

# DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on  
Tuesday, 4 May 2021 from 7.30pm

## In light of the Coronavirus pandemic this meeting was held by conference call

1. **Present:** Councillors J Kerr (Chairman), K Johnson, J Dales, C White, A Brown, Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). No members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Councillor R Brown due to holiday. Councillor Darnbrook due to holiday. County Councillor Stan Lumley.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 were approved; **Chairman to sign.**
5. **Public Statements:** None.
6. **Coronavirus pandemic:**

- a. It was noted that emergency decisions had been made since the last meeting (27 April 2021).
- b. It was noted that the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) has issued guidance that under current legislation it will not be lawful for meetings of the Council to be held remotely after 6 May 2021. This has now been reinforced by the failure of the High Court challenge by Hertfordshire County Council, which confirmed that new legislation is required in order for local authorities to hold meetings remotely (Central Government has indicated that such new legislation will not be introduced in England).

It was agreed that the ordinary meeting of Dacre Parish Council on 8 June 2021 should be held in person and that the Council should return to holding these in the United Reform Schoolroom, Dacre; **Clerk to sign and return hire agreement.**

A risk assessment should be carried out and documented; **Clerk to action.**

It was agreed that it would be prudent to investigate the use of a larger venue in the event that a significant number of members of the public want to attend; **Clerk to investigate.**

It was agreed that in order to plan adequate safety provision (including the potential change of venue to an alternative larger venue) it was reasonable in the short term (until restrictions are fully lifted) to ask any members of the public wishing to attend to notify the Clerk in advance (by 5pm on the day before the meeting); **Clerk to amend future agendas and add a note to the website.**

- c. No further actions were considered necessary.

7. **County and Borough Councillors' Reports:** Borough Councillor Watson noted that Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) held its Annual Meeting on 28 April 2021. At the meeting, Councillor Trevor Chapman was elected Mayor of the Borough Council. Councillor Christine Willoughby was elected Deputy Mayor. Borough Councillor Watson wished both councillors the best for the year ahead.

Borough Councillor Watson thanked Councillor Stuart Martin and Councillor Zoe Metcalfe for their hard work as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively for the last two years.

Borough Councillor Watson attended a Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) meeting recently and the subject of the crossing of the River Nidd between Dacre Parish and Hartwith cum Winsley Parish (Item 10b) was raised with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Public Rights of Way officers. It was recognised that the right of way is not passable due to some of the stepping stones having moved out of place.

It was agreed that a solution would be best found through collaboration between the local parish councils (Dacre Parish Council, Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council (Hartwith PC) and Darley and Menwith Parish Council), NYCC and other interested parties (such as the AONB and relevant landowners). The solution could potentially be the installation of a bridge in place of the stepping stones.

It was agreed that the Council should monitor developments in order to consider further once more information was known; **Clerk to add to future agenda.**

## 8. Planning:

### a. Planning Decisions noted:

21/00294/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension, alterations to existing dwelling, roof height and fenestration. Lodge Farm Dacre APPLICATION PERMITTED

21/00881/FUL Erection of agricultural building Hill Top Farm School Lane Dacre Banks APPLICATION PERMITTED

### b. Planning Applications considered:

21/01372/FUL Erection of single storey extension to form utility room to rear. High Barn Dacre Pasture Lane Thornthwaite NO OBJECTIONS

c. **Planning Enforcement:** 21/00136/BRPC15 14 Church Avenue Dacre Banks ALLEGED BREACH: Potential breach of condition 19 (boundary treatments) & 18 (maintenance of soft landscaping)- 15/03868/FULMAJ plus dumping of materials (15/03868/FULMAJ 18/02826/DISCON): An update provided by HBC Planning Enforcement confirmed that no further action would be taken in respect of the above alleged breach. There was no clarification provided regarding the address quoted in the correspondence.

21/00211/PR15 Land Comprising Field At 419648 462236 Cabin Lane Dacre Banks ALLEGED BREACH: Untidy development site (15/05687/FULMAJ) was noted. HBC Planning Enforcement will carry out an investigation and provide an update within 28 days.

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

9. **Updates on current issues:** No problems were reported with the defibrillator at Dacre Banks or the electricity supplies to the kiosk or public conveniences.

A new battery has been fitted in the defibrillator at Dacre and the Clerk will continue to monitor to check there is no fault with the defibrillator; **Clerk to action.**

A problem with the flow of water to the urinals at the public conveniences was reported by Ian Grayshon. The plumber (Ken Simpson t/a J A Simpson & Co) has been asked to check what is causing the problem; **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

## 10. Footpaths and Highways

a. *Dacre to Dacre Banks road safety project:* It was noted that County Councillor Lumley made contact with the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Highways team seeking help with the project. An engineer will now be allocated to the project and a site visit arranged to start the process; **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

b. *Stepping stones from Dacre Parish to Hartwith cum Winsley Parish:* Please see Item 7. above.

c. *Safety concerns regarding vehicles driving on the pavement outside the village shop, Dacre Banks:* It was noted that a parishioner has expressed concerns vehicles are pulling onto the pavement immediately outside the shop and that this is dangerous for pedestrians using the path and leaving the shop (a near-miss involving a child leaving the shop was noted). It was proposed that possible solutions included installing railings or bollards outside of the shop to protect pedestrians.

It was understood that similar measures may have been introduced in Summerbridge recently; **Clerk to contact the Clerk of Hartwith PC to find out more.**

It was agreed that before making any proposal to NYCC Highways, a discussion should be held with the business owner to establish how any measure might affect access to the village shop; **Chairman to action.**

It was agreed that a reduction in traffic and parked vehicles in Dacre Banks associated with the completion of the Church View development might affect the issue; **Councillor Johnson to contact site manager to confirm when the development is planned to finish.**

d. No other highways and footpath issues were discussed.

11. **Parish Caretaker.** It was noted that the phone box in Dacre Banks is not water-tight and that the Parish Caretaker is investigating the source of the leak.

No new tasks for the Parish Caretaker were considered.

12. **Reports:** None.

**13. Finance/Statutory:**

- a. Receipts and payments were noted: *Receipts*: Honesty Box April £32.17, HBC Precept part 1 £5,500; *Payments*: Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (May) £50, Parish Caretaker – Services April 2021 £52.50, J Carruthers Internal Audit fee 2021 £52, Councillor J Kerr – Plants for Dacre Banks village green £24.75.
- b. The money collected from the Honesty Box on 3 May 2021 was confirmed as £27.36; **Clerk to bank.**
- c. The budget to 2 May 2021 was approved.
- d. No other issues were raised by the RFO.

**14. Correspondence received by the Clerk:**

- a. *North Yorkshire Police: Crime report for Dacre Parish to May 2021*: No incidents were reported in the period 12 April – 4 May 2021.
- b. *Joint Advisory Committee, Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*: It was noted that following the resignation of Councillor Hawkesworth from the role of Parish Council representative on the Committee, Councillor Joy Stanton has been chosen to join Councillor Sue Welch as Parish Council as a representative going forward.
- c. *Department for Culture, Media and Sport Consultation on Rural Broadband*: A consultation into improving broadband connectivity to very hard to reach places running until 11 June 2021 was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Councillors.**

- 15. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda:** Noting that an item of play equipment at the Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields had recently broken, a proposal to assist with the purchase of new playground equipment will be made at the next meeting; **Clerk to add to agenda.**

- 20. Dates of future meetings in 2021:** 8 June; 13 July; 14 September; 12 October; 9 November; 14 December.

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