

# DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 from 8pm at the URC Schoolroom, Dacre

**1. Present:** Councillors J Kerr (Chairman), J Sutton, C White, S Darnbrook, County Councillor A Murday, Borough Councillor T Watson (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). No members of the public attended.

**2. Apologies:** Councillor R Brown due to holiday. Councillor A Brown due to holiday.

**3. Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** Councillor Kerr declared an interest in Item 14d as a Trustee of Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association (DHPFA) and took no part in the vote.

**4.** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022 were approved.

**5. Public Statements:** None

### **6. County and Borough Councillors' Reports:**

County Councillor Andrew Murday introduced himself as the newly-elected member for Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale Ward on the North Yorkshire County Council / North Yorkshire Council (NYCC). County Councillor Murday will be attending an introductory session for new Councillors on 11 May 2022 and the annual meeting of NYCC in the week commencing 16 May 2022.

County Councillor Murday's email address for NYCC matters is [Cllr.Andrew.Murday@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Andrew.Murday@northyorks.gov.uk).

Borough Councillor Watson noted a recent meeting with representatives from North Yorkshire Police (NYP), including the Chief Constable Lisa Winward and District Commander, Steve Thomas. Harrogate forms part of the West Division of NYP, together with Richmond, Hambleton and Craven districts.

It was noted that NYP has 1,560 police officers (excluding Police Community Support Officers and call-handlers for 999 and 101 calls). NYP recruited 55 officers in the year to 31 March 2021, 58 officers in the year to 31 March 2022 and 74 officers in the year to date. Statistics regarding the number of officers leaving NYP in the same period has been requested.

A response regarding a question from Borough Councillor Watson regarding the reason for long waiting times for a call-back by those using the 101 non-emergency service is also to be provided by NYP.

### **7. Planning:**

#### **a. Planning Decisions noted:**

21/05084/FUL Installation of two wildlife ponds and associated landscaping. Land Comprising Field At 419011 460792 Dacre APPLICATION PERMITTED

22/00885/FUL Single storey rear extension and open front entrance porch. 1 Grange Road Dacre Banks APPLICATION PERMITTED

20/05216/FULMAJ Conversion and extension of Mill Building to form 9 Residential Units, erection of storage building/car port, 11 dwellings, detached garage and other external works including car parking Darley Mill Darley Carr Darley

HBC Planning Committee approved a motion to approve the application subject to a number of conditions and a Section 106 agreement being agreed. APPLICATION PERMITTED

#### **b. Planning Applications considered:**

22/01618/FUL Demolition of existing Stores and erection of replacement Carport & Secure stores - REVISED 22/00764/FUL New Close Farm Dacre Pasture Lane Thornthwaite Harrogate NO OBJECTIONS

22/01663/FUL Renovation and alterations to existing garage and part change of use to form office. Menwith House Dacre NO OBJECTIONS

**c. Planning Enforcement:** None.

**d. Other planning matters:** None.

**8. Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall:** It was noted that work by the solicitors in respect of the early renewal of the village hall lease may be completed by the end of May 2022; **Councillor Kerr to update at next meeting.**

**9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022:**

a. It was estimated that there are no more than one hundred children within the Parish. It was agreed that a gift of a value of up to £5 should be purchased as a commemorative item. It was agreed that Councillor Kerr would discuss the most appropriate type(s) of gift with the parents of local children; **Councillor Kerr to action.** It was agreed that the gifts would be distributed by Councillors and noted that this may not be on or before the celebrations in early June 2022.

b. It was noted that the following events are taking place within the Parish in May and June 2022:

- Royal Treasure Hunt, Dacre Banks, 29 May – 5 June;
- Beacon at Dover Castle, Low Hall, Dacre, 9.30pm for 10pm, 2 June;
- Fun Day on the Max Pullen Field, Dacre Banks, 12 – 4pm, 3 June;
- Tea Party, URC Schoolroom, Dacre, 2.30 – 4.30pm, 3 June;
- Parish Street Party, Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall, Dacre Banks, 12 – 4pm, 5 June.

Information on all of these events is available on notice boards and at the Village Shop, Dacre Banks.

It was also noted that the Council is intending to purchase an English Oak tree to commemorate the Jubilee to be planted at the playing fields in Dacre Banks. DHPFA has identified a suitable location at for the tree next to a couple of picnic tables.

**10. Potential closure of Oak Lane car park, Dacre Banks:** It was noted that there has been no further information received since the last meeting. It was agreed that the possibility of a "P" sign helping those visiting the village find the car park should be investigated. County Councillor Murday agreed to look into whether NYCC might be able to assist with this.

