



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th June 2025** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), E Watson, R Rudsdale, R Findlay, I Dodsworth, G Thompson, D Murrell, CClr D Chance, J Preston (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies for absence Cllr S Medd.

2. Declarations of interest None

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the meeting held 14th May 2025

- a) Poverty Bank (Danby Lodge towards Danby Beacon) – the overgrown verges have been cut back.
- b) New Road (River Esk erosion road closure) – concerns regarding access in respect of Castleton Show have been raised with the County Council and an offer to open the road to one way traffic (traffic light controlled) has been made, the Show Committee have been made aware and will liaise with the County Council.
- c) Replacement notice board for Westerdale is on order and has been paid for in part by way of a very generous grant from CClr Chance's Locality Budget.
- d) Cobbles – complaint to Yorkshire Water. The Clerk advised members that because he had been unable to correspond with Yorkshire Water, he had lodged a complaint with the Consumer Council for Water. The initial reply however was less than helpful as the CCW asserted they were unable to assist because the Yorkshire Water complaints process had not been followed through to its conclusion. In correspondence back to the CCW the Clerk had reported that it had been impossible to follow the Yorkshire Water complaints process because telephone calls and emails went unanswered. In an email from CCW sent on the 4th June a CCW Consumer Relations Advisor stated "I have spoken to Yorkshire Water, they have advised me your complaint is being looked into and someone will be in touch with you shortly. I will ask them again, if someone is able to give you a call." To date there has been no contact from Yorkshire Water.

5. External Reports

CClr Chance gave a verbal report about current issues at County Council level

With regards the County's Home to School Transport Policy it was reported that a special meeting had been called to review the Policy however the motion had been defeated by 45 votes to 35. It had previously been mentioned that Whitby School would fund children's transport but a rumour was circulating that this was no longer the case. CClr Chance agreed to make enquiries and report back. Two County Council Cabinet members have recently been replaced and further changes to the makeup of the Cabinet are likely.

CClr Chance was asked about the Model Agreement – this was no longer part of his portfolio consequently he was unable to provide an answer but he agreed to make enquiries and report back.

6. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Application.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

6.1 NYM/2025/0321 Application for prior approval for extension of existing lattice mast by 5 metres (overall height once extended 22.5 metres), relocation of three antennae and two dishes, installation of three additional antennae and three ground based equipment cabinets together with two pole mounted VSAT dishes to the east of the existing mast site under Part 16 at Existing Airwave Emergency Services Communications, Hall Farm, Westerdale. Resolved – Support. Mobile telecoms in the Westerdale area is poor and in places non-existent. If approved the increased height of the mast will attract commercial interest from telecoms companies and thereby improve / provide a usable mobile signal. The location is unobtrusive.

6.2 NYM/2025/0328 Application for construction of workshop building with parking provision to support tree surgery business together with landscaping at land south east of Park Nook Farm, Langburns Bank, Castleton. Resolved – Support Local business looking to expand and enhance their current site, which has already undergone significant improvement. An existing building on the site is dilapidated and not fit for purpose. The majority of the work undertaken is carried out within the National Park and indeed for the NYMNP.

6.3 NYM/2025/0351 Application for construction of replacement single storey wraparound extension (part retrospective) at 11 Dale End, Danby. Resolved – no objection

7. Accounts / Financial

Members consider and approved the statement of accounts and by resolution approved payment of outstanding invoices.

8. Grass cutting in Danby / biodiversity policy

A letter has been drafted, which explains the Parish Council's approach to roadside verge maintenance on Brier Hill and West Lane. The Clerk will print the letter which will be delivered by hand to residents in the immediate area. A4 size posters will be printed (subject of cost) and sited as required. Cllr Watson and the Clerk to progress.

9. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond

The Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council has acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council's grant and expressed the gratitude of those involved. The grant does support the local economy by enabling payment to people from within the parish who do a fine job in keeping the churchyards tidy and safe. The churchyards are places that are highly valued by villagers and visitors to our area as important aspects of our heritage. Noted

10. Items reported by Parish Councillors

- a) Station Bank, Castleton. The entire length of the pavement is in a poor state to repair, the surface being especially loose / gritty.
- b) High Street, Castleton – various protruding manholes – Cllr Day to investigate and report back to the Clerk.
- c) Toad Beck, Ainthorpe – despite previous reports to the Dawney Estate the back is badly silted / overgrown.

11. Next meeting

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council will take place **on Wednesday 9th July 2025**