



The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 19th July 2017** at Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: G. Banner, J Day, R Findlay, P Stonehouse, R Rudsdale, E Watson, I Dodsworth, P Caffry C/Cllr C Pearson, J. Preston (Clerk) and one member of the public (for part of the meeting).

1. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Rudsdale declared an interest in agenda item 7.6 (planning application, 4 Ainthorpe Court, Easton Lane, Ainthorpe).
2. **Apologies for absence** N/A – all Councillors in attendance.
3. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held 14th June 2017 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
Parish Notice Boards – the Clerk previously reported the poor state of all notice boards and advised members a grant application had been submitted to the Sirius Minerals Foundation; however notification of outcome will not be received until September.
5. **Parish Council vacancy**
Members considered the two applications which had been received i.e. from Mrs A. Hudspeth and Mr I. Margetts. Following debate members resolved to accept the application received from Mr Margetts and as such he would be co-opted on to the Parish Council.
6. **External reports** – C/Cllr Pearson gave a brief outline of issues in respect of Scarborough Council.
7. **Planning**
 - 7.1 **NYM/2017/0407/F/CU**. Application in respect of change of use of the former NatWest Bank, to create two holiday cottages together with external alterations at 4 High Street, Castleton. **Resolved no objection.**
 - 7.2 **NYM/2017/0426/NM**. Application for a non-material amendment to planning approval to allow re-location of a flue at 20 Fold Green, 20 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe. **Resolved no objection.**
 - 7.3 **NYM/2017/0436/FL**. Application ref construction of an agricultural building for livestock at Danby Lodge Farm, Lodge lane, Danby. **Resolved to support** on the basis the applicant seeks to enhance a family business and also in respect of animal welfare grounds.
 - 7.4 **NYM/2017/0445/CU**. Ref Stonebeck Gate Farm, Little Fryup – application to change the use of existing buildings into a tea room / crafts and a museum together with ancillary car parking. **Resolved no objection**
 - 7.5 **NYM/2017/0458/FL**. 32 High Street, Castleton – application to build a 2 storey detached annex following the demolition of an existing garage. **Resolved to object.** As part of the debate in respect of this application a letter of objection from a member of the public was read out to members. Grounds for objection – (1) members do not view the proposed development as an annex to the existing house but rather as a separate dwelling. (2) members are of the understanding an existing planning permission for an annex at the same address but at a different location within the land associated with the property is already in existence, which has not been acted upon. (3) members see the proposal as being an over development of the site and not in keeping with existing properties – the application is to essentially replace a single storey flat roofed garage with a two storey, pitched roof self-contained dwelling which is wider, higher and more than double the length of the existing garage.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

7.6 **NYM/2017/0456/FL.** Application to subdivide 4 Ainthorpe Court, Easton Lane, Ainthorpe to create a self-contained holiday cottage together with the addition of 1 extra car parking space.

Resolved no objection.

7.7 **NYM/2017/0247/FL.** Application for the conversion of the redundant water works filter house, Westerdale into holiday accommodation. (An earlier application considered by the Parish Council was to convert the property into a local occupancy dwelling, however on the advice of NYMNPA the applicant / property developer and re-submitted the application). **Resolved no objection.**

8. Accounts

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

9 Blockwork car parking area High Street, Castleton

The Clerk reported that subsequent to last month's meeting he had been in contact with Area 3 Highways - the area in question is not classed as maintainable highway nor does it show on the NYCC mapping system. As a result the Clerk further reported that he had attended County Hall, Northallerton and there established that the piece of land in question is common land which on previous application was vested in the Danby Parish Council, the land is therefore the responsibility of the Parish Council. As a result the Clerk advised that he had been back in contact with Highways to seek advice re a site survey to establish what (if any repairs were needed) and also to obtain a list of approved contractors – response awaited. Members resolved that a local contractor, Mr Dowson should be contacted and a quote sought regarding any repairs deemed necessary.

10. Public Conveniences at Danby

A report prepared by the Clerk subsequent to a meeting he had had with Paul Thompson, Operations, Transport and Countryside Manager, Scarborough Borough Council had been circulated in advance of the meeting and the contents of the report debated. The Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer made it clear and expressed his concerns that the Parish Council budget was currently inadequate so as to allow the Parish Council to take over ownership and full responsibility of the Danby toilets.

The consensus was that members see the toilets as a valuable public amenity which they do not wish to see closed. The Parish Council **cannot** take on ownership responsibility **unless** SBC agree (1) to waive the business rates currently payable in respect of Westerdale toilets and give 100% relief in respect of Danby toilets (as currently the situation with Commondale) **and** (2) undertake / action the renovation / modernisation of the existing facility.

The Clerk expressed the view that if the Parish Council wished to progress the issue as debated then it would also be appropriate to attempt to re-negotiate the terms of toilet maintenance grant paid to the Parish Council by SBC – the Clerk advised the agreement had been entered into in January 2007 with a fixed sum specified with there being no mention of index linking. The Clerk was tasked with contacting Mr Thompson.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 SBC's notification re the commencement of an electoral review of Scarborough Borough Council by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Noted, no Parish Council action required
- 11.2 Notification of Public consultation regarding options to improve collaboration between North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. Noted, no Parish Council action required.
- 11.3 Joint Parish Forum Wednesday, 26 July at Hutton le Hole. Noted.
- 11.4 Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Addendum of Proposed Changes to the Publication Draft Plan. Noted, no Parish Council action required.

12. Items reported by Parish Councillors

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

- a) Burtree Lane road bridge over Danby Beck – damage to railings / stone work on the bridge (possible road traffic collision)

- b) Danby, Dale End / Ainthorpe Lane – trees overhanging the road are obstructing the view of road signs.
- c) Danby, St John’s Well spring flowing into an overflowing stone trough causing ‘flooding’ of the road due to a blocked road side gully.
- d) Castleton, New Road / Station road the granite sets of the grassed triangle have been damaged
- e) Castleton / Danby road – bridge over the River Esk / road bridge over the railway – damage to railings / rotten wooden post.
- f) Pothole Castleton High Street o/s the Coop
- g) Pothole Westerdale near the Cricket Field.

Road works opposite Lockwood Beck junction – temporary signage at the junction was in such a position as to obstruct the view of approaching traffic – R & C Council to be informed.

Grass / garden waste is being tipped / dumped on land in Danby – this is both unsightly and possibly hazardous to sheep. Cllr Caffry to inform the Clerk as to who may be responsible and the Clerk will write accordingly.

Cllr Caffry suggested that it may be useful for all members to receive some training from NYMNPA regarding planning issues – Clerk to attempt to progress.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Date of next meeting of the Parish Council – 7.00pm Wednesday 30th August 2017