



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

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

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies for absence Cllr Watson

2. Declarations of interest

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 11th February 2026 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the meeting held 11th Feb 2026

- a) Station Bank, Castleton – serious concerns raised about the loose surface of the path and its filthy / slippery state due to fallen leaves. Update – passed to Highways for inspection / further investigation.
- b) Old Mans Park, Castleton – problem with moles. Update – being progressed by the Village Caretaker.
- c) High Street / Church Street, Castleton – blocked gullies. Update – “been on site and found no blocked gullies, all appear to be flowing as they should. Was raining while on site”. (Members strongly dispute this assertion)
- d) Westerdale Side – a number of potholes need attention, particularly near Low House. Update – no defects found at intervention level.
- e) Westerdale village up towards the cattle grid – pot holes need attention. Update – Infilled potholes with 2 bags 6mm Viafix.
- f) Near Haggaback Farm – blocked road side ditches. – No update
- g) Dale End, Danby, near the Chapel – blocked gully. Update – order raised to have gullies sucked / jetted.
- h) 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. Reported to Dawney Estate to follow up.
- i) Broken fence Danby Village Green. Update – discussed with Danby Ct Leet, they don't believe the fence is their responsibility but will consider repair / replacement. (To be reported to Highways)

5. External Reports

CClr Chance gave a detailed verbal update regarding current issues at County Council level including reference to high expenditure in respect of children and adult services with education and child care provision being well reported upon. County's budget has taken a big hit because of the perceived lack of understanding at central government level regarding the difficulties in service delivery in rural areas. As a result of this (and other losses in income) Council tax has been raised to the maximum on the plus side Councillors will still be able to make local grants by way of the Locality Budget which will remain in place. There were no specific issues relating to the Parish.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

6. Planning Applications

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

- a) NYM/2026/0117. Application for demolition of porch and single storey conservatory to rear, alterations and construction of replacement single storey side extension and two storey rear extension at Scalefoot Farm, Commondale. Resolved – No objection
- b) NYM/2026/0113. Application for construction of replacement building for domestic garaging and storage purposes at rear of 27 High Street, Castleton. Resolved – No objection subject to the following observation. The Planning Application document at box 9 contains a factual inaccuracy, the person who has filled out the form has wrongly stated the existing roof on the building to be demolished is made of painted corrugated iron sheets. This assertion is wrong, the existing roof appears to be asbestos sheeting, which means removal and disposal of hazardous waste will need to be addressed.

7. Accounts / Financial

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

8. Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 7pm in Castleton Village Hall. The Assembly will be advertised as required informing those wishing to attend will have the opportunity of raising issues of concern and questioning the Parish Council. Given continued very poor public attendance no guest speaker will be invited.

9. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) NYC, Invitation to a Charity Reception being held on **Friday 24th April 2026** at 6:30pm at the Pavilions of Harrogate. Noted
- b) Correspondence rec'd from Alison Hume MP ref fixed and average speed cameras in North Yorkshire. Noted, NFA required.

10. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Concerns raised about the condition of the road through Westerdale village particularly where there has been road works in the past that have been patched. Some of the patched areas have sunk. (To be reported to highways.)
- b) Toad Beck, Ainthorpe – a request to be made to the Dawney Estate to complete clearing of the beck.
- c) Top of Howe Bank Castleton / Ainthorpe near the War Memorial corner – big potholes (To be reported to highways)
- d) The Allotment / Howe at the top end of Castleton is not being used as a garden but is a dumping ground. (Previously raised with the Court Leet, to be raised with the Dawney Estate)
- e) Door to the ladies toilet at Westerdale looks to be rotting at the bottom (Clerk to check in it can be repaired or will need replacing)
- f) Telecoms mast on The Howe. Some construction work has been undertaken but it seems this has stopped and the site has been left in a mess with the Harris fencing having fallen down. (Not sure who to report this to, Clerk to investigate.)
- g) Low Road a few yards beyond the junction near the Duke PH, Danby – the bird mouth fence (left hand side heading out of Danby) is rotten. (To be reported to highways.)

11. Next meeting

The next routine meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 15th April 2026 in Castleton Village Hall. The meeting will open immediately after the Annual Parish Assembly.