



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 20th Sept 2023** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J. Day (Chairman), S Medd, R Rudsdale, P Stonehouse, I Dodsworth, E Watson, one member of the public throughout the meeting, 9 other members of the public ref Agenda item 6.1 (Planning Application) and J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Meeting

Guest Speakers

Mr Colin Hubby North Yorkshire Council and Ms Fiona Coleman from Broadacres Housing who has been working with the Dawney Estate attended to provide an update regarding the possibility of an affordable housing scheme at Danby.

Mr Hubby went into the background referring to the 2018 Housing Needs Survey. The Survey had identified a local need and subsequently 5 potential sites within the Parish had been identified. Landowners had been approached as a result of which Dawney Estates has expressed an interest in being involved in the scheme in relation to a site behind Wellington Close, Danby. The Planning Authority expressed favourable comment regarding the site but because of the elevated nature of the land bungalows were the preferred option. The recently appointed new Dawney Estates Manager is keen to discuss the scheme further and progress if possible. Broadacres Housing were approached and agreed to be involved and discussions are on going. Ms Coleman elaborated explaining that Broadacres Housing came into being around 1993 and they currently have around 6,700 properties on their books and all their schemes are aimed at developing rural housing. Development site sizes do vary depending on identified need and all properties are subject of a Section 106 Planning Agreement ie there is a local connection criteria attached regarding occupancy for the lifetime of the property. The identified site could possibly accommodate between 10 and 12 bungalows of differing sizes. Properties are offered mainly for rent and tenants can only be charged up to 80% of open market rent. Shared ownership is also an option (between 10% and 80% ownership). The next stage of the process is to firm up the figures / information obtained as a result of the 2018 survey and this will involve public consultation (including public meeting(s)) which will hopefully be undertaken prior to Christmas.

1. Apologies for absence Received from Cllr's Thompson & Murrell.

2. Declarations of interest None declared

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

Agenda item 6.1 taken out of order

NYM/2023/0504 Application for variation of condition 3 of planning approval NYM/2012/0585/FL to extend the use of the amenity block to Girl Guides, members of youth organisations walking to/from the site (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh groups camping) and families of members of Girl Guides camping at land to the south east of 11 Easton Lane, Ainthorpe.

Various members of the public who were in attendance vociferously raised their objections to the application. The following issues were mentioned, regular breaches of the current Planning Approval, excessive numbers of people using the site, use of the site for caravans and motor homes, poor access / egress to / from the site, the number of vehicles using the site causing inconvenience to local residents (parking an issue, private drives being used by visitors to turn around), excessive noise and light pollution. Members considered the application and the concerns raised and **resolved to object** to the application for the reasons stated.

4. Matters Arising from the meeting held 12th July 2023

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

Highways update:

- a) 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). The Highways Officer has attended and has raised an order for jet cleaning.
- b) Langburns Bank – blocked gullies. Gully tops have been cleaned and will be ‘sucked’ as per the routine schedule

5. External Reports None presented

6. Planning Applications Members considered the following Planning Application.

6.2 NYM/2023/0533 Application for installation of 42 solar panels across the south and west roof slopes, four air to air heat exchangers and two electric vehicle charging points together with new servery access door and gated entry (revised scheme to planning approval NYM/2023/0069) at Danby Village Hall, Dale End, Danby. Members resolved – No objections BUT wished to express comment with regards the proposed gated entry and the use of air to air heat exchangers. There seems to be no stated rationale with regards gated entry and no indication as to whether the gate(s) will be locked when the hall is not in use. With regards air to air exchangers some local residents have expressed concerns about noise.

6.3 NYM/2023/0560 Application for the erection of a 20m lattice communications tower (and ancillary equipment) on land east of North Ings Plantation, Thunderbush Moor, Comondale. **Members resolved to support** the application. The tower and associated equipment when in place will provide a much needed improvement to what is currently a poor mobile communication network in the area.

7. Accounts / Financial

Members considered the statement of accounts for the preceding month and by resolution authorised payment of outstanding invoices.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) NYMNPA – invitation to attend a planning training session at Helmsley on the evening of Thursday 10th October. Members to be reminded at a later date.
- b) Easton Lane – complaint about verges outside of the 30mph zone towards Duck Bridge. The Parish Council use the services of a local man hereafter referred to as the Village Caretaker. He is self-employed, paid by the Parish Council and is charged with keeping the Parish in general as tidy as he can. The caretaker only works inside the 30mph limits. By way of a contractual arrangement with North Yorkshire Council the Parish Council / Caretaker is required to cut grass at visibility splays (i.e. at road junctions where grass etc. could hinder visibility for road users). The Parish Council / Caretaker are not obliged / required to cut grass anywhere else. The Parish Council / Caretaker cut grass elsewhere to try to have the Parish looking presentable. The time of the Caretaker is limited and he does not have the necessary equipment to cut grass verges beyond what he does now. The Parish Council budget is limited and it is therefore not feasible to contract out this work. North Yorkshire Council will be approached to cut these (and other verges in the Parish).
- c) Northern Area Parish Forum. 7pm Tuesday 3rd October, Westerdale Village Hall.
- d) Hedgehogs R Us Highways Project – carried forward

9. Items reported by Councillors

The following issues / concerns were reported

- a) 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. (Reported previously, response stated:- Will be addressed as part of the scheduled gully cleaning.)
- b) Toad Beck – Brook Lane / Ainthorpe Lane broken railings. No update available on line – to follow up.
- c) Station Bank gutters on the left (downhill) need clearing, grass growing.

- d) Westlane where the road crosses Black Beck – the wooden square post and rail fence is in need of repair.
- e) Road bridge over Danby Beck – rails smashed as a result of recent RTC
- f) Pavement in need of repair near the gated entry to the Play Area
- g) Pothole, Langburns Bank left side approx. 200m beyond the cattle grid
- h) Area around the War Memorial on the Howe looking shabby – volunteers to action.

10.Next meeting

October 11th 7pm, Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8:25pm