

DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Tuesday, 10 March 2020 from 7.30pm at the United Reform Schoolroom, Dacre

1. **Present:** Cllrs J Kerr (Chairman), C White, K Johnson, A Brown, Borough Cllr Tom Watson (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). One member of the public attended (part).
2. **Apologies:** Cllr S Darnbrook due to prior engagement and County Cllr S Lumley.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** Cllr Brown declared a conflict of interest in relation to Planning Application 20/00701/CLEUD and left the room during the discussion and vote.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 were approved.
5. **Public Statements (Maximum 15 minutes total):** A parishioner spoke regarding repeated flooding of their property from the neighbouring site at Church View, Dacre Banks. Flooding is caused by a drainage pipe.

It has not been established where the water through the drain originates from or whether it may be contaminated in any way. It is not clear whether the site surface water management systems are working.

It was recommended that the parishioner contact Andrew Lancashire, HBC Planning Enforcement, John Worthington, HBC Executive Officer for Development Management & Building Control, Stuart Mills, HBC Planning Manager and Andy Hough (the Planning Officer who dealt with the original planning application); **Clerk to forward contact details to parishioner.**

The Council expressed concern that, in general, development within the Parish is leading to increasing flooding problems and recommended that this should be carefully considered by HBC when dealing with future planning applications. It was also noted that phased developments can generate additional issues with flooding and drainage unless surface water management systems are put in place early in the development.

The Council also noted that the site is deteriorating with rubbish accumulating. Given it has potential to damage the village, it was agreed that a request should be made by the Council for the developer to tidy the site; **Clerk to action.**

6. Planning:

a. Planning Decisions noted:

20/00157/FUL Conversion of barn to form 1 no. dwelling with associated works and access. Barn To The South Of Beech Croft Dacre APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

b. Planning Applications considered:

20/00499/REM Reserved matters application for erection of agricultural workers dwelling (appearance, scale and landscaping considered) under outline permission 19/00669/OUT. Ings Farm, Dacre NO OBJECTIONS

20/00225/FUL Demolition of agricultural building; Conversion of barn to form part of dwelling; Erection of garage and stables - RESUBMISSION. Deer Ing Heights, Dacre NO OBJECTIONS

20/00701/CLEUD Certificate of lawfulness for the continued occupation of dwelling without complying with the agricultural occupancy condition 5 of planning permission 6.65.27.B.OA Stonehaven Heyshaw Road Heyshaw NO COMMENTS

c. Planning Enforcement noted: Harrogate Borough Council Planning Enforcement confirmed that an investigation into 20/00020/BRPC15 Land Comprising Field At 419648 462236 Cabin Lane Dacre Banks had found no breach and that an investigation had taken place in relation to 20/00050/PR15 Northwoods Farmhouse Dacre and had found no breach.

d. Update on other Planning Matters: It was noted that the Harrogate District Local Plan 2014 – 2035 was adopted at Full Council on 4 March 2020.

7. County and Borough Cllrs' Reports:

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that the Harrogate District Local Plan has been adopted. The HBC Overview & Scrutiny Commission continues to review urban and rural bus services within the district. The process could take up to 12 months and will include a consultation with Parish Councils.

HBC Garden Waste collections for subscribers start in mid-March and continue through to the end of November (www.harrogate.gov.uk/gardenwaste or by calling 01423 500 600). Within Dacre Parish, road signs at Dike Lane and Grange Lane have been replaced.

8. Updates on current issues

i) *Proposed closure of Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks*: Cllr Kerr confirmed that Daniel Harry, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, had confirmed that attendance by representatives of Nidderdale Parishes at the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee public meeting in September or December should be possible.

Pat Berriman, Practice Manager of Nidderdale Group Practice (NGP), had informed Cllr Kerr that NGP was in discussions with Harrogate and Rural District Clinical Commissioning Group regarding keeping the third party dental service at the Grange Medical Centre in operation.

ii) *Recruitment of new Councillors*: It was confirmed that leaflets have been delivered to the vast majority of parishioners by Councillors and the Clerk. It was agreed that an advert should also be put in the Nidderdale Herald newspaper; **Clerk to action**. There have been two expressions of interest to date.

iii) *Sign on the corner of the B6451 and Cabin Lane*: NYCC Highways has confirmed that the grass area on which the sign has been erected is not the responsibility of NYCC and that as the sign does not cause visibility obstruction for vehicles approaching or using the junction with Cabin Lane, no increased risk was identified.

iv) The defibrillator at Dacre Banks was confirmed to be working. The defibrillator at Dacre Top should be checked; **Clerk to action**.

v) Water and electricity meter checks were made and no problems reported.

9. Storms/Flooding:

Sandbags: It was agreed that further sand-bags would be made up for the use of the Parish; **Cllrs Brown, Darnbrook and Borough Cllr Watson to coordinate**.

It was noted that sand-bags exposed to river water or sewage should be disposed of. Sand-bags exposed to rain-water only should be returned to the store at Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall when possible.

Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall: It was agreed that the association should be asked if the village hall can be identified as a muster point for serious emergencies in future; **Cllr Kerr to action**.

