



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8th March 2023** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J. Day Chairman, D Murrell, S Medd, I Dodsworth, R Findlay, G Thompson, County Cllr Chance, one member of the public throughout the meeting and J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr's Watson and Stonehouse

2. **Declarations of interest** None declared

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 8th Feb were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 11th January 2023**

- 4.1 Blocked gully and potential pollution issue at Duck Bridge, Castle Lane. Issue being investigated by the County Council and the Environment Agency.
- 4.2 Damaged pavement near Castleton Co-op – NYCC works order has been issued.
- 4.3 Wandles Lane road condition / potholes – emergency repairs have been done but further work is required.
- 4.4 Thornhill, potholes adjacent to the entrance to Thornhill – not yet actioned
- 4.5 Burtree Lane, potholes / poor road condition – not yet actioned
- 4.6 Defibrillators. Councillor Thompson has secured a grant of £250 from Esk Valley Life Line towards the cost of defibrillator upkeep.

5. **External Reports** County Councillor Chance gave a fairly comprehensive overview of the progress being made towards the move to the single unitary authority scheduled for the 1st April. The legal issues, the budget and new constitution are all in place and most of the Council's senior post holders have been identified. From a public perspective the transition should go smoothly and it is anticipated that come the 1st April it will be business as usual.

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

NYM/2023/0069 Application regarding Danby Village Hall for installation of 42 solar panels across the south and west roof slopes, two air to air heat pumps and two electric vehicle charging points together with new servery access door and gated entry. **Members resolved to support** the application but expressed some reservations with regards potential noise issues in respect of the proposed use of air source heat pumps. The need for gated entry was also questioned. Support – valuable community resource looking to utilise a green energy source to reduce energy costs and cut their carbon footprint. Internal redesign will improve disabled access.

7. **Accounts / Financial**

By resolution payment of outstanding invoices was authorised.

For the next meeting the Clerk will produce a year end financial report incorporating projected income for the next financial year.

Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 – by resolution members approved the appointment of Ms Wren as the Internal Auditor.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

8a Grant application – Danby Village Hall. Members considered the application worthy of support but in light of the financial report submitted by the Clerk it was considered inappropriate to determine at this meeting the level of grant to be awarded. To be an agenda item in the next financial year (April meeting)

8b On behalf of “Castleton Men's Shed” – the group would like to provide a large Christmas tree for Old Man's Park next Christmas. They are willing to fund, source, set up the tree and dress it with solar-powered lights. Approved by resolution.

8c Meeting of the Northern Area Parish Forum – Tuesday 18th April at 7p in the NYMNPA Moors Centre, Danby.

9. Annual Parish Assembly

By resolution scheduled for 7pm Wednesday 12th April immediately prior to the routine meeting of the Parish Council. Members expressed their hope that attendance would be better than in recent past years. No guest speaker would be invited and no formal presentations would be made but the meeting would give the electorate the opportunity to question the Parish Council about their performance and make representations as to the future.

10. Items reported by Councillors

The following Highways issues were raised:

10a Broadgate Road, Westerdale – potholes / poor condition

10b Salt heap to replenish, Westerdale side / post box corner.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Next meeting Wednesday 12th April 2023 immediately after the Annual Parish Assembly

May meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for Wednesday 17th (a week later than normal)