



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 14th June 2023** in Castleton Village Hall.

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

PCSO Lewis was in attendance at the start of the meeting and presented the monthly Police Report - there are no major concerning issues but rural crime is still an issue and continued vigilance and reporting of suspicious activity / individuals is encouraged.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from C/Cllr Chance and Cllr Watson.

2. **Declarations of interest** None declared

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and routine monthly meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 17th May 2023**

Highways update:

1. Deep ruts at the edge of Danby Bank – the County Council are aware of the issue and are awaiting funding to initiate repairs.
2. Stonebeck Gate Lane (Fryup) blocked gully under the road – the County Council will continue to monitor the situation.

5. **External Reports** None presented

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

6.1 NYM/2023/0318 Application in respect of Valley View Farm, Station Road, Castleton for conversion of cattery building to form one local occupancy live/work unit together with increase in roof height (0.4m), partial use of joiners workshop as living accommodation, re-cladding/roofing of the adjoining workshop (no asbestos) use of land as garden and associated landscaping works (revised scheme following withdrawal of NYM/2022/0588) Resolved – Support. The applicant is a local married man with family living in the area. He seeks to renovate the site utilising existing structures 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. There is a local need for housing and no site in the area is any better suited. The applicant has done everything he can to comply with planning constraints and directions from the NYMNPA.

6.2 NYM/2023/0286 Application in respect of Stockdale View, Westerdale for demolition of existing decked area and construction of raised patio with balustrade and paved area. Resolved – No objection

6.3 NYM/2023/0274 Application regarding Brookside Farm, Fryup for variation of condition 4 of planning approval NYM/2013/0583/FL to allow the rebuilding of the southern gable wall. Resolved – Support. The applicant simply seeks to repair the property.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

7. Accounts / Financial

- 7.1 Members considered the statement of accounts for the preceding month and by resolution authorised payment of outstanding invoices.
- 7.2 Website maintenance – by resolution members approved a £1 increase in the monthly payment.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) NYMNPA – invitation to attend a planning training session at Helmsley on the evening of Thursday 5th October. Members to be reminded at a later date.
- b) NYMNPA – Joint Parish Forum Meeting, Thursday 6th July at Botton Village (meet at 4:45pm latest finish 9pm). Councillor Dodsworth and the Clerk will attend
- c) Grass cutting. Three complaints received, two from Danby residents (one complaining about too much cutting, one about too little cutting) and one from a Castleton resident about the lack of cutting in area near the River Esk bridge. The Clerk informed members of the nature of correspondence received and the replies sent. In respect of the issues raised by Danby residents comments were noted and no further action was considered necessary. Ref the area near the River Esk bridge, the Chair will speak personally to the complainant.

9. Items reported by Councillors

The following issues / concerns were reported

- a) Hob Hole – road surface in poor condition as you descend into the valley coming from the direction of Westerdale. On the ascent out of the valley towards Kildale overhanging gorse bushes are an issue (reported previously)
- b) Robin Hoods Close, Castleton – complaints regarding a large tree. The Clerk confirmed the tree was subject of a protection order but as to who was responsible for the tree was not known. It was suggested that the complainant be advised to contact NYMNPA as permission would be needed prior to any work being undertaken on the tree.
- c) Sandhill Bank, Commondale. The top section of the road on the approach to the junction is considered to be in a poor state of repair. In addition at one of the passing points an HGV has gone off road and caused some deep ruts.
- d) Church Street, Castleton near the junction with Ainthorpe Lane on the right side of the road (out of Castleton) near the stone 'Castleton' sign – blocked drain.
- e) Toad Beck – Brook Lane / Ainthorpe Lane broken railings.
- f) Dibble Bridge Bank (Castleton end almost opposite the garth) – blocked roadside gutter and pipe under road causing flooding (not a blocked gully as stated by highways previously).

10. Next meeting

Wednesday 12th July 2023, 7pm Castleton Village Hall.