

DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Tuesday, 12 November 2019 from 7.30pm at the United Reform Schoolroom, Dacre

1. **Present:** Cllrs J Kerr (Chairman), A Brown, C White, S Darnbrook, K Johnson, A Cottrill, County Cllr Lumley (part), Borough Cllr Tom Watson (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). No members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** None.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 October 2019 were approved.
5. **Public Statements (Maximum 15 minutes total):** None.
6. **Planning:**

a. Planning Decisions noted:

19/00669/OUT Outline application for erection of agricultural workers dwelling and package treatment plant with access and layout considered. Ings Farm Dacre. APPLICATION PERMITTED

19/04140/FUL Erection of stables Holme Farm Barn Heyshaw. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

b. Planning Applications considered:

19/04390/FUL Erection of single storey extension and dormer windows and demolition of conservatory and garage. 19 Church Avenue Dacre Banks. NO OBJECTIONS

c. Planning Enforcement: None.

d. Planning Appeals noted: None.

e. Update on other Planning Matters:

The Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Empty Homes Officer has confirmed that Church Hill House, Dacre Banks is expected to be redeveloped in the near future. There has been no further progress with regards to the property at Woodbine Cottage, Dacre Banks.

The Parish Council confirmed that its interest in these properties and any other empty homes within the parish mirrors that of HBC (i.e. to help make best use of all properties given the clear need for housing in the area). With this in mind, concern was expressed by the Parish Council at the apparent lack of progress with the redevelopment of Woodbine Cottage, Dacre Banks; **Clerk to notify this concern to the HBC Empty Homes Officer.**

It was noted that the Inspector's report on the Harrogate District Local Plan will be delayed until after the General Election (the Planning Inspectorate will not be issuing any letters regarding the soundness or legal compliance of local plans, or final reports (including for fact check), until after the election).

7. County and Borough Cllrs' Reports:

County Cllr Lumley confirmed that Summerbridge Fire Station is experiencing difficulties recruiting firefighters. On occasion lack of sufficient number of available firefighters has limited deployment of vehicles from Summerbridge and it is likely that Tactical Response Vehicles will be introduced to help combat this. Two new firefighters are in training. Anyone interested in becoming a retained firefighter should visit the "Working for Us" section of www.northyorksfire.gov.uk for more information.

A resident of Nidderdale has asked the North Yorkshire County Council Scrutiny of Health Committee to review the potential closure of the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks. The request is under consideration.

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that at a meeting with HBC, Julia Mulligan, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, confirmed an expectation of 1,400 Police Officers and 200 Police Community Support Officers by 2020 and a £3m upgrade to the North Yorkshire Police Control Room. North Yorkshire Police is also collaborating with the University of York on a £1m project to consider new approaches to training police officers. Enforcement to stop vehicles parking on pavements was considered to be a matter

for HBC rather than a matter for North Yorkshire Police (Borough Cllr Watson to discuss this with HBC Parking Enforcement).

The process for Bus Operators to make changes to bus services (including withdrawal of services) is to be reviewed in the new year. Consideration is to be given to consultation with affected parties and possible alternative delivery models (e.g. for HBC to operate a fleet of vehicles).

There remain some problems with the changes to Waste and Recycling Collection – anyone experiencing problems should contact Borough Cllr Watson.

8. Updates on current issues:

a) i) *Parking on B6451 Dacre Banks*: Barrie Mason, Assistant Director of Business & Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council has confirmed that the recommendations of the final report into the fatal collision at Dacre Banks in August 2019 will be undertaken as soon as possible. Updates on progress will be notified to Clerk.

ii) *Proposed closure of Grange Medical Centre*: The Nidderdale Group Practice's published aspiration to maintain the use of the building in a health-related capacity was noted. The request for the Scrutiny of Health Committee (please see above) was also noted.

iii) *Parish Council representative on the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee*: It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the nomination of Chris Hawkesworth and Sue Welch; **Clerk to notify Sarah Kettlewell, Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Manager.**

b) Both defibrillators were confirmed to be working. It was noted that the defibrillator pads for the unit at Dacre Top will expire in December and it was agreed that new pads should be purchased; **Clerk to action.**

Electricity meter checks had been carried out. A Smart meter will be installed at the kiosk, Dacre Banks in December 2019.

