



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

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, G Thompson, R Findlay, R Rudsdale, P Stonehouse, I Dodsworth, D Murrell, Cllr D Chance, J Preston (Clerk) and two members of the public (one for the initial issue mentioned below and one throughout the meeting)

Prior to the formal meeting opening, Councillors were addressed by a member of the public regarding grass cutting in Danby particularly on West Lane and on Brier Hill the focus being on the plot near to the bakery. This plot was cut early in the year and a final cut is now needed after which volunteers will be mobilised to rake up the trimmings. The Clerk was tasked with contacting the Village Caretaker and requesting he cuts the grass in this area (if possible) and also to ask that he gives advanced notice of when he'll be doing the work (again – if possible). Clerk / Caretaker to liaise with Cllr Watson

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Medd

2. **Declarations of interest** None

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 12th July were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 12th July 2024**

The Clerk didn't raise any specific matter but it was acknowledged that a number of highways issues had been addressed since the last meeting.

With regards the affordable housing scheme discussed in July, a pre-planning consultation event at Danby Village Hall is scheduled for the 15th October 2024.

5. **External Reports**

Cllr Chance updated members regarding current County issues including (1) the ongoing Waste Management review, which has been subject of public consultation. There is a possibility resident will be required to have 4 separate bins to address recycling issues but as yet this has not been approved by the County Exec. (2) The National Planning Policy framework is under review and County is awaiting direction from central government. Difficulties are envisaged because of planning constraints within the National Parks. (3) There is an ongoing Boundary Commission review, which will likely reduce the number of County Councillor's by one. The boundary of the area in which the DGPC sits is likely to change.

6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the following Planning Applications.

- 6.1 NYM/2024/0665, The Howe, Danby Low Moor, Castleton. Application for the removal of an existing 15m mono-pole and erection of a replacement 20m lattice mast with antenna, ancillary equipment and ground-based cabinets etc. Resolved – support. Previously supported – will provide much needed improvement to what is very poor mobile telephone coverage in the area.
- 61. NYM/2024/0641, Lodge Farm, Lodge Lane, Danby. Application for levelling of site, creation of hardstanding area, erection of polytunnel for lambing and winter housing of sheep together with creation of access. at Lodge. Resolved – support. Enhancement of a local family business with an identified agricultural need improving animal welfare.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

- 6.3 NYM/2024/0621 and NYM/2024/0622 regarding Annexes 1 & 2 at Skelderskew Farm, Comondale Application for certificate of lawfulness for use of annexe as a dwellinghouse in excess of ten years in breach of condition 6 of planning approval NYM/2008/0067/F/CU. Resolved – no comment (insufficient information)

7. Accounts / Financial

- 7.1 Members considered the statement of accounts for the preceding month and subsequently authorise payment of outstanding invoices.
- 7.2 On-line banking / corporate Debit Card. Members resolved that the current banking mandate should be waived (in part) and the clerk should explore the possibility of gaining access to on-line banking opportunities and the issue of a Debit Card. Many invoices now need to be settled on line which means the Clerk has to use his own debit card and then seek reimbursement. The current approved Financial Regulations would not need amendment.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- 8.1 Grant Application Revival North Yorkshire CIC. Following discussion members resolved to grant £100. The work undertaken by Revival North Yorkshire was acknowledged but members felt there was a limited audience in the Parish and also expressed concern about sustainability of the project costs going forward.
- 8.2 Street lighting Station Bank – request received from member of the public seeking improvement to existing lighting or additional street lighting. During discussions members recalled that a previous request had been declined by Highways due partly to costs. Members declined to make a second approach believing existing lighting was adequate.
- 8.3 .Gov.uk email address / web site. Information previously circulated to members – resolved the Clerk should progress enquiries to move from the current yahoo mail account to the more secure .gov.uk domain .

9. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Station Road, Castleton. The drain near the play area is still blocked and cars going through the flood are causing the wake of water to wash away / damage the pavement.
- b) Blocked drain on New Road on the cricket field side of the road adjacent to where the temporary barriers have been erected.
- c) Various issues Westerdale Side have been identified and marked for repair by the Highways Officer – to be monitored.
- d) Water still running / blocked drain Lead Lane junction.
- e) Castleton Toilet block – doors in need of painting.
- f) Area around the War Memorial on the Howe needs smartening up.
- g) Seat below the War Memorial – at least one broken rail.
- h) Pavement near the old Central Garage in Castleton – the pavement has recently been dug up (reason unknown) and not repaired properly – tripping hazard.
- i) Road from Hob Hole heading towards West House (Kildale direction) poor condition / multiple pot holes.
- j) Cobbles adjacent to 4 & 6 High Street, Castleton. Yorkshire Water recently dug up the cobbles to facilitate necessary underground work at 4 / 6 High Street. The cobbles are set with tar and have not been replaced correctly.
- k) The fence New Road at Carr House collapsed completely some time ago, the old rails and posts have been taken away but a replacement fence has not been erected.
- l) Stone water trough at the top of Brier Hill (left side) – area around the trough needs clearing.

10. Next meeting

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council will take place **on Wednesday 13th November** at 7pm
Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8:10pm