



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

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** None

2. **Declarations of interest** None

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 13th November 2024**

- a) 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. Yorkshire Water have eventually acknowledged receipt of the correspondence from the Clerk but there is no further update as yet.
- b) Road between Ralphs Cross and Castleton – a Highways order was raised to clean out all the offsets / grips and this work has now been completed.
- c) On-line banking / corporate Debit Card – completed / card received.
- d) The Clerk advised that it was not possible to provide any additional Highways reports – the Parish Portal reporting system has been taken off line by the County Council and the Clerk has not yet been able to access the new system.

5. **External Reports** None

6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the following Planning Application.

NYM/2024/0698 Regarding the former Central Garage, High Street, Castleton. Application for the demolition of steel frame and existing buildings and construction of petrol filling station and convenience store with solar panels and associated underground fuel tanks, fuel pumps, access and car park. Revised plans / additional information has been submitted by the applicant and these were discussed by members. Concerns were still voiced with regards parking but issues raised previously regarding the choices of certain building materials have been addressed. The Parish Council previously resolved to support the application and there was considered no reason not to continue with support. No additional comment was deemed necessary.

7. **Accounts / Financial**

7.1 Members considered the statement of accounts for the preceding month and subsequently authorised payment of outstanding invoices.

8. **Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)**

- 8.1 Notification received from Mr Taylor that it his intention to retire from his toilet cleaning and Village Caretaking roles with effect of the end of March 2025. The positions will need to be advertised and the Chair offered to a job advert and 'scope of work', which he would share with members in advance of the next meeting.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

- 8.2 County Council – grass cutting at visibility splays. Members resolved to continue with the current arrangement whereby the Parish would receive payment from the County Council (£542.02) to cut the splays.
- 8.3 Congrave Farm, 40 Ainthorpe Lane. Notification received via NYNPA regarding a proposed Certified Caravan Site at this location (applicable legislation Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960). Sent for consideration / comment. Members resolved to support the project and the Clerk to write to the applicant and NYMNP.
- 8.4 Correspondence by email received from a local farmer requesting the Council support him in his attempt to have the speed limit reduced between Lockwood Beck and Hutton le Hole so as to reduce the number of collisions involving sheep. Due consideration given and members felt unable to offer their support – the scheme suggested could not be implemented as simply as to writer seemed to be suggesting and had already been rejected by the County Council.

9. Items reported by Councillors

- a) County Council's policy regarding home to school transport. There was strong condemnation of the County's Policy, which in simple terms will mean that some children living in the Parish will be transported to school at either Guisborough or Brotton rather than in Whitby – in accordance with the Policy the County Council will only fund transport to nearest school (distance as the crow flies). Correspondence was brought to the meeting (from a parent and from the Vice Chair of Governors – Castleton and Glaisdale Primary Schools) which in detail set out the problem / concerns. It was also brought to the attention of members that the issue had been raised with Alison Hume MP and with County Councillor Chance who unfortunately (it is asserted) did not respond. The Clerk was directed to write to County Councillor Chance raising the issue / concerns.
- b) Ashfield Road – Yorkshire Water barriers are still in-situ. To be progressed via Cllr Thompson.
- c) Strait Lane, Ainthorpe drain / gully blocked (reported previously but still not actioned)
- d) Strong smell of sewerage coming from near the River Esk road bridge, Castleton.
- e) Tarmac repairs recently undertaken (a) on the Westerdale side of Hob Hole, (b) near Westerdale Cricket field and (c) on Christy Gate Road, Westerdale have all washed out.

10. Next meetings

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council will take place **on Wednesday 8th January 2025** at 7pm in Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 7:55pm