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The monthly meeting of the Danby Group Parish Council took place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016** at Castleton Village Hall.

A member of North Yorkshire Police's Police Community Support Team was present and addressed the Police Report re crime and incidents in the area. The reports had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

### **Present**

Councillors: P Reeves (Chair), G Banner, A Hudspeth, P Caffry, R Rudsdale, P Stonehouse, J Day, R Findlay, Borough Cllr C Pearson, J. Preston (Clerk) and Mr Tom Chadwick (member of the public).

#### **1. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllr Dodsworth

#### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> May 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 4<sup>th</sup> May (for information / update on outstanding actions). The Clerk advised all outstanding actions had been dealt with and all highways issues reported.

10 Website. The Clerk advised that he hoped to have the website at a 'go live' stage (i.e. in the public domain) by the middle of the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. A link to the site would be sent to all Councillors and feedback sought with a view to discussing / agreeing a final version of the website at the July meeting of the PC. The website will also make publicly available Policies, Standing Orders etc.

13 Network Rail damage. The Clerk advised members of the update received from NYMNPA ie that contact had been made with Mr Clint Smith (Contact and Communities Executive, London and North East), who confirmed that Network Rail have zero budget for restoring boundaries to anything other than a bare stock-proof minimum. Council agreed that damage which had been caused had not been repaired to even the minimum standard and directed that the clerk should write in the strongest terms possible to Mr Smith and to Robert Goodwill MP.

**7.3 Item 7.3 on the agenda was taken out of sequence to allow Mr Chadwick to speak on the topic of the proposed "Seated Man" sculpture.** Mr Chadwick expressed his own opinions questioning the reasoning behind the proposal to site a sculpture on Brown Hill / Castleton Rig, Mr Chadwick believed a sculpture in the proposed location was unnecessary and added nothing to the landscape. He questioned the applicant's reasons for wanting a sculpture in the chosen location and stated in his view the sculpture would be more suitably located at one of the National Park's Visitors Centres.

**The planning application in respect of this matter will be an agenda item at the meeting of the DGPC on 13/7/16.**

#### **5. External Reports**

None presented

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

## 6. Accounts

- 6.1 Council resolved to settle all outstanding invoices.
- 6.2 Council resolved to increase the Clerk's Salary following a recommendation from the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

## 7. Planning

- 7.1 NYMNP ref: NYM/2016/0317/FL – regarding Waites House, Westerdale - application to erect an agricultural livestock building. **Council resolved – no objection**
- 7.2 Decision taken not to respond to the NYMNP's Planning Department consultation paper (voluntary).
- 7.3 See above

## 8. Village caretaker

- 8.1 The Caretaker's Monthly Report was not received in advance of the meeting.
- 8.2 The review of Parish Seats by Councillors is ongoing – Agenda item for July meeting
- 8.3 Tenders to be sought with regards road side verge moving – action by the Clerk to be resolved at the July meeting.

## 9. Public Conveniences

The Clerk advised of the current situation as per the update received from Mr Paul Thompson, Scarborough Borough Council. ie The public consultation period has expired and the responses are being considered with a view to presenting a final plan to the Council's Cabinet in July. Despite the draft plan not specifically making reference to Danby and Castleton toilets they are included in the review and the final plan will be amended to reflect this. The position remains the same as per the discussions at the Parish Council meeting with four possible options to consider for each toilet (ie at Danby and Castleton.)

In view of this information it was felt prudent to await further information before considering the spoken about electrical upgrades and Council's stance with regards the toilets at Castleton & Danby. To remain as an agenda item.

## 10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Email exchanges in respect of the old shelter Smeathorns road at the Comondale junction (complaint about the Shaun the Sheep 'graffiti'). The bus shelter(?) in question is not within the boundary of any of the Parishes which comprise the Danby Group. Clerk to respond accordingly.
- 10.2 Email from the Eskmoor Womens Institute seeking permission to erect a wooden park bench in 'Old Man's Park' in Castleton for the benefit of the villagers and the public. Resolved to grant permission. (WI will maintain responsibility for upkeep of the seat once erected.) Clerk to respond accordingly.
- 10.3 Email on behalf of "Historic England" in respect of the war memorial in Comondale. 'Historic England' are in the process (public consultation stage) regarding an intention to list the Shepherds Memorial at Comondale as being of significant historic interest. Council resolved to wholeheartedly support this proposal. Clerk to respond.
- 10.4 Advanced notification – amateur cycling event 25th June. (info only) Noted
- 10.5 Armed Forces Day – fly the flag. (info only) Noted

## 11. Items reported by Parish Councillors

Various highways issues were raised to be reported by the Clerk:

- Roadside drains / gullies throughout Danby village require attention
- Fencing at Clitherbeck Bridge in need of attention
- Granite kerb stones on the traffic island near Castleton CC / bridge over the Esk have been dislodged by a heavy vehicle.
- Hob Hole road side drain / gutter / ditch in need of attention.

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**