A check of the water meter at the public conveniences to be made once the water table subsides; **Clerk to action.**

9. Footpaths:

a) Further correspondence received from North Yorkshire County Council Public Rights of Way regarding an application to record a Public Bridleway and a Restricted Byway was noted. The Parish Council had no objections to the intention to record a Public Bridleway from the village of Heyshaw to Lanesfoot Barn. However, on the basis that the route from Lanesfoot Barn to the junction of Lane Foot Road and Dacre Lane is understood to be a tarmacked surface used by motor vehicles, the Parish Council suggested that recording this section as a Byway Open to All Traffic rather than a Restricted Byway would be more appropriate; **Clerk to submit comments.**

b) A tree branch was reported to be partly-obscuring the path alongside the River Nidd near the playground at Dacre Banks; **Cllr Brown agreed to remove the branch and make safe.**

c) A new pothole was reported on the pavement between Holy Trinity Church, Dacre Banks and Summerbridge opposite the Max Pullen Playing Fields; **Clerk to report.**

Two street lights were reported to be out on either side of the road between Holy Trinity Church, Dacre Banks and Summerbridge; **Clerk to report.**

10. Highways:

a) Purchase of speed surveys: It was agreed that speed surveys would be purchased for two locations in Dacre Banks in order to obtain data that can help the case for further safety measures and/or enforcement if applicable. The sites agreed were on the B6451 between Summerbridge and Holy Trinity Church and on the B6451 within the traffic-calmed area to the South of Dacre Banks; **Clerk to action.**

b) Clerk confirmed that potholes on the junction of School Lane, Dacre Banks and the B6451 have been reported to North Yorkshire County Council and a repair should be carried out within 90 days. Blocked drains in Dacre Top have also been reported – these should be cleaned within 90 days.

11. Lengthsman/Parish Caretaker:

- a. No urgent tasks for the Parish Caretaker were reported.
- b. Snowdrop bulbs donated by HBC have been collected and will be planted by the Councillors around the tree on the village green, Dacre Banks and around the Dacre mill stone sign at the corner of the B6451 and Dacre Lane in Dacre Top.
- c. The Parish Council expressed its gratitude to John Harrison of Dacre Top, who kindly helped clear and then re-plant the bed adjacent to the bus stop and Dacre mill stone sign in Dacre Top; **Clerk to write to Mr Harrison on behalf of the Parish Council to thank him.**

12. Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association (DHPFA): Cllr Kerr reported that signs, banners and netting at the Playing Fields were vandalised on 3 November – the matter has been reported to the Police.

DHPFA has registered as a Good Cause for the Local Lotto for the Harrogate District. It has also been awarded a Small Transport Scheme grant of £1,976 for the purchase and installation of cycle and scooter stands.

Further quotes are to be obtained regarding the repair of rotting cladding on the pavilion.

The Playground Inspection has confirmed a medium overall risk rating with largely low risk recommendations. These will be considered by DHPFA.

The next meeting has been rearranged for 2nd December 2019.

13. Reports:

a) *Hardcastle Trust:* Cllr White reported that NYCC is in the process of obtaining approval for a new trustee. The next meeting will be in the New Year.

b) *Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall Committee:* It was reported that the central heating switch has now been moved and is now much easier to use.

A Fire Safety Risk Assessment was carried out by North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue in October and a surveyor's report detailing works and maintenance required has also been obtained.

The final proceeds of the jumble sale were £696 which will be divided between the Village Hall Committee (£346) and Dacre Banks Cricket Club (£350).

A Local Fund grant application to redecorate the railings and purchase banners for £365 has been approved.

The next meeting will be in December.

c) *Remembrance Day Service, Summerbridge:* Cllr Kerr attended the service on behalf of Dacre Parish Council and laid a wreath. The event was very well attended.

d) Cllrs attended the Ethical Standards Training event at HBC. The event was well-presented and to the point.

