

# DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 from 7.30pm at the URC Schoolroom, Dacre

1. **Present:** Councillors J Kerr (Chairman), S Darnbrook, K Johnson, J Sutton, A Brown, County Councillor Stan Lumley (part), Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). No members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Councillor R Brown due to holiday. Councillor C White due to holiday.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** Councillor Darnbrook declared an interest in planning application 21/03391/FUL *External alterations, alterations to fenestration, erection of dormer window, erection of porch and erection of outdoor terrace. Hacklers Hill Dacre* as a neighbour to the site and took no part in the vote. Councillor Kerr declared an interest in Item 15e. as a Trustee of the Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association and took no part in the discussion or vote.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 were approved.
5. **Public Statements:** None.
6. **Coronavirus pandemic:**
  - a. It was noted that no emergency decisions had been made since the last meeting (13 July 2021) and agreed that no further actions were required.
  - b. It was agreed that this item should be retained on future agendas.
7. **County and Borough Councillors' Reports:**

County Councillor Lumley reported that Central Government has chosen the new local authority structure for North Yorkshire from 1 April 2023 and that this will be a single unitary authority for the county outside of the existing City of York Council unitary authority. Elections will be held for a five-year term in May 2022, with District Councillors serving the remainder of the year through to 31 March 2023 alongside County Councillors.

County Councillor Lumley has been part of a cross-party group working to reassess division boundaries for the new authority and the recommended model will be considered by the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Executive on 21 September 2021. If approved, the Boundary Commission for England and Central Government will be asked to approve the new divisions.

The A59 Kex Gill road project will be consulted on until the end of 2021, with a contractor to be appointed in 2022. The work is expected to take twelve months to complete.

Following lobbying by County Councillor Lumley, the Bewerley Park Centre for Outdoor Education will be provided with additional funding by NYCC. This is with a view to the facility developing a plan to be self-sustaining through educational and business activities.

The new company which has taken over management and repair of NYCC's roads (NY Highways Ltd) has invested in 26 new items of snow-clearing equipment to help provide the winter maintenance service.

Borough Councillor Watson confirmed that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) and the other district councils are helping move forward with the transition to the new local authority structure as quickly as possible.

The freeze on employing new staff at HBC has been lifted and HBC is now seeking to fill a number of positions ([harrogate.gov.uk/jobs](http://harrogate.gov.uk/jobs)).

It should not now be necessary to book to use HBC Leisure facilities but users are advised to check online that facilities are open before visiting.

Waste and recycling collections may be late due to employee sickness and holidays. Missed collections are logged and catch-up collections will be carried out as soon as possible.

The damaged road sign at Oak Lane, Dacre Banks, has been replaced with a new one.

### 8. **Planning:**

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

21/02219/FUL Erection of extension to existing agricultural building Clocken Syke Farm Dairy Lane Dacre  
APPLICATION PERMITTED

21/02374/FUL Demolition of garage and porch. Erection of single storey side extension and detached garage. 27 Church Avenue Dacre Banks  
APPLICATION PERMITTED

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

21/03038/PNA Prior notification of the erection of agricultural building. Low Hall Dacre  
APPLICATION REFUSED

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 APPLICATION REFUSED

21/02286/FUL Erection of livestock building. Land Comprising Field At 417786 459537 Dacre Pasture Lane  
Thornthwaite APPLICATION REFUSED

21/02675/FUL Erection of dormer extension to rear. 21 Church Avenue Dacre Banks  
APPLICATION PERMITTED

21/02405/FUL Creation of new access to field. Land Comprising Field At 418783 460895 Dacre  
APPLICATION PERMITTED

20/02761/FUL Conversion of barn and outbuilding to form dwelling and ancillary store. Grange Farm Barn  
Dike Lane Dacre APPLICATION PERMITTED

**b. Planning Applications considered:**

21/03423/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement single storey extension to  
rear. 1 Springfield Villas Grange Lane Dacre Banks NO OBJECTIONS

21/03267/FUL Erection of an agricultural building. Fouldshaw Farm Fouldshaw Farm Dacre  
NO OBJECTIONS

21/03391/FUL External alterations, alterations to fenestration, erection of dormer window, erection of porch  
and erection of outdoor terrace. Hacklers Hill Dacre NO OBJECTIONS

**c. Planning Enforcement:** 21/00424/PR15 Old School House School Lane Dacre Banks ALLEGED BREACH:  
Erection of pre-fabricated structure (87/03338/OUT, 90/00589/REM) was noted.

**d. Planning matters update:**

(i) It was noted that the owners of the site at Cabin Lane, Dacre Banks had agreed to tidy the site as far as possible. It is intended that this will take place before the end of September 2021.

(ii) An update from HBC Planning Enforcement which was forwarded by a parishioner, has confirmed that work to demolish the Little Barn at Dike Lane Farm, Dacre, has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. It was noted that the parishioner expressed disappointment that the Council had not objected to planning application *20/05012/FUL Erection of a single dwelling in accordance with the plans for a barn conversion approved under Ref 16/01442/FUL. Little Barn Dike Lane Farm Dacre* at the Council meeting in March 2021.

