



The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016** at Castleton Village Hall.

**Present**

Councillors: P Reeves, G Banner, P Caffry, J Day, R Findlay, R Rudsdale, B/Cllr Pearson and J. Preston (Clerk)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting members heard from PC Darren Mortimer, NYP Rural Taskforce. PC Mortimer discussed the monthly Police Report, which had been circulated in advance and published on the Council Website. He explained the Rural Taskforce comprises of 6 Police Constables and 6 PCSO's who work as a team policing an area as tasked and intelligence led, when not specifically tasked officers will revert to their 'home' beat. PC Mortimer passed on brief information regarding arrests which had been made in respect of vehicle crime (including crimes committed at the Moors Centre) and a distraction burglary in Glaisdale. PC Mortimer also informed members regarding the acquisition of a new Police vehicle with mobile ANPR capabilities and the ongoing cross-border initiative – 'Operation Shudder'.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**2. Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllr Hudspeth and Cllr Stonehouse. Cllr Dodsworth absent but no apology received.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising**

- A. Repositioning the defib unit – agenda item 9 (below)
- B. Public conveniences – B/Cllr Pearson informed members that no Parish Council had agreed to take over a public convenience and therefore the matter was to be referred back to SBC cabinet.
- C. Telephone kiosk removal – still in the consultation process, this Parish's objections / concerns with regards Commondale and Westerdale call boxes had been included on the submission document. The call box in Fryup needs to be added for retention for the same reasons.
- D. Cllr Findlay reiterated concerns regarding the provision of road grit on Westerdale Side – clerk to progress.

**5. External reports**

B/Cllr Pearson informed members:

- A. SBC were concerned with regards the number of complaints being received in respect of damage sustained to vehicle tyres following hedge cutting, he warned that farmers / contractors could possibly face prosecution but also advised that SBC will attend and clean roads where necessary.
- B. A further survey is to be conducted in Castleton and Danby ref Community led housing projects.
- C. Problems were being encountered with regards 'on line' reporting faulty street lights because of a change which has been made to the NYCC website. All street lighting columns were previously shown on the on-line system including those which were not the responsibility of NYCC, these columns no longer are showing up on the street maps which makes reporting to SBC difficult (Clerk to explore).

**6. Clerk's Contract of Employment**

Members resolved to approve the wording / terms of the Clerk's Contract of Employment with the DGPC. The Chair thanked Cllr Caffry for his work in this regard. The Clerk and the Chair both signed duplicate copies of the Contract.

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

## **7. Accounts**

The Clerk presented a detailed breakdown of the current financial position including projections for the remainder of this financial year and also for the financial year 2017 / 18.

Details of SBC's 'Model Agreement' for the financial year 2017 / 18 were discussed and the Chair signed SBC's proposal form regarding estimated expenditure. As per the Agreement the Parish Council will receive £4732.79 from the Borough Council to assist with expenditure during 2017 / 18.

On the basis of the presentation given by the Clerk with regards projected income and expenditure for 2017 / 18 and following discussions, members resolved to set the Precept demand at £12,200 i.e. zero increase in resident's Council tax.

Members resolved to settle all outstanding invoices, cheques signed accordingly.

## **8. Planning**

- A. NYM/2016/0774/FL** Application regarding the laying of hardcore and use of land as an overflow carpark and for the storage of vehicles at disused quarry, Langburn Bank, Castleton (retrospective). Resolved to support – good use being put to a previously disused and rundown / unsightly area and also support for local business.
- B. NYM/2016/0789/FL** Application regarding the construction of three dormer windows to the rear elevation following the removal of a larger single dormer window at 'Fold Green' 20 Brook Lane, Ainthorpe. Resolved no objection

**9. Defibrillator Unit** The Clerk advised members that the Village Hall Committee had agreed for the defibrillator to be relocated on the wall of the Village Hall and for the Hall to absorb the electrical running costs. Linda Lloyd (NHS, HEN / CCG) had been informed and she in turn had informed the private donor who had also approved the move. The Clerk had drafted a letter to Mrs Champion explaining the reasons behind the move and requesting her cooperation – letter signed by the Chair. Relocation to be progressed once contact has been made by Mrs Champion ref access to the garage to enable the unit to be disconnected.

## **9. North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme**

The Chair briefed members with regards the type of projects likely to attract grant aid.

## **10. Correspondence**

- (a) The York Potash Foundation ref the recruitment of volunteer grant assessors to assist with its first grants programme. (Details circulated by e-mail) – Noted, no action required.
- (b) Robert Goodwill MP – discussion ref correspondence to / from Mr Goodwill re Post Office and the 'Rural Infrastructure'. Mr Goodwill has advised that he will attend Catleton coffee morning on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January to meet with parishioners (Posters needed – Clerk to action)
- (c) North York Moors National Park Authority's Community Grant 2017/18 – scheme now open for applications. Noted, no action required.
- (d) Castleton play area annual independent safety inspection report for 2016. Noted, no action required, copy of the report provided to Cllr Day.
- (e) YLCA membership 2017-18. Clerk advised that membership fee is based on the size of the electorate and accordingly 2017 membership will cost the DGPC £317. Invoice not yet received, for information only at this time and no action needed.
- (f) Superfast Broadband. The clerk advised correspondence had been received confirming that the necessary works would be undertaken / completed by summer 2017 ref installation of the necessary infrastructure to enable Commondale residents to benefit from superfast fibre broadband.

## **11. Items reported by Parish Councillors**

Cllr Caffry – concerns raised ref the footpath / pavement Briar Hill becoming overgrown due to verges encroaching over the paved area.

Also raised the topic of Duck Bridge – it seems evident that at some time there have been information boards / plaques near the bridge which are no longer present – clerk to explore with NYMNPA, NYCC and SBC

Cllr Findlay raised concerns regarding the provision of road salt – clerk to explore with highways.

Cllr Reeves thanked / congratulated Cllr Day with regard his ongoing efforts and commitment to the upgrade of the play area. The Chair also updated members ref her attendance at the recent NYCC Coast and Moors meeting (no immediate issues for the DGPC at this time).

**The meeting closed at 9:10pm.**

**Date of next meeting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**