

# DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 from 7.30pm at the Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall, Dacre Banks

1. **Present:** Councillors J Kerr (Chairman), K Johnson, C White, A Brown, S Darnbrook, County Councillor Stan Lumley (part), Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). One member of the public attended (part).
2. **Apologies:** Councillor R Brown due to holiday. Councillor J Dales due to work commitments.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** Councillor White declared an interest in planning application 21/02394/OUT *Outline application for the erection of 1 No. dwelling with access considered (Site Area 0.11ha). Land Between Lodge Farm And Mistal House Dacre* as the owner of land adjacent to the site and took no part in the vote. Councillor White also declared an interest in Item 11b as the owner of land on the South side of the current river crossing. Councillor Darnbrook declared an interest in planning application 21/02405/FUL *Creation of new access to field. Land Comprising Field At 418783 460895 Dacre* as the owner of land adjacent to the site and took no part in the vote.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 June 2021 were approved with one amendment to clarify that the bollards discussed at the meeting are those on the corner of the B6451 and B6165 in Summerbridge. Borough Councillor Watson clarified that Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council (Hartwith PC) had been involved at the start of the process to install these bollards as it had helped the affected parishioner make initial contact with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Highways.
5. **Public Statements:** A parishioner spoke in relation to Item 9 and, understanding that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) is intending to dispose of the car park in Dacre Banks for the construction of affordable housing, supported the nomination of the land as an asset of community value as a means of trying to preserve the use of the land as a car park. As a neighbour to the site, the parishioner had collected evidence that the car park is used frequently and by a range of people, including social groups meeting in the village hall and public house. Losing the car park would lead to parking problems in the village.
6. **Coronavirus pandemic:**
  - a. It was noted that emergency decisions had been made since the last meeting (8 June 2021).
  - b. It was agreed that the ordinary meeting of Dacre Parish Council on 14 September 2021 should be held in the United Reform Schoolroom at Dacre assuming conditions allow. No other further actions were agreed.

### 7. County and Borough Councillors' Reports:

County Councillor Lumley reported that North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) continues to operate through online meetings, with decision-making by officers under delegated powers.

The Kex Gill A59 realignment project is currently out to tender and it is anticipated that construction will start in the autumn. The project should be completed by the end of 2022.

A decision regarding the potential reorganisation of the North Yorkshire Local Authority structure is expected before the end of July.

NYCC Highways has ended its contract with Ringway and from 1 June 2021 will fulfil highway maintenance through a new subsidiary company. The new company will operate on an arms-length basis and is also able to provide services to third party public and private sector bodies.

Borough Councillor Watson confirmed that HBC has resumed in-person meetings. The recent meeting of full council took place in the Harrogate Convention Centre (HCC) in order to meet Government guidelines. HCC is now also generally open for conferences, subject to the relevant Government guidelines on events.

The Coronavirus pandemic has led to additional costs for HBC in the region of £10m, with around £7.8m of this expected to be reimbursed by Central Government.

Borough Councillor Watson noted that new legislation (The Mobile Homes (Requirement for Manager of Site to be Fit and Proper Person) (England) Regulations 2020) includes regulations requiring the managers of mobile home sites must meet a "fit and proper person" test from July 2021.

### 8. Planning:

#### a. Planning Decisions noted:

21/01372/FUL Erection of single storey extension to form utility room to rear. High Barn Dacre Pasture Lane Thornthwaite  
APPLICATION PERMITTED

Tree Preservation Order 12/2021 Beech Croft Dacre

ORDER CONFIRMED

21/01038/FUL Demolition of existing feed store. Erection of store and associated hardstanding. Holme Farm Barn Heyshaw To Hill Top Heyshaw  
APPLICATION PERMITTED

**b. Planning Applications considered:**

21/02374/FUL Demolition of garage and porch. Erection of single storey side extension and detached garage. 27 Church Avenue Dacre Banks  
NO OBJECTIONS

21/02104/FUL Erection of a single storey lean-to extension and installation of 1no. window to first floor. Burnside Dacre  
NO OBJECTIONS

21/02286/FUL Erection of livestock building. Land Comprising Field At 417786 459537 Dacre Pasture Lane Thornthwaite  
NO OBJECTIONS

21/02219/FUL Erection of extension to existing agricultural building Clocken Syke Farm Dairy Lane Dacre  
NO OBJECTIONS

21/02394/OUT Outline application for the erection of 1 No. dwelling with access considered (Site Area 0.11ha). Land Between Lodge Farm And Mistal House Dacre.

The Council OBJECTED on the basis that the majority of the proposed development site is outside the development limits of Dacre village (as defined within the Harrogate District Local Plan 2014-2035).

COUNCIL OBJECTS

21/02552/FUL Erection of a timber cabin to form a 2 bedroom dwelling, including the demolition of existing buildings and the removal of a caravan permitted under Ref 20/00250/CLEUD. Newall Hall Farm Foldshaw Lane Dacre  
NO OBJECTIONS

21/02675/FUL Erection of dormer extension to rear. 21 Church Avenue Dacre Banks  
NO OBJECTIONS

21/02405/FUL Creation of new access to field. Land Comprising Field At 418783 460895 Dacre  
NO OBJECTIONS

**c. Planning Enforcement:** None.

**d. Planning matters update:** None.

**9. Asset of Community Value:** Understanding that HBC is in the process of a disposing of the public car park at Dacre Banks, the Council agreed that it would nominate the land as an asset of community value (ACV). The Council noted that the application needed to be made to the legal department at HBC and if approved, the Council and other local groups should have a period of six months to put together a bid to purchase the land in the event that HBC proposed to sell it.