**9. Asset of Community Value:** Clerk confirmed that the application to nominate the HBC public car park at Dacre Banks as an asset of community value (ACV) has been submitted, together with a letter to Councillor Cooper (as leader of HBC) asking that the decision to dispose of the car park be reconsidered. In support of the nomination, further correspondence from other local organisations and businesses was submitted to the officer making the decision, together with a copy of the letter submitted to Councillor Cooper.

It was noted that Councillor Kerr attended a meeting with HBC Officers arranged by a parishioner in August 2021 on-site at the car park. It was confirmed at that meeting that a final decision had not been made by HBC regarding the future of the car park at that stage.

A decision from HBC on the ACV nomination is expected in late September 2021.

**10. Updates on current issues:**

- a. It was noted that an estimate had been obtained from Ken Simpson t/a J A Simpson & Co for insulating the loft space at the public conveniences in Dacre. The work would aim to prevent further damage from freezing pipes during winter. It was agreed that it should be investigated whether grant funding might be available for insulating and redecorating the inside of the building; **Clerk to action;**
- b. No problems were reported with the two defibrillators or the water and electricity supplies.

**11. Footpaths and Highways**

- a. *Meeting with NYCC Highways:* Further to the meeting on 2 July 2021, Clerk confirmed that contact had been made in September with Mrs Fernandes seeking an update on the Dacre to Dacre Banks road safety project. Mrs Fernandes confirmed that the sign was being drafted and agreed to follow up with the relevant person; **Clerk to follow up.**

- b. *New double-yellow lines, Dacre Banks*: It was noted that a new Traffic Regulation Order for double-yellow lines along a stretch of the B6451 outside the Church View development, Dacre Banks, was brought into operation from 10 September 2021.
- c. *Continued problem with dog-fouling on the village green, Dacre Banks*: **Councillor White to update at the next meeting.**
- d. It was noted that repairs to Grange Road, Dacre Banks, have now been completed. It was noted that repairs to potholes on the junction of Dacre Lane and B6451 have not been carried out; **Clerk to report again.** It was noted that the national speed limit signs on Dacre Lane are looking faded; **Clerk to report.** It was noted that following recent resurfacing work, traffic management signs have not been removed; **Clerk to report.**
- e. No other footpath and highways actions were agreed.

**12. Parish Caretaker.** It was noted that the Parish Caretaker has undertaken work to make the phone box at Dacre Banks water-tight and is hoping to test this during the next spell of bad weather. No other new actions were agreed.

### 13. Reports:

- a. *Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group, 1 September 2021*: Councillor Johnson reported that the main topic of the meeting was the North Yorkshire Police report for Nidderdale (the report has previously been circulated to Councillors);
- b. *RAF Menwith Hill Civic Leaders Briefing, 8 September 2021*: Councillor Kerr reported that the briefing was interesting and included a tour of the site and a radome;
- c. No other meetings or events were noted.

**14. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022:** An invitation to light a beacon to celebrate the Jubilee on 2 June 2022 was noted. It was agreed that investigation should be carried out as to whether a tree could be planted by the Council at the Max Pullen Playing Fields as part of the *Queen's Green Canopy* initiative; **Clerk to contact the Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association.** The Council decided not to host any other events to mark the Jubilee Celebrations.

### 15. Finance/Statutory:

- a. Receipts and payments were noted: *Receipts*: Honesty Box July £37.44, Honesty Box August £26.22; *Payments*: Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (August) £50, Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (September) £50, Eon - Electricity public conveniences to 18 July 2021 £1.89, Eon - Electricity public conveniences to 18 August 2021 £2.44, Ken Simpson t/a J A Simpson & Co - Plumbing repairs at public conveniences £384.40, Caretaker - Services to 30 July 2021 £172.50, Caretaker - Services to 31 August 2021 £97.50, Eon Next - Electricity kiosk to 17 August 2021 £18.03, Eon Next - Electricity kiosk to 7 September 2021 £6, M Pearson - Clerk salary and allowances for the quarter ending September 2021 £758.80.
- b. The money collected from the Honesty Box in August was confirmed as £26.22 and in September as £51.17; **Clerk to bank.**
- c. The budget to 13 September 2021 was approved.
- d. It was agreed that a four-year contract for electricity at the Public Conveniences should be taken out with EDF Energy from 10 December 2021 at an expected annual cost in the region of £140 plus VAT per year; **Clerk to action.**
- e. It was agreed that the Council would pay for the annual playground inspection for Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields for the next three years at a cost of £60 plus VAT per year; **Clerk to action.**
- f. No other issues were raised by the RFO.

### 16. Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *North Yorkshire Police: Crime report for Dacre Parish 6 July – 13 September 2021*: The report included one incident of criminal damage to a car, a threat to cause damage, a vehicle parked on a road without an MOT, two damage-only road traffic collisions and highway disruption due to livestock on the road.
- b. *CPRE North Yorkshire / Action for Yorkshire Transport*: A consultation on North Yorkshire County Council's Bus Improvement Plan was noted.

**17. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda:** It was agreed that approval of the purchase of a Christmas tree for the village green, Dacre Banks, should be added to the next agenda; **Clerk to action.**

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

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