



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 11th Feb 2026** in Castleton Village Hall.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Stonehouse, CClr Chance

2. **Declarations of interest**

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 14th January 2026 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 8th Oct 2025**

- a) Duck Bridge water depth gauge. Highways will consider an addition in the future. (Members are still concerned about use of this route by motorists unfamiliar with the area (those attending weddings))
- b) River Esk water splash Westerdale near the cricket field – pipes under the road seemingly blocked with debris. Cleared by Highways on 15th Jan
- c) Gorse bushes etc encroaching onto the road / blocking visibility – top of Langburns Bank (left side of the heading into Castleton left hand bend) and Dibble Bridge Bank. Cutting back required – will be added to the brashing back list.
- d) New Road near Esk House – there seems to be a blocked roadside drain / ditch, water is running off the bank side over the road (thick ice the width of the road in freezing weather.) Awaiting inspection.
- e) Station Road, Castleton. The hedge of Postgate House is encroaching onto the road. Cutting back required – will be added to the brashing back list.
- f) Bridge over the Esk near the Eskdale Inn – damage to bird mouth fencing has been repaired.
- g) 'Post Box Corner', Westerdale Side – grit bin needed refilling - completed

5. **External Reports** - None

6. **Planning Applications**

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

NYM/2025/0786. 'Homeleigh', Dale End, Danby. Application to install replacement uPVC windows and doors together with replacement sandstone paving to front entrance and stairs. Resolved – no objection

7. **Accounts / Financial**

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

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond

- a) Danby Village Hall – request received to level and add paving slabs to the ground in front of the defibrillator. To be progressed by Clr Dodsworth
- b) NYC – Register of Interest forms – the Clerk reminded members of their ongoing responsibility to ensure their declarations were up to date.

9. Items reported by Parish Councillors

- a) An invitation from the NYMNPA has been received via Clr Watson regarding the option of using the new observatory classroom at the Moors Centre for Parish Council meetings. This is a community asset and the Authority are keen for it to be used. Clr Watson to progress.
- b) Station Bank, Castleton – serious concerns raised about the loose surface of the path and its filthy / slippery state due to fallen leaves.
- c) Old Mans Park, Castleton – problem with moles.
- d) High Street / Church Street, Castleton – blocked gullies
- e) Westerdale Side – a number of potholes need attention, particularly near Low House.
- f) Westerdale village up towards the cattle grid – pot holes need attention.
- g) Near Haggaback Farm – blocked road side ditches.
- h) Dale End, Danby, near the Chapel – blocked gully
- i) Area near Danby Chapel has been very badly churned up as a result of recent drainage work associated with the property on the opposite side of the road (possibly an issue for Dawney Estate)

10. Next meeting

Next routine meeting of the Parish Council will take place at **7pm, Wednesday 11th March 2026, Castleton Village Hall.**