



The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017** at Castleton Village Hall.

Prior to the meeting opening, Mr Iain Margetts signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Present :** Councillors: G. Banner, J Day, R Findlay, P Stonehouse, R Rudsdale, E Watson, I Dodsworth, P Caffry, I Margetts and J. Preston (Clerk).

**1. Declarations of Interest** Cllr Rudsdale declared an interest in agenda item 6.2 (planning application re construction of a parking facility Danby Lodge).

**2. Apologies for absence** N/A – all Parish Councillors in attendance.

**3. Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising**

The Clerk updated members in respect of highways issues which had been reported at last month's meeting – all issues had been addressed with the exception of (1) the pothole near the Coop in Castleton which apparently does not meet the criteria whereby repairs are required and (2) overhanging trees on the approach to the bridge over the River Esk in Danby (on the left side of the road approaching from Ainthorpe) – Clerk to re-report this matter.

Training ref planning issues – Clerk to write to NYMNPA and request an input.

**5. External reports** – None presented.

**6. Planning**

**6.1** NYM/2017/0407/F/CU. Application in respect of change of use of the former NatWest Bank, to create two holiday cottages or local occupancy housing together with external alterations at 4 High Street, Castleton. There was a lengthy debate in respect of this proposed alteration to the application previously submitted and members were generally concerned about the apparent lack of consistency on the part of the Authority. In respect of this application the Authority had suggested the amendment ref local occupancy as opposed to holiday lets whereas in respect of the application regarding the old filter house at Westerdale the suggested amendment has been the exact opposite i.e. holiday let rather than local occupancy. As the proposal / application now stands there is an apparent contradiction of advice / opinion previously provided by the Authority in respect of what the old bank could or could not be used for. Clerk to write to NYMNPA

**6.2** NYM/2017/0554/FL. Application in respect of change of use of land to form a car park at land adjacent to Danby Lodge, Lodge Lane, Danby. **Resolved to support** – the addition of parking facilities will negate the need for roadside / on-road parking and thereby improve road safety.

**6.3** NYM/2017/0382/FL. Application in respect of replacement playground surface at Castleton Primary School. **Resolved to support** – enhancement of school facilities and improved child safety

**6.4** NYM/2017/0483/FL. Application in respect of resurfacing existing access track at Hollins Farm, Westerdale. **Resolved no objections.**

**6.5** NYM/2017/0550/FL. Application in respect of variation of condition 2 (material amendment) to allow an increase in height of mast at Arqiva Site, The Howe, Danby Low Moor, Castleton. (Total height of mast 20m). **Resolved to support** – much needed improvement to the areas telecoms situation.

Signed as a true record: .....(Chair) Date: .....

6.6 NYM/2016/0829/LB. Application re listed building consent for the replacement of 8 timber double glazed windows. **Resolved no objections**

**7. Accounts**

The monthly breakdown of accounts was presented, which members resolved to accept, payment of outstanding invoices was authorised.

**8 Blockwork car parking area High Street, Castleton**

The Clerk reported that subsequent to last month's meeting he had been in contact with Mr Dowson to discuss the necessary repairs – Mr Dowson had quoted the estimated cost of repairs to be in the region of £500. Members resolved to accept the quote – Clerk to contact Mr Dowson accordingly. Clerk also to contact the Agent dealing with the conversion of the old NatWest Bank.

**9. Public Conveniences at Danby**

(Document circulated in advance of the meeting) Written confirmation received from Mr Thompson SBC that the closure of the public conveniences at Danby would be progressed. SBC are required to give 28 days' written notice ref termination of the existing agreement. A fresh agreement in respect of Castleton toilets will need to be negotiated. Members expressed their disappointment at the decision. Closure of the Danby toilets will ultimately mean a change to the arrangements currently in place with Mr Taylor ref cleaning. Members in agreement that Mr Taylor does a good job in sometimes difficult circumstances. Members to assess the toilets in Commondale, Westerdale and Castleton ref the possible need to re-decorate etc.

**10. Correspondence**

10.1 Email from a Castleton resident regarding parking in the village. Members expressed their sympathy and agreement in respect of the lack of parking in Castleton but acknowledged the Parish Council were not financially or legally in a position to do anything to alleviate the situation.

10.2 Northern Area Parish Forum, Wednesday 4th October – noted.

**11. Items reported by Parish Councillors**

The following highways issues were raised and are to be reported by the Clerk.

- a) Lodge Lane, Danby in a poor state generally and specifically in respect of potholes
- b) Briar Hill, Danby (on the left exiting the village) – kerbs / sets damaged
- c) Westerdale vegetation / trees overhanging near the water ford effectively reducing the width of the road.

Other issues raised:

- d) The 'Station Road' street name sign is missing from the wall of the old tea room.
- e) The Seated Man. Visitor numbers are seemingly much higher than anticipated and this is causing a problem with regards litter and parking on the roadside (71 vehicles counted on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon)

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm.**

**Date of next meeting of the Parish Council – 7.00pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017**