

DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 8 June 2021 from 7.30pm at the Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall, Dacre Banks

1. **Present:** Councillors J Kerr (Chairman), K Johnson, J Dales, C White, A Brown, R Brown, S Darnbrook, Borough Councillor Tom Watson (part) and M Pearson (Clerk). No members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** County Councillor Stan Lumley.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.
4. The minutes of the two meetings held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 were approved.
5. **Public Statements:** None.
6. **Coronavirus pandemic:**
 - a. It was noted that emergency decisions had been made since the last meeting (4 May 2021).
 - b. It was agreed that the ordinary meeting of Dacre Parish Council on 13 July 2021 should be held in the Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall, Dacre Banks, with a decision on the venue for the September meeting to be made on that date.
 - c. No further actions were considered necessary.
7. **County and Borough Councillors' Reports:** Borough Councillor Watson noted that the Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Knaresborough Swimming Pool is expecting to reopen in July. This follows work to replace the filtration system. Anyone planning to visit is asked to check that the pool is open before going.

HBC collected 97.5% of Council Tax in the year to 31 March 2021 against a target of 98%.

During the year to 31 March 2021, HBC employed 1,085 people, with 927 in full-time roles. The turnover of employees in this year was 11.4% including seasonal workers and 9.7% excluding seasonal workers. This compares with 16.1% and 14.6% respectively in 2018/19.

The Harrogate Convention Centre is expected to reopen for events in July 2021.
8. **Planning:**
 - a. **Planning Decisions noted:**

21/01405/FUL Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Harewell Woods Farm Glasshouses	APPLICATION PERMITTED
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 Little Barn Dike Lane Farm Dacre	APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
 - b. **Planning Applications considered:**

21/01038/FUL Demolition of existing feed store. Erection of store and associated hardstanding. Holme Farm Barn Heyshaw To Hill Top Heyshaw	NO OBJECTIONS
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 - c. **Planning Enforcement:** *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 has confirmed that the land is not untidy enough for enforcement action to be merited.

The Council agreed to write to the owner of the land and, assuming that work on the site is not imminent, ask whether the site can be tidied; **Clerk to draft.**
 - d. **Planning matters update:** None.
9. **Updates on current issues:** No problems were reported with the two defibrillators or the electricity supplies to the kiosk or public conveniences. The details of both defibrillators will be recorded on a new national database (The Circuit – The National Defibrillator Network); **Clerk to action.**

regulator earlier this year. He will source a new regulator and install. The plumber will also provide a quote for insulating the roof-space of the building to try to avoid a repeat of the flooding; **Clerk to add to future agenda.**

10. New Councillor Code of Conduct: The Council agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct for Councillors model proposed by HBC, noting that it is clear and that it makes sense for the Council to follow the same code as HBC and other Parish Council Councillors; **Clerk to add to the Council website.**

Online training offered by HBC on the new code of conduct on 15 June was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Councillors.**

