



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

Present : Councillors: R Rudsdale, D Murrell, P Stonehouse (acting as Chair), R Findlay, G Thompson, S Medd, E Watson, I Dodsworth, J Preston (Clerk) and one member of the public present throughout.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr Day

2. **Declarations of interest** None declared

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the meeting held 26th Sept 2022

- Commondale toilets. The Village Caretaker will replace the broken toilet seat. Cllr Murrell has confirmed the Village Hall committee have agreed to allow a heating supply which means the painting work can go ahead and an estimate will be provided.
- Defibrillator transformers. The Clerk reported that the replacement transformers for the 3 defibrillators had been collected and paid for (£127.44 inc VAT). A new transformer had been installed at Westerdale and the defibrillator is now in full working order.
- Ashfield Road pothole issue – repairs will be initiated
- The handrail at the side of the steps by the public conveniences in Castleton – to be repaired by the Village Caretaker.
- Steps from Church Street leading to / from Castle Close are in need of repair – reported to Beyond Housing by email (no response received) The Clerk suggested residents in Beyond Housing properties should report the issue.
- Road out of Hob Hole heading towards Kildale – gorse at the side of the road is overgrown and encroaching on the road. No response from Highways yet.
- The Clerk reported a new office printer had been purchased at a cost of £269.99.

5. **External Reports** C/Clr Chance gave a brief update with regards progress with regards the new authority – by the date of transition all customer facing issues, the new web site should be in place and all existing local offices will remain open. A new constitution is being written and nine working groups are progressing different issue and are they are due to report in December

6. Planning Applications Members considered the following Planning Applications

6.1 NYM/2022/0783 & 0779 Applications for Listed Building consent and planning permission for the conversion of an outbuilding into one holiday let with associated parking, amenity space and landscaping works at Hollins Farm, Hollins Farm Road, Westerdale at Hollins Farm, Hollins Farm Road, Westerdale.

Resolved to support. The buildings in question sit on a relatively small parcel of land not viable for agricultural use. Conversion of the building will ensure their upkeep. The site does not impose on neighbouring properties. There is potential for employment opportunities and benefit to the local economy.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

6.2 NYM/2022/0772 Application for variation of conditions 2 and 4 of Listed Building consent NYM/2022/0550 to allow anthracite double glazed uPVC door and windows, Cedral slate grey walls and framework and slate tile roof at 15 High 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 The Clerk had previously circulated the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) paper regarding the 2022-2023 National Salary Award which outlined that agreement had been reached on rates of pay applicable from the 1st April **2022**. The pay increase is applies to the Clerk who is employed under the terms of a standard NALC contract. Accordingly members resolved to approve the salary increase. The Clerk informed members that he would forego the back dating of the increase.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond) Nothing mentioned – various routine documents have been circulated to members by the Clerk.

9. Items reported by Councillors

9.1 Westerdale Side – lack of grit heaps.

9.2 The occupant of Weighbridge has apparently complained verbally about people parking cars adjacent to the gated entrance to the property when dropping off children for school pick up. Members did not know who the land belonged to but were clear this is not an issue for the Parish Council to become involved in.

9.3 Condition of Comondale notice board. Comondale residents were asking if the notice board on the village hall wall could be replaced. The Clerk reminded members that it had been agreed previously that all five notice boards would be replaced (one board per year) but they were very expensive. The Comondale board is in a better state of repair than two other boards. The Clerk suggested Comondale Village Hall may wish to consider paying half the cost of a new board (circa £800) as they / the residents of the village get far more use of the board than the Parish Council. C/Cllr Chance informed the meeting that he may be able to assist with the cost of a new notice board by way of his allocated locality budget.

10. Next meeting Wednesday 14th December 7pm in Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:40pm