

DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Tuesday, 10 September 2019 from 7.30pm at the United Reform Schoolroom, Dacre

1. **Present:** Cllrs J Kerr (Chairman), A Brown, C White, S Darnbrook, K Johnson, County Cllr Lumley (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). Four members of the public attended (one part).
2. **Apologies:** A Cottrill (due to prior engagement); Borough Cllr Tom Watson.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2019 were approved with one change to paragraph 13a to read: "*Hardcastle Trust:* At the AGM on 17 June 2019 Cllr White was reappointed as Chair, the Treasurer was reappointed and Cllr Brown was reappointed to represent Dacre Parish Council. The former Chair announced her resignation from the Charity, after serving more than 40 years. A replacement committee member representing NYCC has been identified. The annual presentations of the William Hardcastle cup to both Summerbridge and Dacre Braithwaite schools will be made the week commencing 15 July. The next meeting is due to be held on 16 September 2019." The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2019 were approved with no changes.

5. Public Statements (Maximum 15 minutes total):

A parishioner voiced concerns regarding the state of the verges within Dacre Banks and in particular, on School Lane. The School Lane verges are not routinely cut by any of the local authorities and look untidy. The School Lane sign is dirty and the ditch on this road is in need of repair.

County Cllr Lumley confirmed that due to a reduction in funding, North Yorkshire County Council has had to prioritise the cutting of road verges for road safety reasons and this means that not all verges are cut regularly. It may be possible for work which cannot be funded by the County Council to be undertaken by a Parish Council Caretaker.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider the request to tidy up the verges on School Lane, Dacre Banks at its October meeting; **Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting (8 October).**

6. Planning:

a. Planning Decisions noted:

19/02456/DVCON Variation of condition 6 (Opening Hours) to allow extension of opening hours for planning permission 18/00449/FUL -Erection of building to house distillery vats, gift shop and group workshop space. - Harewell House Farm Harewell Lane Dacre Banks REFUSED

b. Planning Applications considered:

19/00691/FUL Erection of dwelling with landscaping and change of use of agricultural land to form paddock (amended details received 09/08/2019). Land Comprising Field At 419753 462086 Dacre Banks

A parishioner (one of the applicants) spoke in support of this application and confirmed the following:

- the revised scheme is for a three-bedroom house for the applicant's family to live in;
- the location of the property under the revised scheme is based on advice from the planning authority (i.e. outside of the flood zone);
- significant work will be undertaken to help minimise the flood risk and attenuate the impact of any flooding;
- Yorkshire Water have confirmed that they have no concerns regarding the impact of the scheme on sewage services crossing the site; and
- there are many examples of planning applications for single family homes within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty being approved.

The Parish Council DID NOT OBJECT TO OR SUPPORT the application but reiterated its concerns regarding the potential for increased risk of flooding on and around the site. NEITHER OBJECTS OR SUPPORTS

19/03610/DVCMAJ Variation of condition 4 (affordable housing) to allow the reduction from 5 to 0 affordable dwellings of Planning Permission 15/05687/FULMAJ -Erection of 13 dwellings (Revised Scheme). Land Comprising Field At 419648 462236 Cabin Lane Dacre Banks

The Parish Council OBJECTED to this planning application on the basis that:

- there is a clear need for affordable accommodation in the village and the variation seeks to remove this element (many of the supporters locally did so on the basis it was providing affordable accommodation);
- the passage of time since the original application was granted has demonstrated that there is no need for this size of market rate development, with a number of similar sized properties in the area being slow to sell.

COUNCIL OBJECTS

c. Planning Enforcement:

19/00382/PR15 Greystones Dacre Banks ALLEGED BREACH: Erection of fence over 1 metre adjacent to the highway was noted.

19/00461/PR15 The Old Mistal Dacre Pasture Lane Thornthwaite ALLEGED BREACH: 3 shipping containers on site (14/02058/FUL, 07/02593/FUL) was noted.

