



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

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr's Day, Thompson & Rudsdale

2. **Declarations of interest** None declared

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 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:

Birkfield Bank the potholes have been patched but concerns were expressed regarding the quality of the work.

5. **External Reports** County Councillor Chance gave a very comprehensive and interesting report regarding North Yorkshire Council. The following being a brief synopsis.

- The new Local Plan (which incorporates the Minerals and Waste Plan) is complete and a recommended read. The Parish is obviously within the National Park and the Authority's Local Plan is pertinent. The Council's Local Plan has been developed in consultation with the National Park Authority.
- Most of the Heads of Service posts have been filled, there are currently five vacancies however and the process of filling these positions is being delayed because of legal reasons.
- C/Cllr Chance is the portfolio holder for Corporate Services and he reported there had been a 94% take up of grants made available by way of the UK Prosperity Fund.
- A quarter of a million pounds had been spent supporting various food banks throughout the county.
- Nine community partnerships are being set up these will hopefully improve liaison between communities and the Council.
- Children's Service had received an 'outstanding' assessment.
- Half of the Council's total budget is spent on Health and Adult Services.
- Some money may be available to the Parish Council from C/Cllr Chance's Locality Budget, the closing date for applications being Jan 31st 2024.
- C/Cllr Chance is unable to attend the Remembrance gathering at Comondale on 12th November but a wreath will be laid on his behalf by Cllr Murrell.

6. **Planning Applications** None received

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)**

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

- a) NYMNPA consultation ref proposed route variation to the Coast to Coast National Trail. Noted – no objections raised NFA required.
- b) NYMNPA consultation ref Supplementary Planning Document covering implementation of policy on dark skies. Noted
- c) North Yorkshire Council annual statutory budget consultation. Noted

9. Items reported by Councillors

The following issues / concerns were reported.

- a) Duck Bridge – the scale showing the depth of water in the ford needs to be replaced.
- b) Comondale, Sandhill Bank – street light column number 3 not working.
- c) Crown End / Dibble Bridge Bank from the Comondale side – blocked ditches / gullies, extensive amount of water running down and across the bank.
- d) Westerdale High Street – pot holes at various locations on the road.
- e) Westerdale High Street – a number of pavement edge granite sets are loose.
- f) Westerdale, adjacent to ‘Archangel’ – blocked gully
- g) Westerdale, from ‘Sugar Loaf’ down towards the village – extensive amount of running water.
- h) Langburns Bank, just on the uphill side of the railway bridge – manhole cover with sharp edges / tarmac breaking away.
- i) Addressing C/Cllr Chance the Clerk raised concerns about the ‘Parish Portal’ this being the online means of reporting highways defects. The system works very well as a reporting mechanism but falls down badly with regards updates.

10. Next meeting Wednesday 13th December, 7pm Castleton Village Hall

Meeting closed 7:50pm