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The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 13th July 2016** at Castleton Village Hall.

Present

Councillors: G Banner (Chairing the meeting), P Caffry, J Day, Borough Cllr C Pearson, County Cllr Swires (late arrival) and J. Preston (Clerk)

1. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Dodsworth, Cllr Reeves, Cllr Stonehouse, Cllr Hudspeth.
Not present / no apologies - Cllr Findlay.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 8th June 2016 were accepted by resolution as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising – from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th June (for information / update on outstanding actions). The Clerk advised all outstanding actions had been dealt with and all highways issues reported. The following updates were also provided.

13 (May minutes) Network Rail damage. The Clerk advised that as directed he had on the 13th June written (e-mail) to Mr Smith, Network Rail copying in Mr Goodwill MP. An automated reply had been received from Mr Goodwill but no formal response has so far been received. Mr Smith had not acknowledged receipt / replied. Clerk to monitor.

10.1 (June minutes) The Clerk advised that he had referred to detailed maps of the Parish and maps of the Redcar and Cleveland area and thereby confirmed the shelter referred to by Mr Baker was not within this Council's Parish Boundary – Mr Baker advised accordingly

10.3 (June minutes) Correspondence received from "Historic England" in respect of the war memorial in Comondale confirming the 'Shepherds Memorial' has been 'listed'

5. External Reports

North Yorkshire Police were not represented at the meeting – the monthly report had been circulated and made public via the website. No issues of concern. Noted.

Borough Cllr Pearson informed the meeting that the Borough Council Cabinet had met on the 12th July to discuss the plan for the provision of public conveniences in the Borough (an issues pertinent to the PC's in Castleton & Danby). In brief, after considering the report submitted, Cabinet decided there would be no closures of Public conveniences. There would be further consultation later this year with a view to addressing the ongoing costs perhaps by way of a partnership approach.

6. Accounts

Council resolved to settle all outstanding invoices.

7. Planning

7.1a NYM/2016/0387/FL. Application in respect of a proposed sculpture (The Seated Figure) on Castleton Rigg, to the east of Station Gallery and Quarry Farm. **Resolved no objection.**

7.1b NYM/2016/0410/LB. & NYM/2016/0394/FL in respect of plans for conversion of adjoining outbuilding to form additional living accommodation together with installation of replacement windows

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and door to existing dwelling at Crag House Farm, Burtree Lane, Danby Head, Danby. There was some confusion in respect of this matter as two sets of papers had been received from NYMNPA, one set indicated this was an application in respect of a listed building but a second set (received subsequently) seemingly contradicted the earlier papers. Council were content to resolve 'no objection' if this was an ordinary application but were reluctant to commit if the application was indeed in respect of listed building consent. Clerk to respond accordingly.

7.1c NYM/2016/0497/NM ref Wesley Cottage, Commondale. Council recently considered an earlier application in respect of this property and previously resolved 'no objection' This specific application was being made retrospectively and concerned the height of the garage roof and revised window design. **Resolved no objection**

7.2 Council resolved that the 'Old Chapel Tea Rooms', Castleton should be nominated to receive an award in the 2016 North York Moors National Park Design Awards 2016. Clerk to progress.

7.3 Forestry Commission's "Public Register of Grant Schemes and Felling" in respect of

a)Forestry Commission case reference number – CRM512262. Fryup Gill Cycle Hub regarding planting of 5.2ha and

b)Forestry Commission case reference number – CRM496678. Ellers Farm regarding planting of 5.2ha
No response required from Council

8. Village caretaker

8.1 The Caretaker's Monthly Report was discussed – Noted, no issues.

8.2 The review of Parish Seats by Councillors. Cllr Day informed the meeting he had had completed his review and would report his findings in writing.

9. Grass cutting provisions

The Clerk advised that as directed he had sought tenders from four potential contractors in respect of the Parish's grass cutting requirements. Only one response had been received and after consideration Council resolved to retain the services of Mr Kemp. Clerk to inform Mr Kemp accordingly.

10. Defibrillator unit, Champion's Garage, Castleton.

Concerns raised regarding access difficulties – the garage has closed an a plastic chain link barrier has been erected in front of the premises which hinders access to the 'defib'. The Clerk advised he had been in contact with the HEN (Health Engagement Network) Officer the local representative on the HWRCCG (Hambleton, Richmond and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group) who was aware of the situation and was going to contact the Champion family. Council agreed that it was in the best interests of the community for the defib' to be relocated to a new site (to be confirmed) and that the cost of relocation would be met by the Parish Council. Clerk to remain in contact with HEN.

11. Parish Council website

The Clerk advised the meeting that the website was now live and publicly accessible. The Clerk would be responsible for maintenance / updating the site as deemed necessary.

12. DGPC Policies & Procedures

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had completed Policies / Procedures in respect of Complaints, Data Protection and Code of Conduct – these documents (and any other completed in the meantime) would be circulated to all Councillors for their consideration in advance of the next meeting. The documents would be an agenda item and adopted / approved thereby. All Policies etc. would be published on the website. The Clerk also advised he was in the process of addressing other Policies together with updating Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Publication Scheme all of which were legal requirements.

13. Correspondence

13.1 The Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service (qavs)

YLCA has circulated information on the Awards and nominations are sought, this is the equivalent of the MBE and the highest award available for voluntary groups in the UK. To be eligible, groups must have been running for at least 3 years and consist of a minimum of 2 people, the majority of whom must be volunteers. – No nominee came to mind, to remain as an agenda item for the next meeting.

13.2 Email from Mr P Bryan in relation to changes to septic tanks regulation and the possibility of connection to the main sewerage systems. Mr Bryan had copied this Council into an e-mail he had sent to Borough Councillor Pearson in which he had raised a number of issues which he stated in his opinion would affect a number of Castleton residents whose properties were not connected to the main sewerage system and thereby reliant upon septic tanks. Mr Bryan had closed his e-mail to the DGPC thus, "It would be helpful if the parish Council would peruse the potential for the extension of mains drainage in Castleton in the public interest." Mr Bryan had not quoted which regulation he was referring to or his source of information, it was therefore assumed by members he was referring to "General binding rules: small sewerage discharge to a surface water". These rules were laid down by the Environment Agency and first published in June 2015. Members acknowledged the issue potentially affected a large number of properties within the Parish (not just those referred to by Mr Bryan) but recognised the main sewerage system was the responsibility of Yorkshire Water (a for profit organisation), who were highly unlikely to be influenced by the County Council, Borough Council or indeed this Parish Council. Residents whose properties were connected to main sewerage systems paid for that service as part of their water rates bill whereas septic tank users water rates were proportionately less. Members were not unsympathetic but believed they were unable to progress this matter further. (Clerk to respond to Mr Bryan)

13.3 Letter from Rishi Sunak MP for Richmond seeking the Parish Council's support in petitioning the Government to direct Natural England to formally recognise the Coast to Coast walk as a National Trail. Council resolved to support Mr Sunak's petition. (Clerk to reply)

14. Items reported by Parish Councillors

Cllr PC raised concerns about the area between six arches bridge and the road bridge over the railway which was being used by picnickers who were leaving litter. B/Cllr Pearson suggested this be reported to SBC for consideration of a litter bin being sited in that location

By way of information only it was reported that Officers from Cleveland Police would shortly be making door to door enquiries in Danby in relation to outstanding murder investigations.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 31st August 2016.