



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 14th December 2022** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J. Day, R Findlay, G Thompson, S Medd, E Watson, J Preston (Clerk) and two member of the public throughout.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr' Stonehouse, Rudsdale & Murrell.

2. **Declarations of interest** None declared

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 9th November 2022**
None

5. **External Reports**
None

6. **Planning Applications** Members considered the following Planning Applications
6.1 NYM/2022/0820 Application for use of land for the siting of two shepherds huts, each with covered decking area for holiday letting purposes and erection of one shed to house composting toilet (retrospective) at land at Stonebeck Gate Farm, Little Fryupdale. **Resolved – support.** The applicant is seeking to expand a business employing local people, which is of benefits to the local rural economy. The planned developments are unobtrusive.
6.2 NYM/2022/0824 Application for removal of polytunnel and erection of car port attached to existing garage with solar panels at Bramble Carr Cottage, Fryup Road, Ainthorpe. **Resolved – no objections.**

7. **Accounts / Financial**

7.1 By resolution the monthly statement of accounts was approved and payment of outstanding invoices was thereby authorised.
7.2 Members consider the budget forecast for the financial year 2023/24 prepared by the Clerk and circulated in advance of the meeting. Members thereafter following discussions resolved to set the precept requirement for 2023/24 at £16,000 (sixteen thousand).

8. **Commondale Defibrillator**

The Clerk informed members that he had fitted the new transformer for the defibrillator cabinet at Commondale and that there was now power to the cabinet, however the heating element and light are not working. As per information from N. Yorkshire Ambulance the cabinet at Commondale is no longer available and irreparable. A new cabinet will cost in the region of £400 ex VAT. Members resolved to purchase a new cabinet – Clerk to progress.

9. **Notice Boards**

To consider purchase of a new notice board and (subject to approval) where to site the new board. Members are aware that County Councillor Chance has offered to make a grant to the Parish Council from

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his allocated 'Locality Budget'. In the absence of CClr Chance this item is to be put on the agenda for January's meeting of the Parish Council.

10. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

A letter has been received from the Governing Board of The St Hildas's Moorland Federation (Danby School) ref additional road signs in the vicinity of Danby School. The Governing Board are requesting the support of the Parish Council in making a Highways Request for the installation of additional signs on Ainthorpe Lane, alerting road users of the location of the school.

Members discussed this request and all agreed that parking near the school was a problem when children are being dropped off or picked up, it was not made clear however what additional signage was being requested and where it was felt additional signs should be sighted. Clerk to write back seeking additional information.

11. Items reported by Councillors

- a) **Rewilding of grass verges – hereafter to be referred to as 'wild flower recovery project.'** Cllr Watson reported that Mrs Carol Wilson had visited Danby and Castleton schools where she had given a talk to the children which had been well received. It was agreed that staff and children will get involved raking areas after they had been cut but advanced notice (one week) will be needed by the schools for them to make necessary arrangements. It is hoped the Village caretaker will be able assist in this way although it was acknowledged weather issues may cause difficulties. Further discussions in February.
- b) Near the entrance to Wayworth Farm out of Comondale in the direction of Kildale – possible blocked ditch / spring causing problems with water on the road.
- c) Issues with regards lack of road salt Westerdale side – being progressed by the Clerk.

12. Next meeting Wednesday 11th January 2023, 7pm in Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:35pm