



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Tuesday 9th April 2024** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, P Stonehouse, R Rudsdale, R Findlay, D Murrel, J Preston (Clerk) and two member of the public throughout the meeting..

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs Dodsworth, Medd & Thompson

2. **Declarations of interest** None

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 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) 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.
Acknowledgement received from Highways but not answer at this time.
- 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. **Highways already aware of the problem as per an entry on the Parish Portal mapping system.**
- d) Poor road condition / multiple pot holes on Westerdale Side particularly around the area of Brown Hill House up towards the Blakey Road. **As per Parish Portal – not yet actioned.**
- 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. **As per Parish Portal – not yet actioned.**
- f) Multiple pot holes New Road on the approach to Carr House from the direction of Castleton. **As per Parish Portal – not yet actioned.**
- g) Church Street, Castleton blocked road side gullies near St Michael & St George's Church. **As per Parish Portal – not yet actioned.**
- 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). **Dawney Estate advise that Mr Foord will liaise with Cllr Dodsworth.**
- i) New Road, erosion of the bank of the River Esk – **no repairs instigated at this time but road side barriers have been placed. No information received from Highways or Dawney Estate.**
- j) 'Old Mans Park' – repairs to / replacement of wooden rails – **to be actioned by the clerk.**
- k) Sugar Loaf – excessive amounts of water running onto the road near the underground reservoir. **Parish Portal entry reads :- "Most of water is running off the moor in this very wet winter will have a word with Engineers."**

5. **External Reports** None

6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the following Planning Application.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

- 6.1 NYM/2024/0188. Regarding 12 Strait Lane, Ainthorpe. Application for construction of single storey extension with glass canopy, erection of glazed balcony and rendering/cladding together with demolition of existing double garage, construction of quadruple garage and alterations to stores (revised scheme following planning approval NYM/2023/0762). Resolved – no objection

7. Accounts / Financial

- 7.1 Members considered the statement of accounts for the preceding month and subsequently authorise payment of outstanding invoices.
- 7.2 By Resolution members approved the appointment of Mrs Wren as Internal Auditor in respect of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024.
- 7.3 By resolution members approved renewal of annual membership to the YLCA at a cost of £469.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) Request from the Trustees of Westerdale Village Hall for the Parish Council to hold one of their routine monthly meetings at Westerdale. By resolution members agreed the request
- b) NYMNPA proposal to upgrade an existing Public Footpath to Public Bridleway across Danby High Moor. Noted – no comment deemed necessary.

9. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Christy Gate Road where it crosses Tower Beck, Westerdale – road in poor condition / potholes.
- b) Station Road, Comondale (from Fowl Green to the Railway Station) – road in very poor condition / potholes.
- c) Lead Lane j/w High Street, Westerdale blocked drain
- d) Dibble Bank major issues with blocked drains high volume of water running off the moor and down the bank.
- e) Howe Bank corner above the War Memorial – pot holes.
- f) Brooke Lane towards the Fox PH blocked gullies.
- g) Footpath from the War Memorial walking in the direction of Castleton over the beck and up Piper Lane emerging onto Church Street – path in a bad condition due to a blocked drain.
- h) Low road to Danby beyond the railway bridge – gorse bushes encroaching onto the road.
- i) Golden Lion Inn, Blakey – concerns raised about the brightness / direction of security lights on the building which are dazzling drivers approaching from the direction of Hutton Le Hole.

10. Next meeting

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 8th May 2024, 7pm Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8:05pm