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The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017** at Castleton Village Hall.

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

1. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Day declared an interest in agenda item 9, Grant Application re Castleton Play Area.
2. **Apologies for absence** - Received from B/Cllr C Pearson (Council business in Malton).
3. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
  - A. Duck Bridge – The Clerk advised that he contacted NYMNPA requesting they consider erecting and funding a suitable sign at Duck Bridge – reply awaited.
  - B. Ref the Annual Parish Assembly the Clerk reported that Mr Santon, NYCC Highways had agreed to attend as a guest speaker.
  - C. Regarding the parking issue reported by Cllr Caffry the clerk reported that he had established that N. Yks Police had responded to complaints regarding vehicles parking in the Co-Op loading bay. All agreed the parking problems in Castleton were becoming worse especially in respect of vehicles parking partly on the pavement leaving insufficient room for wheel chair users and people with pushchairs to pass. Resolved that the Clerk would draft a suitable letter for all residents living in a particular area which would be hand delivered by Cllr Rudsdale.
  - D. The Clerk reported that as far as Westerdale Side is concerned Area 3 Highways had confirmed that no additional grit heaps or bins would be located in the area as the specific criteria were not met.
5. **External reports** No reports presented.
6. **Accounts** The Clerk presented the monthly balance sheet and members resolved to settle outstanding issues - cheques signed accordingly. Members acknowledged the grant received from the Court Leet – Clerk to write a letter of thanks.
7. **Planning**
  - (a) **NYM/2016/0894/FL** Application regarding alterations and construction of a single storey extension at Fold Green, 20 Brooke Lane, Ainthorpe. Resolved no objection
  - (b) Regarding West Cliff Farm, Danby Head, Danby – (b1) application in respect of **listed building consent (NYM/2016/0844/LB)** for the conversion of a former meeting house / store to a residential annex accommodation (retrospective) together with installation of a rooflight to the rear roofslope and (b2) a retrospective application **(NYM/2016/0843/FL)** to carry out the afore mentioned works. Resolved no objection
  - (c) Planning application made by “Friends of Abbeyfield”.  
The Clerk reported that he had received advice from Mrs Strangeway, Planning Administration Officer for NYMNPA who had confirmed her earlier advice.  
Parish Councils and Town Councils enjoy various rights under Schedule 2 Part 12 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 to carry out works without making a planning application. However, where Parish or Town Councils or their agents do need to apply,

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

Schedule 1 to the Fee Regulations provides that the fee is half the normal fee for the type of application in question.

The Authority further advised that the half price fee reduction applies **only** to applications for works by the Parish/Town Council required for the purposes of any function exercised by them on land belonging to or maintained by them or in relation to any public service administered by them.

- (d) Proposed telecommunications installation 'The Howe', Danby Low Moor. On the basis the installation would improve mobile phone coverage in the area Members resolved that unless there were fundamental alterations to the proposals that they would support the application when the time came. Clerk to advise the applicant in writing.

**8. Councillor Hudspeth**

In accordance with legislation members resolved that Cllr Hudspeth's seat on the Parish Council is vacant. The Clerk will post the necessary notices informing the electorate and will inform the Electoral Services unit, SBC.

**9. Grant Application – Castleton Play Area**

Members considered a Grant Application made on behalf of Castleton Play Area and agreed by resolution to provide financial support in a sum yet to be determined. The grant will be dependent up on the success or otherwise of other fund raising efforts and applications for grants made to other organisations.

**10. Visit of Mr Goodwill MP Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

The Chair expressed her disappointment at the support given by members in respect of Mr Goodwill's visit but reported that overall the visit had been successful. Mr Goodwill had spoken to people at the coffee morning and had them spent time in the Old Chapel Tea Room discussing issues with regards the post office.

**11. Clerk's Training**

The Clerk reported he had completed an on line 'e learning programme' and had thereby attained a recognised qualification ie 'Introduction to Local Council Administration'.

**12. Cattle grid gates – Westerdale**

The clerk reported that a Westerdale resident had reported that two cattle grid gates handle (one south end of the village on the road up towards Ralphs Cross and the second near Quarry Farm / Westerdale Side) were in a poor state of repair being difficult to handle. Resolved – Clerk to report to Highways.

**13. Items reported by Parish Councillors**

Cllr Caffry passed favourable comment about the cleaning of the sandstone slabs near to the quoit pitch and the Grange. But raised concerns about the amount of rubbish on the low road towards Danby from around Six Arches Bridge – Clerk to report as appropriate.

Cllr Stonehouse again raised concerns about the off sets on Dibble Bank which were blocked / overgrown and thereby causing problems with water run off. Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr Dodsworth reported that a Danby resident had raised concerns about erosion to the beckside near to the Danby Methodist Church – Clerk to report to the Environment Agency.

Cllr Day raised concerns about the amount of dog excrement in the village – Clerk to contact SBC for signage and possibly seek the services of the dog warden.

Cllr Rudsdale raised concerns ref pot holes on Howe Wath (to be reported to Highways) and requested that refurbishment of the old NatWest Bank be put on the agenda for the March meeting.

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm.**

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017**