It was agreed that NYCC Flood Officers should be approached to seek the rebuilding of the bank on the River Nidd near Nidd Bridge (the bank has eroded over time); **Clerk to action**.

It was noted that further flooding problems have been experienced on the B6165 in Hartwith, with a potential impact on properties in Dacre Banks; **Cllr Watson to discuss with the relevant landowners**.

10. VE Day 75 Celebration: In light of the Covid 19/Corona-virus outbreak, it was agreed that no further planning of this event would take place until the situation had been further assessed at the next Parish Council meeting (14 April). Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall has been booked; **Clerk to add to next agenda**.

11. Footpaths and Highways:

a. HBC Bulb / Wildflower Scheme: It was agreed that wildflower seed would be requested; **Clerk to action**.

b. Clerk confirmed that the eroded footpath adjacent to the River Nidd in Dacre Banks had been reported to NYCC Public Rights of Way.

A matter of road safety was raised regarding the 30mph speed limit sign on the B6451 approaching Dacre Banks from Dacre Top. The change of speed limit is very close to the junction of School Lane and the B6451 and is potentially dangerous as drivers may not have slowed down by this point. It was agreed that advice should be sought from NYCC Highways; **Clerk to action**.

12. Lengthsman/Parish Caretaker:

It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to remove the redundant section of railings on the B6451 near Church Avenue, Dacre Banks. The Parish Caretaker should also be asked to monitor the grass within the Parish in order to apply a first cut when appropriate.

13. Reports:

a. *Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association (DHPFA)*: A grant from Sport England has been obtained to help with the costs of cleaning and drying out the pavilion after the recent storms. Applications for further grants to improve the Playing Fields have been made, including requesting the early release of Commuted Sums relating to housing developments in Dacre Banks from HBC. There has been no meeting so far this year.

b. *Hardcastle Trust*: The next meeting is 31 March 2020.

c. *Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group*: The meeting included a Quarterly Crime Statistics report by PC Hickson (crime in Nidderdale has increased marginally on the same quarter last year). Sergeant Clare Mayes is the new Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant for Ripon and Pateley Bridge area. The recent flooding in Pateley Bridge was noted. Presentations were given regarding the Warm & Well in North Yorkshire Campaign and NYCC Early Help Children and Family Services.

d. Cllr White attended a meeting at Summerbridge School on 10 March. The school is consulting on an increase in the federation to include Glasshouses, Fountains Earth and St Cuthbert's Schools.

A recent pub quiz event raised further funds for the Dacre Fun Day (to be held on 6 September 2020).

14. Finance/Statutory:

a. Receipts and payments were noted as follows: Receipts: Honesty Box February £31.05, Bank interest March £4.63, VAT refund to 31 January 2020 £317.17; Payments: Business Stream Water to 1 February 2020 £21.33, M Pearson Clerk salary and allowances to 31 March 2020 £649.66, Eon - Public Conveniences electricity to 18 February 2020 £12.26, Eon - Kiosk electricity to 18 February 2020 £9.74, P Watson - Reimbursement of salt bin costs £78.60, Avenue Printing House - Printing costs for new Cllrs leaflets £34.00, Ian Grayshon re public conveniences (Mar) £43.34, J Todd & Sons Invoice 836226 February 2020 £8.56.

b. Money from Honesty Box: It was agreed that Cllr Darnbrook should be asked to collect the money to March and pass to Clerk to bank, with a note of the amount to be given at the next meeting; **Clerk to action.**

c. The budget to 8 March was approved.

d. It was agreed that the payment to Ian Grayshon for his work in caretaking the public conveniences would increase to £50 from 1 April 2020; **Clerk to action.**

e. The attendance of Clerk at the Society of Local Council Clerks training day on 28 March 2020 at a total cost of £30 and travel costs (to be shared with Darley and Menwith Parish Council) was approved.

f. No other issues were raised by the RFO.

15. Clerk Appraisal: It was agreed that Cllr Kerr will carry out the annual appraisal for Clerk in March and advise on recommendations for the Parish Council at the next meeting; **Clerk to add to agenda.**

16. Correspondence:

a. *North Yorkshire County Council*: A consultation on new policy on developer contributions for education was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Cllrs;**

b. *Parishioner*: Correspondence regarding problems with verges in Heyshaw was noted. NYCC (as the responsible authority) has been contacted for assistance;

c. *Nidderdale Plus Community Hub*: A request for information for a database of local activities to promote wellbeing was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Cllrs;**

d. *RAF Menwith Hill Civic Leaders Briefing and Community Commemoration Morning*: A "Save the Date" for the morning on 16 June 2020 was noted;

e. *Harrogate Borough Council*: A campaign against fly-tipping (Crime Not To Care) was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Cllrs.**

17. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda: It was agreed that the consideration of the need for a Dacre Parish business continuity plan should be added to the next agenda.

18. Dates of future meetings: 14 April (with Parish Assembly); 12 May (with Annual Meeting); 9 June; 14 July.

These draft minutes are published subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council