14. Finance/Statutory:

a. Receipts and payments were noted as follows: Receipts: Honesty Box October £17.44; Payments: £185 Caretaker – Installation of village bench; £130 Tom Watson – Reimbursement of village bench purchase at cost; £54.28 J A Simpson & Co – Plumbing repairs at Public Conveniences; £7.48 Eon – Electricity Public Conveniences to October 2019; £7.57 Eon – Electricity Kiosk to October 2019; £43.34 Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (Nov); £330 2 Commune Ltd – Website hosting and domain name annual fee; £25.72 npower Electricity Kiosk to September 2019; £255 Caretaker General duties October 2019.

b. Money from Honesty Box as of 12 November 2019 was noted as £20.77.

c. The budget to 10 November was approved.

d. It was noted that the budget and precept for 2020/21 will be discussed and approved at the meeting of the Parish Council in December and Cllrs were asked to consider any projects that might be undertaken next year ahead of this meeting.

e. Receipts are being sought in order to reimburse the cost of planting three stone troughs outside of Gate Eel Farm; **Cllr Kerr to update when available.**

f. The purchase of a Christmas tree for the village green at Dacre Banks for £30 was approved. It was agreed that the tree will be decorated by Cllrs on 29 November, together with the lights at Dacre Top.

g. It was agreed that Cllr Kerr should attend a YLCA Chairmanship training course in December at a cost of £45; **Clerk to make booking.**

- h. The purchase of an electrical safety inspection for the Public Conveniences at Dacre Top from Brooks Electrical at a cost of £160 plus VAT was approved; **Clerk to action.**
- i. The renewal of the dacreparishcouncil.org.uk website hosting agreement with 2Commune Ltd to January 2021 was approved at a cost of £275 + VAT; **Clerk to action.**
- j. The Monitoring Form for the Locality Grant awarded by County Cllr Lumley for the purchase and installation of the bench on the village green in Dacre Banks was approved and signed. The total cost was confirmed to be £305.83 (net of VAT), which allowing for the £300 grant from County Cllr Lumley, means that the Parish Council funded £5.83. The Parish Council expressed its gratitude to County Cllr Lumley for providing the grant; **Clerk to submit Monitoring Form to NYCC.**

15. Correspondence:

- a. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association*: An offer from the Woodland Trust to donate trees to be planted at a tree planting event on 30 November was noted;
- b. *Nidderdale Plus*: The upcoming AGM (19 November) was noted (Cllr Johnson to attend), together with a request for details of any regular coffee mornings that could also be attended by local emergency services to pass on relevant information. The first Nidderdale Health and Wellbeing Fair was a success with over 30 groups/agencies attending (details available from the Clerk);
- c. *Harrogate Borough Council*: "Making the Harrogate district an even better place to live, work and visit survey" was noted; **Clerk to circulate link to Cllrs;**
- d. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association*: Three frameworks aimed at tackling loneliness have been launched or are in consultation. These are: The Loneliness Campaign (a project funded through the National Lottery Community Fund, North Yorkshire County Council and Defra); the Harrogate Strategic Framework Consultation (funded by West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Care Partnership); and Reaching Out (A guide to helping principal and local councils tackle loneliness) launched by the National Association of Local Councils and the Local Government Association; **Clerk to circulate details to Cllrs;**
- e. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association*: It was noted that local councils are being encouraged to take part in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW 2' and the ringing of church bells as part of the nationwide 'Ringing Out for Peace' on the 8th May 2020 - VE Day; it was agreed that this could tie in with a Dacre Parish VE Day 75 event being developed by Cllr Kerr;
- f. North Yorkshire County Council – Annual budget consultation: A consultation regarding the budget and priorities for the next four years was noted; **Clerk to circulate link to the consultation to Cllrs.**
- g. *Friends of the Earth*: A guide suggesting 20 actions that town and parish councils might take to help address climate change has been developed; **Clerk to circulate details to Cllrs.**

16. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda: The Parish Consultation for 2020 has been confirmed as 22 January; **Cllr Kerr and Clerk to attend.**

17. Circulation papers: The White Rose Update for Mid-October 2019 was circulated.

18. Dates of future meetings: 10 December; 14 January; 11 February; 10 March.

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