

DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Tuesday, 9 July 2019 from 7.30pm at the United Reform Schoolroom, Dacre

1. **Present:** Cllrs J Kerr (Chairman), A Brown, A Cottrill, C White, S Darnbrook, K Johnson, Borough Cllr Tom Watson, County Cllr Lumley and M Pearson (Clerk). No members of the public attended.

2. **Apologies:** None.

3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.

4. **Public Statements (Maximum 15 minutes total):** None.

5. **Minutes of meetings held** on Tuesday 11 June 2019 were approved.

6. **Planning:**

a. **Planning Decisions** noted:

19/01882/DVCMVAJ Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) to allow the incorporation of an Air Source Heat Pump to the rear of unit 6 of planning permission 17/05551/FULMAJ - Erection of new shed to form light industrial (Class B1) and storage and distribution (Class B8) workspaces and office spaces (Revised scheme). Mill Hurst Business Park Dacre APPROVED

TPO 26/2019 - YORKE HOUSE, DACRE BANKS, HARROGATE, HG3 4EW Mixed Deciduous and Coniferous Woodland 419641 461749: It was noted that a provisional order was made in respect of the specified trees at this property with a public consultation to 25 July 2019.

18/04883/FUL Retention of domestic store and use of land as domestic garden and demolition of existing two stores (revised description) Dacre Hall Dacre APPROVED

b. **Planning Applications:**

19/02456/DVCON Variation of condition 6 (Opening Hours) to allow extension of opening hours for planning permission 18/00449/FUL -Erection of building to house distillery vats, gift shop and group workshop space. - Harewell House Farm Harewell Lane Dacre Banks NO OBJECTIONS

c. **Planning Enforcement:**

19/00291/BRPC15 Site Of Church Hill Filling Station Dacre Banks ALLEGED BREACH: Flooding to field between Church View & Church Avenue - breach of C6 & 16 of 15/03868/FULMAJ was noted.

19/00299/BRPC15 Land Comprising Field At 419648 462236 Cabin Lane Dacre Banks. Clerk confirmed that notification had been received from the Compliance Officer of a discharge of conditions 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 of approval 18/00137/FUL and variation application 18/01954/DVCON.

19/00348/BRPC15 Harewell House Farm Harewell Lane Dacre Banks ALLEGED BREACH: Building erected is not in accord with the approved plans and without any conditions discharged (Planning Application 18/00449/FUL) was noted.

19/00362/PR15 Joes Barn Cabin Lane Dacre Banks ALLEGED BREACH: Extension of domestic curtilage into agricultural field (Planning Applications 15/03273/FUL and 11/02343/FUL) was noted.

d. **Planning Appeals:**

19/00046/NREFPP Stud Farm End Oak Lane Dacre Banks (Planning Application 18/05020/FUL). Clerk confirmed that an appeal has been made in respect of the refusal of Planning Application 18/05020/FUL and that further comments may be submitted no later than 30 July 2019 (under appeal reference APP/E2734/W/19/3230679). The Council resolved not to amend or add to the comments previously made in respect of this application.

e. **Update in respect of Planning Application** 19/01573/FUL Erection of a dwelling. (Revised Scheme). Land Adjacent To Yorke House Dacre Banks. It was confirmed that further clarification has been sought from the Planning Officer regarding this application and that the officer confirmed that an unusually large annex to Yorke House was originally approved based on the special circumstances and needs of

the applicant. The size of annex meant that it was capable of being a separate dwelling and approved as such under Planning Application 19/01573/FUL. The manner of application (i.e. not by way of variation of condition) was an acceptable way to apply for permission. It was noted that if the annex has no legal right of access in the manner approved then it should remain an annex to Yorke House.

It was agreed that the full details of the clarification should be provided to the residents of White Rose Cottage and to residents neighbouring the above property for information; **Clerk to action.**

7. County and Borough Cllrs' Reports:

County Cllr Lumley confirmed that County Hall will be vacated by the end of July in order to refurbish the building. Other offices will be used for the period of renovation (expected to be around 10 months).

County Cllr Lumley recently chaired a meeting to discuss the provision of home to school transport for students who are over sixteen years of age. This is a discretionary cost incurred by North Yorkshire County Council but has been running at a loss. Appreciating that the impact on parents in rural areas is significant, the difficult decision to increase the charge made to parents towards the £900 real cost per student per year from £490 to £600 was deemed to be justified and necessary. The date of implementation is to be confirmed.

Work is being undertaken to resurface many roads in Nidderdale. The disruption for residents which can be caused by these essential roadworks is understood.

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that Harrogate Borough Council built 259 affordable homes in the year ending 31 March 2019 (against 161 in the year ending 31 March 2018). A further 50 properties are being built for affordable rental housing and a scheme is now in place to compulsorily purchase certain empty properties.

