



A routine meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 10th June 2026** in Castleton Village Hall.

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

Minutes of the Meeting

Prior to the commencement of formal business, the Chair congratulated County Councillor Chance on being elected as Chair of North Yorkshire Council

1. **Apologies for absence** Clr's Day, Watson & Stonehouse
2. **Declarations of interest** Clr Rudsadale expressed an interest in the Planning Application item 6C below.
3. **Minutes**
The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 13th May 2026 were accepted by resolution as true records and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising from the meeting held 13th May** – None raised
5. **External Reports**
CClr Chance raised two issues of local interest. It was reported that NYC had taken over ownership / running of Whitby Leasure Centre but the most important issue related to problems and complaints regarding the Councils home to school transport policy. CClr Chance explained he and other individual Councillors were powerless with regards changes to the Policy with the only route available being via the County's Appeals Committee.
6. **Planning Applications**
 - a) **R3/2026/00192** Application to remove a ford comprised of low culvert crossing Bagdale Beck North of Westerdale (near the cricket field) and construct a bridge. The scheme is a river improvement scheme to support the migration of fish and improve the river environment. Resolved – no objection.
 - b) **R3/2026/00180** Location - North of Foresters Lodge Stonebeck Gate Lane to Fryup Lodge. Application under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for wetland and river restoration project comprising creation of channel, scrapes and ponds. Resolved – no objection.
 - c) **LB/2026/00211** Crag House Farm, Cornforths Lane, Danby Head, YO21 2NW. Listed Building consent to regularise removal of plywood walls and plaster to expose range and stone heck, formation of masonry surround within the inglenook, removal of brick wall between kitchen and stair, removal of breezeblock wall in sitting room, installation of beams, laying of floorboards over existing, replacement external wall to what is now a utility room and cladding in stone, replacement doors and window, replacement stair and works to roof. Resolved – no objection.
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 previously received by way of Scarborough Borough Council's Model Agreement which has been

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abolished by NYC and replaced with an individual agreement between NYC and the Parish Council. The re-drafted agreement has yet to be provided by NYC. To remain an agenda item for the next meeting.

- 7.3** 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. In respect of both 7.2 & 7.3 CClr Chance agreed to enquire as to progress.

- 7.4 NYMNPA toilet grant** The Clerk reported that for this Financial Year the Parish Council had received a grant amounting to £2,227.54 from NYMNPA. Looking ahead however due to financial constraints being faced by the NYMNPA no further grants will be paid to the Parish Council. However, it is possible the Parish Council could receive a one-off payment from the Authority's Capital Budget (probably equal to what has been received this year). To receive this grant the Parish Council would need to come up with a project / idea aimed at reducing costs or generating an income from the toilets to offset expenditure. To this end as well as financial backing, help and support would be provided by the Authority. After a lengthy debate members agreed that saving a substantial amount of money or generating a meaningful income from the toilets would be difficult if not impossible. Small savings in respect of the Water Rates could perhaps be made at Commondale by using a rainwater harvesting system and a donation system could perhaps raise some income. There is no way of knowing at this time how many people are using the toilets. Clerk to progress with NYMNPA.

8. Correspondence (to note receipt / respond)

- a) **NYMNPA – Village Enhancement Scheme Pilot.** Invitation to attend a meeting at 11am, Tuesday 7th July in the Committee Room at the NYMNPA headquarters Helmsley. Cllr Rudsdale will attend and report back.
- b) **Changes to requirements regarding contents of Register of Interest forms.** The Clerk advised members that there had been a change in legislation regarding publication of a Councillor's personal address on the ROI form. The Clerk consequently will send all members a new form by email for their completion and return.
- c) **Letter of resignation from the Parish Council.** Councillor Murrell has written to the Chair informing him of his intention to resign with effect of 20th July 2026 as he and his family are moving out of the area.

9. Items reported by Councillors

- a) The Cattle grid top end of Westerdale is blocked with silt to such an extent that sheep are able to walk across.

10. Next meeting

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