once completed (as per the information from SBC) work inside the building will begin.

Highways issues The Clerk reported that all issues reported had been resolved with the exception of the matter raised by Cllr Thompson with regards poor visibility at the river bridge in Danby. Heading out of Danby towards Ainthorpe traffic has to give way to oncoming vehicles however reportedly it is difficult to see over the bridge because of overgrown conifer trees on the right hand side of the bridge

5. **External Reports** None raised

6. **Planning Applications** Members considered the following Planning Applications

6.1NYM/2022/550 Listed Building consent for construction of replacement conservatory to rear of 15 High Street, Castleton. **Resolved no objection**

6.2NYM/2022/0540 In respect of land between 42 and 50 Church Street, Castleton for construction of four principal residence dwellings with associated accesses, parking, amenity spaces and landscaping works. **After much deliberation members resolved not to object to the application.** Members were acutely aware that a number of objections from local residents had been lodged on the NYMNPA planning portal and a number of the objectors had stated their belief that the application contravened various NYMNPA planning policies. The applicants Planning Statement and the Design, Access & Heritage Statement, on the other hand, which have been expertly written assert the application does comply with the National Park's planning policies. An objection to the application from the Parish Council would only be relevant if it was made on planning grounds. In this case the members believe this complex and emotive application is one which can only be determined by the Park's Planning Committee, members of which will make their decision in accordance with the Authority's Local Plan.

6.3NYM/2022/669 Application to erect a timber agricultural storage building at 41 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved No Objection.**

6.4 NYM/2022/0588 Valley View Farm, Station Road, Castleton. An application for conversion, alterations and extensions to the cattery building including raising of roof height and construction of two storey extensions to form one principal residence dwelling and use of land as garden, together with retention and

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

use of cattery building as joiner's/builder's workshop and associated landscaping works. **Resolved to support the application.** The applicant is a local married man with family living in the area. He seeks to develop / alter the site so he can live there permanently and run his business from there. If the application is approved the site will be much improved from its current state of disrepair. There is a long history of failed applications in respect of this site and the enforcement notice dating back to 1993 needs to be lifted to allow the site to be developed into a home and business premises .

7. Accounts / Financial

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

8. Commondale Toilets

It has been reported that there is a broken toilet seat at Commondale toilets and that the building is difficult to clean because of the concrete floor. The toilets in Commondale are a community resource which are available for use when there are functions in the adjacent village hall (which has no toilet facility). Members agreed the toilet seat needs to be replaced (at the expense of the Parish Council) and that an estimate should be obtained for paving the concrete floor.

9. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) **Community Speedwatch** – written progress report provide by a member of the Speedwatch group. Six local people have received training provided by North Yorkshire and the necessary kit has been provided by the Police. The Police have also identified five locations for ‘deployment’.
- Before a Speedwatch session, signs need placed at a prescribed distance either side of the checkpoint. Pavements must not be blocked, and drivers’ views must not be obscured. Participants must wear Hi-Vis jackets with “Community Speedwatch’ printed on the front and back.
- The first deployment was on Friday 9 September and 91 vehicles were checked and none were found to be being driven in excess of the speed limit. The second deployment was on Monday 26 September, 39 vehicles were checked. None exceeded the speed limit.
- If a vehicle is being driven in excess of the speed limit the Police are provided with vehicle registration number, make, model, colour and recorded speed. No photographs are taken and no comments are added. Thereafter the police write to the registered keeper of the vehicle. Reportedly Over 80% of drivers who receive letters from the Police are not recorded as speeding on any future occasion.
- b) **Northern Area Parish Forum** - Tuesday, 4 October at 7pm at Danby Village Hall. Noted – agenda circulated

10. Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that although the defibrillators themselves were ‘rescue ready’ three of the defibrillator cabinets were in need of maintenance and members approved expenditure in respect of three replacement transformers at a cost of around £100

11. Items reported by Councillors

- a) numerous blocked roadside gullies in Castleton
- b) Toad Beck near the junction of Brooke Lane & Ainthorpe Lane is badly silted up and overgrown – this is believed to present a potential flooding hazard.
- c) Commondale – road sign for between Ness Tce and the approach to Fowl Green Farm – progress report sought.
- d) Re-wilding roadside verges. Cllr Watson reported that Danby School were keen to be involved in the project and a quantity of wild flower seeds had been sourced locally. This year hadn’t exactly gone as it had been hoped so Cllr Watson is keen for a schedule to be drawn up early next year in conjunction with Mr Taylor (Jan / Feb) which would identify timeframes for the first cut and last cut of the season.

12. Next meeting Wednesday 19th October 7pm in Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm