



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th Oct 2023** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J. Day (Chairman), S Medd, R Rudsdale, E Watson, D Murrell, G Thompson and J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies for absence Received from Cllr P Stonehouse and County Cllr Chance

2. Declarations of interest None declared

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

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

Highways update:

- 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. The local highways officer has raised an order for our contractor to carry out repairs to the birds mouth fence. The works have not been programmed yet so it is not known when the repair will be completed.
- c) Station Bank gutters on the left (downhill) need clearing, grass growing. The Highways Officer for North Yorkshire Council has assessed the report, taken photographs and has requested cleaning / sweeping of the gutters.
- d) West Lane where the road crosses Black Beck – the wooden square post and rail fence is in need of repair. The local highways officer visited the site 03/10/2023 and has replaced the top rail.
- e) Road bridge over Danby Beck – serious damage to the stone bridge as a result of a RTC. Highways are aware of the damage and have the details of the driver who caused the damage consequently they will be recharged for the repairs. There is an order in with the Highway's Dept contractor to retrieve the stone from the parapet from the stream. When repairing bridges Highways need to use specialist contractors and these are currently working on another bridge in Sandsend. There is a pre-start site meeting taking place on Monday 16th Oct where the team will look at what stone can be salvaged, what new stone is required and they will also look at how the repairs will be undertaken.
- f) Pavement in need of repair near the gated entry to the Play Area – the Highways Officer for North Yorkshire Council has repaired the damaged area with two bags of tarmac.
- g) Pothole, Langburns Bank left side approx. 200m beyond the cattle grid. The Highways Officer has repaired the pothole.
- h) Easton Lane verges – the North Yorkshire Council's highways department states that the request does not comply with the Council's rural grass cutting policy.
- i) Langburns Bank road side verges are overgrown - North Yorkshire Council's highways department states that some areas on the bank which are a safety concern will be cut back but not all areas will be addressed.
- j) 'Low Road' Danby side of the railway bridge, request made for the verges / bank sides to be cut – the North Yorkshire Council's highways department states that the request does not comply with the Council's rural grass cutting policy.
- k) West Lane / Danby Bank – subsidence on the right (heading of Danby). A scheme with regard initiating the necessary repairs has been designed and costed by Highways. The cost of the project

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

came out in excess of £10,000 and this sum is not available in the current Basic Maintenance budget. The scheme will therefore be put forward for external funding or financed from next year's budget. In the meantime Highways will continue to monitor the area for any further erosion and keep the highway safe for people to use.

5. External Reports None presented

6. Planning Applications Members considered the following Planning Application.

6.1 NYM/2023/0623 Application for alterations to existing porch and construction of garden room to front elevation at 4 Brick Row, Potters Side Lane, Comondale. Resolved – no objection.

6.2 NYM/2023/0593 Application for Listed Building consent for internal and external alterations including construction of replacement porch, installation of replacement windows and front door, removal of two roof lights and construction of replacement masonry access bridge at West Cliff Farm, Danby Head, Danby. Resolved – no objection.

6.3 NYM/2023/0640 Application for conversion of former store to holiday letting cottage together with construction of replacement porch and masonry access bridge (retrospective) at West Cliff Farm, Danby Head, Danby. Resolved – no objection.

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) Hedgehogs R Us Highways Project. A worthy project but best suited for urban rather than rural areas hence the Parish Council declined to support the initiative.
- b) 6th June 2024, commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of 'D day'. The Danby Beacon Trust have this matter in hand and will support the commemoration, planning for the event is underway and local schools will be involved.

9. Items reported by Councillors

The following issues / concerns were reported.

- a) Birkfield Bank mainly from the quarry downhill heading in the direction of Westerdale. Multiple pot holes and general poor road condition with grass growing through the surface.
- b) Brook Lane – complaint from a member of the public regarding a resident who has seemingly dug into the bank side to enlarge a parking place / install a charging point. Complainant to be advised to contact the Court Leet.
- c) Remembrance Sunday falls on the 12th November. At this time the only act of Remembrance members are aware of will be a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial in Comondale. The Parish Council will purchase a wreath (Clerk to progress) to be laid by Councillor Murrell.

10. Next meeting

8th November 2023, 7pm Castleton Village Hall.