19/00480/PR15 The Old Mistal Dacre Pasture Lane Thornthwaite ALLEGED BREACH: Siting of storage containers (12/02047/FUL; 14/02058/FUL) was noted.

d. Commuted Sums Application

David Smith, Treasurer of Holy Trinity Church, Dacre Banks confirmed that the application for Commuted Sums from Harrogate Borough Council is for approximately £142 to improve the main gate (total cost likely to be in the region of £150) and that the Harrogate Borough Council Commuted Sums Officer is aware of the application and believes it is an appropriate project.

The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

7. County and Borough Cllrs' Reports:

County Cllr Lumley welcomed the improvement to the B6451 through Darley and Dacre. It is appreciated that some sections could not be completely repaired in the time available. The junction of the B6451 and Dacre Lane has been marked for repair.

Information regarding the UCI World Championship Cycling is available on three websites:

<https://worlds.yorkshire.com/> (UCI)

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/uci-road-world-cycling-championships> (North Yorkshire County Council)

https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/info/20232/uci_road_world_championships (Harrogate Borough Council)

The Harrogate Borough Council consultation of the Harrogate District Local Plan is open until 20 September 2019. Concern was expressed by County Cllr Lumley that the proposed removal of large areas of potential development will reduce the numbers of affordable housing properties being constructed. This is likely to make it more difficult for local families to be able to afford to remain in the area.

The change to refuse collection has experienced teething problems. The Harrogate Borough Council Cabinet is monitoring this daily and missed collections are now typically less than 5%. Given the cost of recycling is typically £100 per tonne cheaper than disposal of household waste, it is strongly encouraged.

8. Updates on current issues:

a) i) *Proposed closure of Grange Medical Centre*: Cllrs Johnson and Kerr attended the meeting of the Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group on 4 September which was also attended by three representatives of the Nidderdale Group Practice (NGP). The representatives of NGP confirmed that the proposed reorganisation was not to seek financial gain on the sale of the building rather that it was designed to improve efficiency (running two sites rather than three was logistically easier and reduced travel time).

The NGP representatives did not reveal the identity of third parties interested in acquiring the building but confirmed that the resident dentist is involved in negotiations regarding the building's future.

The representatives believed that volunteer drivers might be a solution to help residents of Dacre Banks attend other surgeries but that the level of need was unknown.

It was agreed that Cllr Kerr would seek to obtain further information regarding the nature and identity of the third parties interested in acquiring the site and the views of the dentist. It was further agreed that Cllr Johnson and Cllr Kerr would be part of a working group formed between Dacre Parish Council, Darley and Menwith Parish Council and Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council.

- b) i) Electricity and water checks had been carried out and both defibrillators were confirmed to be okay.
- ii) The provider of water and sewage services for the Public Conveniences at Dacre Top will change from Yorkshire Water Business Services to Business Stream (part of the Scottish Water group) on 1 October 2019. There will be no change in the cost, billing or operation of the service.

9. Footpaths:

- a) No footpath issues were reported.

10. Highways:

a) The following reports made by Clerk to North Yorkshire County Council were noted: Potholes: Dacre Lane/Junction of B6451; blocked drains: Dacre Lane and Dacre Banks. Jetting of the drains at Dacre Lane and Dacre Banks is now scheduled.

b) The fatal accident on 24 August 2019 on the B6451 was noted by the Parish Council. Recommendations made in the North Yorkshire County Council Fatal Collision Inspection Report were noted as:

- introduce a waiting restriction (double yellow lines) that will discourage vehicles from parking within 10 metres of Grange Road and prevent parking on the Grange Road junction radius.
- patch and repair the Grange Road bell-mouth to address defects and reinstate the junction road markings
- repair the identified defect on the B6451 outside the village store; and
- refresh all the road markings on this stretch of the B6451.

In light of the accident and correspondence recently received from concerned parishioners, the Parish Council fully supported these recommendations and agreed to write to David Bowe, Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council to express this support; **Clerk to draft.**

- c) No other highways matters were reported.

