



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8th January 2025** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, G Thompson, R Rudsdale, S Medd, P Stonehouse, I Dodsworth, D Murrell, J Preston (Clerk).

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** C/Clr Chance, Clr Findlay

2. **Declarations of interest** None

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 11th December 2024 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

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

The Clerk advised that it is not possible to provide any 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. (The County's technical team are working to resolve the problem.)

5. **External Reports** None

6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the following Planning Application.

NYM/2024/0886 land opposite The Bungalow, Easton Lane, Ainthorpe – application for demolition of existing building and construction of a replacement garage (part retrospective). Members resolved not to object to the application to build a replacement garage but concerns were expressed regarding any proposed future development of the site and the possibility in the future regarding an application for a change of use.

7. **Accounts / Financial**

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

8. **Village Caretaker / Toilet Cleaning**

Having received notification 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, which was raised at last month's meeting the Chair has been working on drafting suitable job adverts and a 'scope of work' for each role. Discussions this evening were focussed on the average number of hours a month the caretaker would need to work, what tasks he / she would be expected to undertake and what could the Parish Council afford by way of a salary. Work in progress – for further discussions at next month's meeting.

9. **Correspondence**

Donation request received on behalf of Westerdale Cricket Club. During recent storms the Club's practice nets had been destroyed and a long length of riverside fencing had been destroyed when the River Esk broke its banks. Request denied – members were aware that the Club had set up a 'go fund me' page and thereby had already received donations beyond the estimated cost of repairs.

10. **Items reported by Parish Councillors**

a) Multiple pot holes Howe Bank, Ainthorpe Lane down into Danby

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

- b) Multiple pot holes / poor road condition Hunter Sty from Box House, Westerdale down the road and beyond the cricket field.
- c) Station Road / New Road junction, specifically the grass triangle lined with granite sets and the verge at the cricket field side of the road – multiple sets dislodge.
- d) Deep pot hole Street Lane / Long Causeway Road (Fryup cricket field side of the beck ie the Parish boundary.
- e) Between Commondale and Kildale in the region of Sleddale Beck – progress report requested – plastic barriers have been in place for over 12 months.
- f) Pot hole 'Wide Beck', Whyett Bank beyond Carr House Farm and prior to the road crossing Whyett Beck.
- g) County Council's policy regarding home to school transport. Response received from C/Clr Chance.

11. Next meetings

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7pm in Castleton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 7:55pm