The Council agreed that the two relevant tests for deciding whether the land should qualify as an ACV (that the use of the land furthers the social well-being or social interests of the community and that it is realistic to think that this would continue for the next five years) were met and from discussions held to date, the Council understands that the local community supported retaining the car park; **Clerk to draft nomination form.**

The Council further agreed that following the submission of the application, it would write to HBC setting out the reasons why the car park is needed and asking for a reconsideration of the decision to dispose of the site; **Clerk to draft.**

**10. Updates on current issues:** No problems were reported with the two defibrillators or the water and electricity supplies. Clerk reported that the plumber (Ken Simpson t/a J A Simpson & Co) has sourced a new water regulator for the urinals at the public conveniences and installed this.

**11. Footpaths and Highways**

a. *Meeting with NYCC Highways:* It was noted that Councillor R Brown and Clerk met with two representatives from NYCC Highways on 2 July 2021 with the following actions:

- *Dacre to Dacre Banks road safety project:* NYCC Highways to draft sign and send to the Council for its view;
- *Protective barrier outside of the village shop in Dacre Banks:* NYCC Highways to install barrier in order to protect pedestrians entering and leaving the shop;
- *Double-yellow lines at the entrance to Grange Road, Dacre Banks:* The fading lines should be repainted following surface-dressing of the road. Consideration will be given by NYCC Highways as to whether the lines can be extended towards the Grange Medical Centre to improve visibility at the junction;

- *Bollard B6451 opposite Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall*: A replacement bollard has been ordered and will be installed by NYCC Highways as soon as possible.
- b. *Stepping stones from Dacre Parish to Hartwith cum Winsley Parish*: Sue Welch (Chairman of Darley and Menwith Parish Council and Parish Council representative on the Joint Advisory Committee of the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) is seeking to organise a meeting to consider whether an application might be made to a new fund (Farming in Protected Landscapes Fund) to purchase a bridge to enhance the crossing. It was agreed the Councillor Johnson would attend to represent the Council; **Clerk to confirm to Sue Welch.**
- c. *Continued problem with dog-fouling on the village green, Dacre Banks*: Councillor White has contacted the school to ask the children to design a poster; **Councillor White to follow up.**
- d. County Councillor Lumley confirmed that NYCC has given approval for double-yellow lines to be added outside of the Church View development in Dacre Banks. A legal process will now be followed to implement the double-lines; **Clerk to monitor.**
- e. A problem with water running down the path from the road to the United Reform Church at Dacre has been reported. It was not clear whether this was from a blocked gully; **Clerk to report to NYCC Highways.**
- f. No other footpath and highways actions were agreed.

**12. Parish Caretaker.** It was agreed that the Caretaker would be asked to take on the following additional tasks: (i) to cut back foliage which has overgrown the footpath between Grange Road and Grange Avenue, Dacre Banks; (ii) to trim to clear around the Council bench on Dacre Lane near Hacklers Hill Farm; and (iii) to tidy up the bushes outside of the Public Conveniences, Dacre, when required; **Clerk to ask Caretaker to action.**

### 13. Reports:

- a. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association Harrogate Branch meeting (14 June 2021)*: Councillor White reported that representatives from NYCC answered questions mainly regarding NYCC Highways. Nigel Simms and Sue Reid were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Harrogate Branch respectively.
- b. No other meetings or events were noted.

### 14. Finance/Statutory:

- a. Receipts and payments were noted: *Receipts*: Honesty Box June £48.43, Deposit account interest to June 2021 £0.33; *Payments*: Mrs D Driver – Plants for Council planters £11; Business Stream Water to June 2021 £51.39, Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (July) £50, Eon – Public conveniences electricity to 18 June 2021 £2.71; Eon – Kiosk electricity to 18 June 2021 £8.91; M Pearson Clerk admin to 30 June 2021 £39.45; Parish Caretaker – Services June 2021 £247.50; Ian Grayshon consumables for Public Conveniences £16.50; Darley and Menwith Parish Council – Share of Clerk training costs £20.
- b. The money collected from the Honesty Box on 12 July 2021 was confirmed as 37.44; **Clerk to bank.**
- c. The budget to 11 July 2021 was approved.
- d. It was agreed that consumables expenses incurred for the Public Conveniences (£16.50) by Ian Grayshon in the period to June 2021 should be reimbursed.
- e. No other issues were raised by the RFO.

### 14. Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *North Yorkshire Police: Crime report for Dacre Parish 25 May – 6 July 2021*: It was noted that only one incident was reported in the period – a suspicious vehicle in the area;
- b. *The Yorkshire Hearing Clinic Ltd*: It was noted that Mr Andrew Armitage is now providing audiology services from the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks.
- c. *North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel*: It was noted that the panel is seeking two individuals to join as independent co-opted members. The closing date for applications is 15 July 2021; **Clerk to circulate details to Councillors.**

**15. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda:** It was noted that although there is no meeting planned for August, a meeting may need to be held if the Council is consulted on planning applications that cannot be deferred to the September meeting or if other urgent issues arise.

**16. Dates of future meetings:** 14 September; 12 October; 9 November; 14 December, 11 January 2022, 8 February 2022.

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