11. Lengthsman/Parish Caretaker:

a. Clerk confirmed that a parishioner had asked for a strip of grass at the Western end of Grange Road, Dacre Banks to be cut by the Parish Caretaker. This was on the basis that the parishioner believed the land to have been adopted by the Parish Council and cut by the Parish Council historically. The Parish Council agreed that the land was most likely adopted by North Yorkshire County Council and that it was unlikely that the Parish Council had cut the grass historically. Given budget restrictions, the Parish Council resolved not to ask the Parish Caretaker to add this to the list of areas to cut.

b. Clerk confirmed that a parishioner had requested the flower bed behind the Dacre millstone wheel sign at the south end of Dacre Top to be tidied. The Parish Council agreed to ask the Parish Caretaker to clear the bed and add gravel; **Clerk to action.** Cllr White volunteered to tidy up and plant the stone trough at the front of the same sign.

c. A request to cut back the tree on the village green at Dacre Banks was refused by the Parish Council on the basis of advice previously received from a tree surgeon.

d. Cllr Johnson volunteered to cut back foliage overhanging the post box in Dacre Banks following a request from a Royal Mail employee. No other urgent tasks were discussed.

12. Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association: Cllr Kerr confirmed that the meeting on 12 August had been largely concerned with funding. It was agreed that the Association will make grant applications and consider organising a sponsored walk in 2020 to help raise funds. The next meeting is 24 September 2019.

13. Reports:

a) *Hardcastle Trust:* Cllr White confirmed that presentations of the William Hardcastle Cup to children who had made outstanding contributions at Summerbridge and Dacre Braithwaite schools were made in July. A new trustee is to be announced shortly. The next meeting is 16 September 2019.

b) *Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall Committee:* The next meeting is 11 September 2019.

c) *Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group*: Cllr Johnson confirmed that in addition to the possible closure of the Grange Medical Centre and parking in Dacre Banks (please see above), North Yorkshire Police reported crime figures for Nidderdale showed that crime levels are flat. **Cllr Johnson to circulate minutes to Cllrs.**

d) The Dacre Fun Day on 1 September was a success. It was agreed that the Parish Council was happy for a number of cycling-themed tiles painted by children at the Fun Day to be mounted on the telephone kiosk in Dacre Banks prior to the UCI World Championship Cycling event (22-29 September); **Cllr Kerr to action.**

14. Finance/Statutory:

a. Receipts and payments were noted as follows: Receipts: £300 NYCC Locality Grant (Seat for village green Dacre Banks); £23.06 Honesty Box August; £6.58 Bank interest September; Payments: £7.48 Eon - Public Conveniences to 18 July 2019; £43.43 Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (Aug); £60 Caretaker July 2019; £8.56 J Todd & Sons – Toilet rolls July 2019; £62 Ken Simpson - Plumbing public conveniences; £649.66 M Pearson Clerk Salary and allowances; £7.73 Eon – Electricity public conveniences to 18 August 2019; £14.82 npower - kiosk electricity to August 2019; £75 Caretaker August 2019; £43.34 Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (Sep).

b. Money from Honesty Box as of 10 September 2019 was noted as £10.25.

c. The budget to 9 September was approved.

d. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would reimburse the cost of planting three stone troughs outside of Gate Eel Farm on a one-off basis but that the cost would need to be considered; **Cllr Kerr to seek further information.**

e. It was agreed that the purchase of a Christmas tree for the village green at Dacre Banks would be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council; **Cllr Kerr to seek further information.**

f. No other issues were raised.

15. **Community Resilience Plan:** The Parish Council agreed to produce a Community Resilience Plan for emergency situations. **Clerk to update on progress at next meeting.**

16. **Review of Council policies:** The following policies were agreed and adopted:

- Security Incident Policy; and
- Council Email Policy.

17. Correspondence:

a) *Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee*: The request for nominations for two Parish Council representatives to join the Joint Advisory Committee was noted; **Clerk to circulate full details to Cllrs;**

b) *Dog-fouling on School Lane, Dacre Banks*: A parishioner reported problems with dog-walkers not picking up after their dogs on this road (which is used by many dog-walkers). It was agreed that Harrogate Borough Council Environmental Protection would be asked by the Parish Council to carry out a patrol to help encourage responsible dog-walking; **Clerk to action.**

c) *Harrogate Borough Council*: The submission of the Harrogate Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government as a stage in the introduction of CIL was noted. A guidance document has been produced: **Clerk to circulate to Cllrs.**

18. **Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda:** None.

19. **Circulation papers:** The White Rose Update for August 2019 was circulated.

20. **Dates of future meetings:** 8 October; 12 November; 10 December; 14 January.

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