

Danby Wiske with Lazenby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th March 2025

in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm

Present:

Chairman - Alastair Wilkin

Councillors – Margaret Goldie, Kate Rayfield & David Swall

Clerk – Jan Sanders

Parishioner – Adrian Farmer

25/12 To receive apologies

Resolved to accept the apologies received from NYC Councillor - Annabel Wilkinson & from Damian Neilson

25/13 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2025 as a true and correct record

Resolved to confirm the above minutes as a true record.

25/14 To receive information on the following ongoing issues & decide further action where necessary

14.1 Speed concerns

Via contact with Deborah Flowers at Area 2 Highways, a speed survey was carried out on the three approach roads to the village from 13 February to 19 February. The full results covering the mean speed, percentile speeds and the volume of traffic will be analysed ready for consideration by the councillors.

Resolved to instruct the clerk to ask if anything is required of the council following the survey.

14.2 Drainage works at Lazenby

David informed the meeting that there has been no further progress.

14.3 Adoption of .gov email accounts

No report in Damian's absence.

14.4 Septic Tank Item

Damian reported via email on his site visit at Crowfoot Lane with Nick Hutchins from Highways. Water is accessing the road through the gate from the field, the hedge at the bottom end of the field and the holes in the road surface. Regarding the water running off the field, his advice is for the drainage ditches to be cleared. Upon inspection it is a long time since this has been done, the ditches being full of debris and the road is the only place where the water can go. This would apply

to the ditches on both sides of the road. Nick stated this is the responsibility of the landowner as opposed to highways, but would be able to help with a temporary road closure if necessary. Regarding the holes in the road surface, his view is that that it is unlikely that there is a leak in the water main under the A167. It is more likely that water is seeping through due to the saturated ground. Damian agreed to take photographs in the summer if this happens and contact the water board, who will be able to take samples to establish if it is from the main. It may be possible to arrange for salt bags to be dropped off but difficult to add to the gritting route. To summarise, it seems that clearing the ditches is, for now, the only potential remedy available. This would require the council to contact the landowners.

Resolved that Alastair will speak to the landowners on either side of the lane.

25/15 To receive a report on matters dealt with by the clerk

Resolved to accept the following report from the clerk.

15.1 Defibrillator refresher session

This has been booked for 15 May from 6.30 to 8.00pm immediately before the next meeting. **Resolved** to promote the session on Face Book and with posters on notice boards so that the parishioners may attend.

15.2 Grass cutting quote

Acceptance of the quote of £70 per cut plus VAT (an increase of £5 per cut) from Walkers for grass-cutting in 2025/26.

15.3 Noticeboard refurbishment

Neil Aldridge has been thanked for his kind offer to refurbish the noticeboard. He requested that the councillors specify the finish for the wood and whether a new back board is required. The noticeboard will need to be removed from the green to carry out the work.

Resolved to request that the old varnish is removed and the wood treated with a preservative and the back board replaced. Kate has identified a suitable one. Adrian offered to help with the removal of the noticeboard from the green. The clerk will communicate these points to Neil and ask what remuneration is required for the work.

25/16 To consider items raised by the councillors

Adrian was invited to bring his concerns to the attention of the meeting. He reported that a large amount of dog waste, in plastic bags, had been put in the gritting bin outside the village hall instead of the bins provided for this specific purpose. He had made his feelings felt in a post on Face Book. He also noted that owners were not cleaning up after their dogs especially along Mounstrall Lane.

Resolved to monitor the correct disposal of dog waste and remind parishioners of the need so to do.

25/17 Financial matters:

17.1 To receive a bank reconciliation

Bank Statement - Business Current Account £ 3,390.43

17.2 To note the following payments

Resolved to note the following payments:

North Yorkshire Council - Speed survey fees

J Sanders – salary 3 months plus tax and expenses

17.3 To approve the annual fee for YLCA

Resolved to approve the annual fee for membership of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

25/18 To receive any planning information

18.1 Application for refurbishment of the kitchen including installation of French doors and a new window at the Manor House, Danby Wiske – ref ZB24/01762/LBC Granted.

25/19 To approve the dates for parish council meetings in 2025-26

Resolved to approve May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20, January 15 and March 19 as the dates of the parish council meetings in 2025-26

25/20 To confirm the date and format for the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 15 May 2025 commencing at 8 pm.

25/21 To receive a report on the Play Area

Resolved to accept Alastair's report that all was in good order.

25/22 To receive a Police Report.

Resolved to accept the report for January with no incidents.

25/23 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Nothing in addition to matters arising.

25/24 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 15 May 2025

Agreed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

Signed Chairman

Signed Clerk Dated

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