



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 15th April 2026** in Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: J Day (Chair), I Dodsworth, R Rudsdale, P Stonehouse, E Watson, S Medd, R Findlay, J Preston (Clerk), and two member of the public (interest in Agenda item 8b)

Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr's Thompson & Murrell

2. **Declarations of interest** None

3. **Minutes**

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

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 11th March**

- a) Broken fence Danby Village Green. Repairs completed by Highways.
- b) 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 reportedly sunk. Highways deem issues do not meet the required level for intervention.
- c) Toad Beck, Ainthorpe – a request has been made to the Dawney Estate to consider completion of clearing of the beck.
- d) Top of Howe Bank Castleton / Ainthorpe near the War Memorial corner – big potholes. Highways have initiated repairs.
- e) The Allotment / Howe at the top end of Castleton is not being used as a garden but is a dumping ground. Raised with the Court Leet / the Dawney Estate)
- f) Door to the ladies toilet at Westerdale looks to be rotting at the bottom. The Clerk is of the opinion the door can be repaired.
- g) 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. The Clerk reported that he had been unable to identify who is responsible for the site but it seems work has stopped because of archaeological issues.
- h) Low Road a few yards beyond the junction near the Duke PH, Danby – damaged / rotten bird mouth fence (left hand side heading out of Danby). Repaired by Highways.

5. **External Reports** None presented

6. **Planning Applications**

Members considered the Planning Application below

- a) HP/2026/00073 Application for the construction of single storey extensions and alterations including removal of rear conservatory and addition of timber cladding together with creation of raised deck to rear, turning area and construction of garden building at HEDERA COTTAGE (track from Potter Side Lane to Skelderskew Farm) Comondale, YO21 2HG. Resolved – no objection
- b) FL/2026/00093 Application for the erection of agricultural feed and machinery storage building at Woodhead Farm, Fryup, YO21 2AR. Resolved – support Local farmer updating facilities in line with a legal requirement soon to be in place regarding coverage of feed storage areas.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

7. Accounts / Financial

- a) Members considered the statement of accounts for the preceding month and authorised payment of outstanding invoices.
- b) By resolution members approved the appointment of an Internal Auditor (accounts year ending 31 March 2026)
- c) Members considered the Financial Risk Management Policy drafted and explained by the Clerk and resolved adoptions.
- d) The Clerk informed members of receipt of a £500 grant from the Court Leet by way of a contribution towards the cost of grass cutting etc. Members expressed their gratitude and praised the work of the Court Leet in relation to their local management of Dawney Estate affairs.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) NYMNPA Notification of proposed work to trees in the Conservation Area, 19-20 Sunnyside, Castle Close Castleton, YO21 2ER – Noted, no response deemed necessary.
- b) Request received from a Castleton family seeking the support of the Parish Council regarding tenancy of 14 Ashgrove, Castleton, which is a Sanctuary Housing property. The local couple with two children attending Castleton School currently live in Castleton in property rented from the Camphill Trust. Their home suffers badly with dampness and water floods in via the back door when it rains, sand bags at the door are necessary. One of the children suffers with breathing issues because of the damp. The couple very much wish to continue to live in Castleton and are aware 14 Ash Grove will imminently become vacant and the support of the Parish Council is sought. The Parish Council is aware there is interest in the property from at least one other local family. The Clerk was tasked with contacting Sanctuary Housing to emphasise the need for the property to continue to be subject of local occupancy.
- c) NYMNPA Village Enhancement Scheme (which will replace the Village Caretakers grant) – more information to be sought.

9. Items reported by Councillors

- a) Ainthorpe Lane – two water leaks, one almost adjacent to number 23 where it seems mains water is emanating from a road side gully and the second in the middle of the road just below the fire station.
- b) Wood End road near Riddings Farm – road side fence has fallen away
- c) Wood End road on the approach to Dale Side Farm – potholes.
- d) Complaints raised regarding the positioning of signage regarding the recent road closure Ainthorpe Lane.

10. Next meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th May 2026 in Castleton Village Hall. The routine monthly meeting will open immediately after the Annual Meeting.