



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

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), R Findlay, I Dodsworth, P Stonehouse, R Rudsdale, J Preston (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies for absence Cllr's Watson, Medd, Thompson & Murrell

2. Declarations of interest None

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 17th Sept 2025 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the meeting held 17 Sept 2025

- a) West Lane, Danby almost outside the Duke William PH – large lump in the middle of the road. Highways update – 25/9, Not at intervention levels but will monitor regularly
- b) The cattle Grid at the top end of Westerdale Village (below “Sugar Loaf”) is full of debris and needs clearing. Highways update – 23/9, cleaned outlets enabling water to flow
- c) Sandy Lane – road surface in very poor condition and getting worse. Highways update – 23/9, This road is on a yearly inspection and is due to be inspected by the end of the month so any defects will be picked up on that inspection (work expected 13th October)
- d) Ainthorpe lane near Congrave Farm the street light (column 17) is badly obscured by tree branches). Highways update – 23/9, our request has been allocated to an NYC street lighting officer for further investigation.
- e) NYC Model Agreement payment - the Clerk reported he had asked for an update from the County Council, the following response was received.

Thank you for your e-mail, I am writing to provide information regarding the details about the work to provide consistency across the different service aspects that were included in the previous Scarborough Model Agreement. As you are aware the Council originally intended to report the outcome of the work to the Parish/Town Councils that were part of the Model Agreement in July, unfortunately this work was delayed until October 2025.

It is intended that a decision about any future proposals will be made by the Executive on 21 October with arrangements made to discuss with NYC Councillors, a meeting has also be arranged for 7pm Thursday 23rd October at Scarborough Town Hall to discuss any proposals with Parish/Town Councils.

- f) New Road, Castleton – the Clerk reported he had asked for an update from the County Council, the following response was received (edited).

New Road Castleton was closed for the safety of all highway users by NYC as soon as we were made aware of continued severe erosion immediately adjacent to the carriageway. The highway boundary is the edge of the tarmacked road, the verge adjacent to the river is not within the public highway.

NYC have commissioned a design to repair and stabilise the riverbank so that the road can be reinstated. In order to assess the cost of repair and secure the necessary capital funding an agreed design is required. That design is imminent. Once funding is secured the works will either have to be programmed for in house delivery or may be subject to a tender process.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

We had spoken to the landowner previously regarding reports about erosion of the riverbank and their duty of care to prevent damage to adjacent land (the highway). The landowner declined to take any action to prevent the erosion of their land by their river. The river continued to erode the bank.

Private landowners have a responsibility under Common Law to ensure their land is maintained so it does not impact upon adjacent land. The Highway Authority do have powers once the highway is affected under The Highways Act 1980 to enter private land to undertake reasonable repairs to the highway (section 289, 290 and 291) There may be powers under section 165 to recover the cost of the repairs however we will need to take further legal advice on this.

Unfortunately, any road which is closed for whatever reason does cause some disruption to the local residents on that route and on the diversion route. As the Highway Authority we are acutely aware of this and can confirm that we are working towards a suitable repair and reinstatement solution and we are not ignoring this issue. It is not possible to immediately mobilise resources and or have immediately available funds when land slips occur, without an appropriate design. Investigations must be undertaken, and a suitable agreed design must be obtained to assess the cost and secure capital funds.

At this time I cannot give any dates for the repairs but we are working towards this and as soon as I can provide more information I will let you know. (Ends)

5. External Reports - None

6. Planning Applications

Members consider the Planning Application below and respond accordingly to the NYMNPA.

6.1 NYM/2025/0587 Retrospective application for the installation of a replacement Regulatory Sample Point kiosk at the Filter House Water Treatment Works, Wood End, Westerdale. Resolved – no objection

6.2 NYM/2025/0328 application in respect of Park Nook Farm, Langburns Bank, Castleton. Cllr Findlay reported that he had attended the site meeting and felt it had gone well. The application will be considered by the Planning Committee on the 16th Oct, Cllr Findlay will attend on behalf of the Parish Council in support of the application.

7. Accounts / Financial

Members consider the statement of accounts for the preceding months and by resolution authorised payment of outstanding invoices.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond

NYMNPA – consultation ref proposed diversion of Bridleway 07 & Footpath 49 Danby (Danby Low Moor & Rosedale Intake). Members felt unable to comment due to the lack of information provided i.e. no details were given as to who was making the application and no reasons were given as to why the rerouting is necessary. Clerk to enquire with the NYMNPA.

9. Items reported by Parish Councillors

- a) The low road between Castleton and Danby in particular from the road bridge over the railway line onwards towards Stang End Farm – a long length of dry stone wall has been removed and it seems it will not be reinstated but will be replaced with a wooden fence – Clerk to enquire with NYMNPA
- b) Toad Beck, Ainthorpe has been part cleared on behalf of the Dawney Estate / Court Leet – Clerk to enquire when / if the remainder of the beck will be tackled.

10. Next meeting

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 12th November 2025