11. Footpaths and Highways

- a. *Dacre to Dacre Banks road safety project:* It was noted that no update has been received since the last Council meeting. It was agreed that County Councillor Lumley would be asked to contact NYCC Highways to help move the project forward; **Clerk to action.**
- b. *Grange Road, Dacre Banks water leak:* It was confirmed the leak has now been fixed. The fantastic work of Mrs Fernandes at NYCC Highways to solve this problem was highlighted.
- c. *Surface water issue on Grange Road, Dacre Banks:* It was noted that there is a second problem at the top of Grange Road such that surface water runs from the fields above across the road during bad weather. Mrs Fernandes is aware and has confirmed that NYCC intends to undertake a repair; *Clerk to monitor.*
- d. *Safety concerns regarding vehicles driving on the pavement outside the village shop, Dacre Banks:* It was noted that there have been further near-misses since the last meeting and that the owners of the shop support moves to make this safer for customers. It was also noted that the installation of bollards in Summerbridge was not arranged through Hartwith and Winsley Parish Council. It was agreed that NYCC Highways should be asked for advice regarding possible solutions (such as bollards or protective railings); **Clerk to action.**
- e. *Stepping stones from Dacre Parish to Hartwith cum Winsley Parish:* It was noted that Ian Kelly of NYCC has been asked by the Chairman of Darley and Menwith Parish Council, Sue Welch, to look into the history of the issue in order to facilitate a discussion of options for repairing or replacing the right of way; **Clerk to monitor.**
- f. *Dog-fouling on the village green, Dacre Banks:* The ongoing problem of dog-fouling was noted. It was agreed that larger signs would be employed to encourage better behaviour and the possibility of these being designed by local schoolchildren should be considered; **Councillor White to investigate.**
- g. *Formation of a North Yorkshire County Council Highways company from 1 June 2021:* The formation of a new company by NYCC to deliver highways maintenance following the end of the contract with Ringway.
- h. *Potholes on the road surface of Dacre Lane near the junction of the B6451 were noted; Clerk to report.* The new double-yellow lines on the corner of Grange Road in Dacre Banks were reported as fading; **Clerk to report.** Similarly, the 30mph speed markings on the road when entering Dacre from the direction of Dacre Banks to the South were noted to have faded; **Clerk to report.** The School Lane street sign was noted as still needing repair; **Clerk to follow-up with HBC.** It was noted that an acknowledgement had been received from the Openreach Pole Objection Team regarding the new telephone poles on Dike Lane but that no substantive response had been received. No other highways and footpath issues were discussed.

12. Parish Caretaker. It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to clear the path between Dacre and Dacre Banks as it is becoming overgrown; **Clerk to action.** The Parish Caretaker should also be asked to clear the weeds around the village green in Dacre Banks when next cutting the grass; **Clerk to action.**

13. Reports: Councillor Johnson reported that the Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhoods Group held its Annual General Meeting on 2 June 2021. The North Yorkshire Police report presented highlighted that the level and type of crime committed is similar year to year but there has been a rise in the number of complaints regarding poor and inconsiderate driving and parking. North Yorkshire Police will look into such complaints if details are provided to them. A rise in fraud/scams was also noted.

14. Finance/Statutory:

- a. Receipts and payments were noted: *Receipts:* Honesty Box May £27.36, Business Stream refund for low water pressure £25; *Payments:* Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (June) £50, Eon – Public conveniences electricity to 18 May 2021 £3.52; Eon – Kiosk electricity to 18 May 2021 £8.91; Information Commissioner's

Office Data Protection Fee £35; M Pearson Clerk salary and allowances to 30 June 2021 £758.80; Parish Caretaker – Services May 2021 £97.50.

- b. The money collected from the Honesty Box on 8 June 2021 was confirmed as £48.43; **Clerk to bank.**
- c. The budget to 6 June 2021 was approved.
- d. A request by a parishioner for reimbursement of the cost of plants for the planters outside Gate Eel of £11 was approved; **Clerk to action.**
- e. No other issues were raised by the RFO.

14. Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *North Yorkshire Police: Crime report for Dacre Parish 4 May to 25 May 2021:* Two incidents were reported – anti-social behaviour by youths and one scam phone call;
- b. *Arthritis Action:* The organisation is holding a webinar covering an Introduction to Self-Management for Arthritis on 23 June 2021, 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm. Details are available from Ruth Smith (ruth@arthritisaaction.org.uk or 0203 781 7120);
- c. *Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company:* It was noted that the Number 24 Bus Summer Sunday and Bank Holiday Service is now operational; **Clerk to add timetable to Council website;**
- d. *Action Challenge Yorkshire Challenge Event 17-18 July 2021:* It was noted that this event will pass through Dacre Parish, with a refreshment stop at the Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields, Dacre Banks.

15. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda: None.

16. Dates of future meetings: 13 July; 14 September; 12 October; 9 November; 14 December, 11 January 2022.

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