



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 13th March 2024** in Castleton Village Hall.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies for absence Cllr Murrell

2. Declarations of interest Cllr Rudsdale in respect of agenda item 6.1

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2024 were accepted by resolution as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the meeting held 10th Jan

- a. The Clerk reported that he had attended a one to one meeting with Mr Santon, County Council Highways. Various outstanding issues had been discussed with seemingly a positive outcome.
- b. The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the Chair of Esk Valley Lifeline setting out that the committee had agreed to make a one off donation of £500 towards the cost of defibrillator upkeep and that the charity would be open to consider further requests in the future. Members expressed their gratitude, acknowledgement to be sent.
- c. Duck Bridge ford – Reply received from the Danby Castle wedding venue advising that additional information would be included in their 'Wedding Pack'.
- d. Dibble Bridge Bank – County Highways are to liaise with Guisborough Estates as it is their responsibility to clean a ditch that is a problem. Members expressed their displeasure with this response asserting NYC seemed to be 'passing the buck' and that the gullies down the side of Dibble bank were blocked and in need of clearing – Clerk to progress with Highways.
- e. Strait Lane blocked gully – cleaning order raised by the Highways Officer.

5. External Reports None

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Application.

- 6.1 NYM/2023/0110 Brookfield Farm, Ashfield Road, Castleton application for construction of single storey extension to and use of holiday let as either annexe or holiday let (dual use). Resolved – support. The proposed alterations were unobtrusive and not out of keeping with other 'development's in the area. Diversification was believed to be appropriate and an opportunity for the applicant.

7. Accounts / Financial

- 7.1 Members considered the statement of accounts for the preceding month and subsequently authorise payment of outstanding invoices.
- 7.2 Danby Court Leet – donation of £400 towards the cost of grass cutting received – members expressed their gratitude. Acknowledgement to be sent.

8. Annual Parish Assembly

It was agreed the Parish Assembly would be held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 in Castleton Village Hall at 7pm. The routine monthly meeting of the Parish Council would follow immediately after the assembly. No guest speaker would be invited and the Assembly would be advertised as previously as an opportunity

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

for the electorate of the Parish of Danby to ask questions of and make representations to the Parish Council.

9. **'Old Mans' Park** – condition of the perimeter fence rail. Members agreed to finance replacement of the wooden fence rails around the recreation area. Clerk to progress.

10. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) Wednesday 10th April 7:30pm Moors Centre, Danby – Northern Area Parish Forum. Noted.
- b) Letter received from NYMNPA ref Forestry Commission consultation regarding the felling of trees at Botton Village. Noted, no response deemed necessary.

11. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Blakey Road / Stormy Hall junction – request to be made to County Highways to have a sign placed at the junction advising that the route should be avoided in wintery conditions. This being in response to the fact that over this winter there have been a number of accidents on the steep bank.
- b) Parish Council notice board at Danby Village hall – the board is in a very poor state and members acknowledged a new board was needed. Resolved to finance purchase of a new notice board in the next financial year. Clerk to progress.
- c) Poor road condition / multiple pot holes at various locations between the River Esk ford near Westerdale Cricket Field and Hob Hole water splash.
- d) Poor road condition / multiple pot holes on Westerdale Side particularly around the area of Brown Hill House up towards the Blakey Road.
- e) Poor road condition / multiple pot holes beyond the former Westerdale Youth Hostel and Hall Farm down past Osseker Crook Plantation down to the River Esk Crossing.
- f) Multiple pot holes New Road on the approach to Carr House from the direction of Castleton
- g) Church Street, Castleton blocked road side gullies near St Michael & St George's Church.
- h) Toad Beck, Ainthorpe near Maylin House – the watercourse is badly clogged (previously reported and an undertaking made by the Dawney Estate to clear the problem area – not actioned).
- i) New Road, erosion of the bank of the River Esk – still no action by Highways or the Dawney Estate. Cllr Day reported that he had met with representatives of NYC at the site who had agreed the condition of the river bank was becoming dangerous to road users. It was also stated that Dawney Estates were refusing to act. Cllr Day has made arrangements to speak with Mr Goodwill MP.

12. Next meeting

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 9th April 2024 immediately after the Annual Parish Assembly

Meeting closed 7:40pm