**11. Footpaths and Highways**

a. *Dacre to Dacre Banks road safety project:* It was noted that Emily Eason, NYCC Highways engineer, is intending to provide an update on progress following an internal meeting. It was noted that a question had been asked regarding ongoing maintenance of the sign following installation and that Clerk had confirmed that it had not been discussed previously but that the understanding was that the Council would pay for the sign as a one-off cost and would not be responsible for ongoing maintenance and replacement: **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

b. It was noted that no progress has been made with the installation of a safety barrier outside the Village Shop, Dacre Banks. This follows numerous incidents whereby vehicles mounting the pavement have nearly hit pedestrians leaving the shop.

c. It was noted that the "B6451" sign at Dacre, which damaged in a recent accident, has yet to be replaced but has been reported.

d. It was noted that a number of signs directing traffic associated with recent filming in the Parish have not been removed and agreed that these can be removed (to be returned to the production company if requested).

e. No other footpath and highways actions were agreed.

**12. Village maintenance:**

a. *Progress with Yorkshire Water regarding flooding in Dacre Banks:* It was noted that it had not been possible to contact Yorkshire Water since the last meeting as the number given by Yorkshire Water was still not being answered. It was noted that the parishioner who reported the problems at the March meeting of the Council had been updated and would also try to contact Yorkshire Water; **Clerk to monitor.**

b. *Progress with HBC regarding flooding in Dacre Banks:* It was noted that Mike Wickens, Senior Drainage Engineer, has now left HBC and that an alternative contact at NYCC flood management was being sought for a meeting; **Clerk to action.** County Councillor Murday offered to help if copied into correspondence; **Clerk to forward correspondence.**

c. *Defibrillator, electricity and water checks:* Clerk confirmed that the defibrillators at Dacre, Dacre Banks and Heyshaw are working and that water checks and electricity checks have been carried out. It was noted that a water meter reading was submitted on 10 May 2022.

d. It was noted that a fence that protects the garages on Grange Road, Dacre Banks, is in need of repair/replacement. It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to provide a quote for the work to be considered at the next meeting of the Council; **Clerk to action.**

### **13.Reports:**

a. The following upcoming meetings were noted:

- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner online briefing, 6.30pm 26 May 2022; **Councillors White and Kerr to attend;**
- Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group, Pateley Bridge, 1 June 2022; **Councillor Sutton to attend;**
- Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Harrogate Branch meeting, 7pm, Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall, Dacre Banks; **Councillor White to attend.**

b. No other meetings or events were discussed.

### **14.Finance/Statutory:**

a. Receipts and payments were noted: *Receipts*: Honesty Box (April) £20.39; HBC Precept part 1 £5,682. *Payments*: Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association 2022/23 grant £500; Caretaker services to 13 April 2022 £75; Caretaker services to 27 April 2022 £67.50; Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (May) £50; J Carruthers Internal Audit Services for 2021/22 £52; Everflow water public conveniences to 15 June 2022 £16.01; Eon Next Electricity kiosk to 21 April 2022 £9.08, J Todd & Son Consumables for public conveniences £11.

b. The money collected from the Honesty Box in May was confirmed as £35.46; **Clerk to bank.**

c. The budget to 8 May 2022 was approved.

d. The payment of the annual grant of £500 to Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association was approved.

e. It was noted that email correspondence has been received from the Valuation Office Agency regarding business rates at Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall and that the hard-copy correspondence is being dealt with by the Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall Committee. No other issues were raised by the RFO.

### **15.Correspondence received by the Clerk:**

a. *The Anne Robson Trust*: Correspondence from this new organisation regarding the provision of a helpline and support for those who are dying and their families was noted. It was agreed that the contact information should be added to the Council website and an article supplied by the Trust to be forwarded to Reverend Ferneley in order that consideration could be given to including it in Link magazine; **Clerk to action.**

**16.Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda:** It was noted that the Council has an ordinary vacancy (i.e. a seat not filled following an election) and that the Council should try to fill the vacancy no later than 27 June 2022.

**17.Dates of future meetings:** 14 June; 12 July; 13 September; 11 October; 8 November; 13 December.

### **18.Parish Caretaker contract for the period 17 May 2022 – 31 March 2026**

a. It was agreed that the general public should not be excluded from the meeting for this item on the basis of confidentiality.

b. It was agreed that the contract for Parish Caretaker services for this period should be awarded to Richard Langley. Two copies of an agreement for the work were signed by the Chairman and Councillor White as Vice-Chairman; **Clerk to obtain signature of Richard Langley on both copies of the agreement and pass one copy to Richard.**

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