



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8th July 2026** in Castleton Village Hall.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

Prior to the meeting opening, the Chair wanted it placed on record that the Parish Council and especially the residents of Comondale wished to express their gratitude for the service of Councillor Murrell resigning from the Parish Council shortly to move out of the Parish with his family.

1. **Apologies for absence** Clr's Rudsdale, R Findlay

2. **Declarations of interest** None

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 10th June 2026 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 10th June**

Highways updates:

1. Grit bin, Langburns Bank (smashed as a result of a road traffic collision) – bin will be replaced prior to the winter season
2. Road condition Sloethorn Park, (Hagaback Farm to the junction near Hob Hole) - inspected by highways 28th June and some patching has been done.
3. Sandy Lane j/w Blakey Lane vegetation impeding view – “no actionable defect found”
4. Comondale Church car park fence – issue for the landowner not NYC
5. Castleton High Street rotten / rusty posts on a sign reported - “no actionable defect found”
6. Ainthorpe Lane, Howe End towards Danby School, poor road condition – “defect fixed by highway officer”
7. Danby School up towards Botton Village, poor road condition - “defect fixed by highway officer”
8. Cattle Grid, Westerdale reportedly full of silt / debris – order placed for the grid to be cleared.

5. **External Reports** None

6. **Planning Applications**

- a) **R3/2026/00239 National Park Centre Danby Lodge.** Application under Regulation 3 (Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992) for operational development comprising installation of permeable surface to existing overflow car park and formalising of car parking spaces. Resolved – no objections
- b) **HP/2026/00222 1 Esk Mill, New Road, Castleton.** Application for the construction of a single storey side extension. Resolved – no objections

7. **Accounts / Financial**

- 7.1 Members, by resolution approved the monthly financial report prepared by the Clerk and authorised payment of outstanding invoices.
- 7.2 Service Level Agreement prepared by North Yorkshire Council relating to the provision of funding to the Parish Council for “the maintenance of cemeteries and / or closed churchyards”. Funding

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

previously received by way of Scarborough Borough Council's Model Agreement which has been abolished by NYC and replaced with an individual agreement between NYC and the Parish Council. Following a lengthy exchange of correspondence between NYC and the Clerk a new favourable Agreement has been drawn up. By resolution the Agreement was accepted and signed on behalf of the Parish Council by the chair.

7.3 Parochial Church Council annual grant. On the basis that the new Agreement (7.2 above) has been accepted, by resolution members resolved approve the annual grant in the sum of £1,018.07 (100% of the sum allocated by NYC).

7.4 Funding from North Yorkshire Council relating to Parks & open spaces (Funding previously received by way of Scarborough Borough Council's Model Agreement which has been abolished by NYC and is to be replaced with an individual agreement between NYC and the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that an agreement reportedly drafted along the same lines as the Cemeteries Agreement (above) is being prepared. To remain an agenda item for the next meeting.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) Rural Bus Franchising study, funded by the Department for Transport.** A response to the online survey was formulated for submission by the Clerk.
- b) Condition of land at the rear of Castle Close** (raised by a member of the public). This issue is considered to be a private matter and not something the Parish Council has any powers in respect of.
- c) NYMNPA Joint Parish Forum 29/7/2026** – Noted, the Clerk and Cllr Day to attend

9. Items reported by Councillors

- a)** Dibble Bridge Bank ascending from the Castleton side towards the River Esk bridge – road sign obscured by gorse etc.
- b)** Langburns Bank directly under the railway bridge – poor road surface / pot holes in the middle of the road.
- c)** Langburns Bank – request to be submitted to Highways, can consideration be given to extending the 30mph zone further up the bank. (Reasons – location of the tennis court and the number of somewhat concealed driveways.)

10. Next meeting

The next routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th September 2026 in Castleton Village Hall.