



The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 14th June 2017** at Castleton Village Hall.

Present : Councillors: G. Banner, J Day, R Findlay, P Stonehouse, R Rudsdale, E Watson, C/Cllr C Pearson and J. Preston (Clerk). Apologies for absence received from Cllr I Dodsworth and Cllr Caffry.

1. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Rudsdale declared an interest in agenda item 6.1 (planning application Forest Farm, Castleton).
2. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held 3rd May 2017 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - 3.1 Mention was made by various councillors ref receipt of correspondence from Mr Duncan Cameron of (as stated) 'The Botton Village family Group' – Brighton address supplied. DC had written in opposition to planning application NYM/2017/0219/FL, which had been debated at last month's meeting. The Chair reported that he had responded to DC's letter (received 12th June) advising it was not possible for the parish Council to debate the issue further prior to the meeting of the NYMNPA Planning Committee which was scheduled for 15th June. NFA required.
 - 3.2 The Clerk reported that Sanctuary Housing were now declining to send a representative to any meeting of the Parish Council, a promise had been made to provide written material which would explain the housing allocation process.
 - 3.3 Public Conveniences at Danby, the Clerk reported that he had written to Mr J Dillon, Chief Exec SBC and to Andy Wilson, Chief Exec, NYMNPA (and subsequently to Mr Gunton NYMNPA) ref the threatened closure of the toilets at Danby. A response was awaited from Mr Gunton. No reply had been received from Mr Dillon but in response to the letter sent to him, Mr Paul Thompson Operations, Transport and Countryside Manager, Scarborough Borough Council had made email contact suggesting a meeting with the Clerk as a means of reporting the current situation. (Agreed the Clerk should seek to meet Mr Thompson)
 - 3.4 West Lane, Danby – damaged fence. The Electricity Board had accepted responsibility and will repair the damage caused.
 - 3.5 The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed without any problems by Mr Owens of Argot Accounting. All necessary documentation had subsequently been submitted to the external auditor and the unaudited accounts had been published on line as required.
 - 3.6 Gates and cattle grids – latest information from Area 3 Highways – legal advice is being sought as to where the responsibility for repair lies.
4. **Parish Council vacancy**

Members resolved the vacancy created by the retirement of Cllr Reeves should now be advertised as per the co-option process. Clerk to post the necessary notices with a 21 day deadline. Any applications received are to be considered as an agenda item at the July meeting.
5. **External reports** – no reports presented.
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1 **NYM/2017/0207/FL**. Application in respect of the erection of a milking parlour building and tank room at Forest Farm, Castleton. **Resolved to support** – young family with children seeking to carry on with and enhance a family business. New milking parlour will improve productivity and will be more hygienic.

Signed as a true record:(Chair) Date:

6.2 NYM/2017/0269/FL. Application in respect of a non-material amendment to planning approval NYM/2013/0510/FL – i.e. reduction in the size of the garage previously approved and an amendment to the type of doors, Hareslack Farm, Castleton. Resolved no objection.

6.3 NYM/2017/0247/FL. Application ref conversion of the redundant water filter house to one local occupancy dwelling at Westerdale Filter House, Westerdale Moor. Resolved no objection.

6.4 NYM/2017/0362/FL. Application in respect of Westgate Farm, Commondale ref construction of extensions to the rear and first floor of an existing building, erection of an agricultural building and temporary siting of a static caravan. Resolved no objection.

7 Accounts

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

7.2 Banking arrangements – By resolution members approved amendment to the list of authorised signatories.

8 Grass cutting

Grass cutting at the identified junction visibility splays will be undertaken by Mr Jonathan Raw at the same cost as the previous year. Approved by resolution.

9 Correspondence

‘Stronger Communities’ – it was not deemed necessary at this stage to arrange a presentation on behalf of Stronger Communities ref the availability of grant funding.

10 Items reported by Parish Councillors

Cllr Findlay reported the “Seated Man” sculpture was now in place.

Cllr Stonehouse reported the following highways issues (Clerk to report):

- Lodge Lane, Danby tar spraying had been done but pot holes had not been repaired prior to spraying being undertaken.
- The area known as St John’s Well, West Lane, Danby (Opposite the Duke PH) was again leaking water onto the road.
- Certain gullies in Castleton (specifically opposite to the old Moorlands Hotel) were blocked and during recent heavy rains a nearby house sustained water damage as a result.

The Clerk informed members that Mr Taylor had reported that some of the cobbles of the parking area in front of the old NatWest Bank were probably in need to resetting – to be reported in the first instance to Area 3 Highways.

The Clerk also reported that the Parish Notice boards were now in a poor state of repair, and perhaps even beyond repair. Prices to be obtained and the possibility of obtaining a grant to be explored.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Date of next meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 19th July 2017 at 7:00pm