The Parish Council resolved to report the details of two properties within the Parish understood to be empty to the relevant officer at Harrogate Borough Council for further investigation; **Clerk to action.**

Borough Cllr Watson confirmed that Harrogate Borough Council serves approximately 160,000 residents in an area of 505 square miles. The Council operates a camera network of 212 cameras (in towns, car parks and council buildings) to help keep residents safe.

Recent changes to Waste & Recycling collection have led to issues for some residents. If parishioners are experiencing any problems please contact Borough Cllr Watson.

A number of residents of Nidderdale have been contacted by persons offering property surveys and claiming this is a scheme backed by Harrogate Borough Council. This appears to be a scam and any approach to parishioners should be reported to North Yorkshire Police.

8. Updates on current issues:

a i) *March Flooding at Dacre Banks*: It was confirmed that Yorkshire Water carried out an investigation of the sewage system in the affected area (at the rear of Church Avenue, Dacre Banks) and identified a partial blockage caused by wipes and sanitary products. This has been cleared. A letter has been sent to residents in the local area confirming this and reminding of what can be safely disposed of in the sewage system. No further inspection is planned unless further issues are experienced and reported.

ii) *Proposed closure of Grange Medical Centre*: Cllr Kerr confirmed that further correspondence with Nidderdale Group Practice had confirmed that a covenant was made restricting the use of the Grange Medical Centre building at the time of sale of the land. It was agreed that the Parish Council would refuse a recent request by Nidderdale Group Practice to waive the covenant at this time and seek confirmation of the intention with regards to tenants using the building (e.g. the dentist). **Cllr Kerr to action.**

b i) Electricity and water checks: Clerk confirmed that the latest water bill suggested no problems with the water supply to the public conveniences and that electricity readings are okay;

ii) Clerk confirmed that the npower final readings used to calculate the charges in respect of the supply of electricity to the Public Conveniences at Dacre Top were accurate and that no further refund is due;

iii) Clerk confirmed that a small leak was identified on the pipes above the urinals in the Public Conveniences. A valve and section of pipe has been replaced by the plumber and the leak has now stopped;

iv) It was agreed that notice would be given to *npower business* in respect of the supply of electricity to the Kiosk, Dacre Banks prior to the notice deadline of 30 August 2019. A new three-year contract with *Eon* would be put in place from 30 September 2019. Clerk estimated a saving of around £140 relative to the current annual spend with *npower* (approximately £280) under the new tariff offered by *Eon* with administrative benefits operating a single account for electricity online; **Clerk to action.**

v) The potential purchase of children's size pads for the Council's defibrillators was discussed. On the basis that the use of defibrillators on children is rare, that such pads are only for children aged 8 or under, that adult pads can be used for children and on the understanding that the Ambulance Service do not routinely carry such pads, it was resolved that children's pads would not be purchased.

vi) The possibility of the Parish acquiring a further defibrillator to improve coverage was discussed. Given that defibrillators in surrounding parishes are likely to be accessible in the event of an emergency, it was agreed that no additional defibrillator should be needed currently.

9. Footpaths:

- a. A stile at the side of a cattle grid on Harewell Lane, Dacre Banks was reported to be overgrown; **Clerk to report to North Yorkshire Rights of Way.**
- b. No other footpath issues were reported.

10. Highways:

- a. A scheme implemented by Rotherham Council to plant wildflowers along verges was noted. It was agreed that further consideration should be given to whether Dacre Parish Council could adopt a similar approach.
- b. No other highways issues were reported.

11. Lengthsman/Parish Caretaker:

- a. Clerk confirmed that grass-cutting had been carried out as agreed at the last Parish Council meeting and is ongoing in line with the policy adopted.
- b. It was agreed that parishioners are welcome to plant up the troughs owned by the Parish Council. The location of the troughs can be established via the Clerk.
- c. No urgent tasks were identified.

12. Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association: Cllr Kerr confirmed that there had been no further meeting of DHPFA since the last Parish Council meeting and that the next meeting is 12 August.

13. Reports:

- a) *Hardcastle Trust:* Cllr White confirmed that at the meeting on 17 June the current Chairman resigned. A prospective new Chairman has been identified but not confirmed. Cllr White, Cllr Brown have been re-appointed. The presentation to schools will be made in July. The next meeting is September 2019;
- b) *Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall Committee:* A number of volunteers helped clean the village hall on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The hall is looking very good following their hard work.
- c) *UCI World Cycling Championships activity:* Cllr Kerr confirmed that a project put forward to help celebrate the race had received funding. The project, which aims to involve all ages within the community, will be part of the annual Dacre Fun Day.
- d) No other meetings/events were reported.

14. Finance/Statutory:

- a. Receipts and payments were noted as follows: Receipts: None. Payments: £7.73 Eon – electricity for public conveniences June 2019; £75.70 Clerk admin and travel expenses; £50 YLCA Play Area Training Course; £43.34 Ian Grayshon re Public Conveniences (July); £210 Caretaker payment to 27 June 2019; £8.56 J Todd & Sons Consumables for Public Conveniences; £25.31 Yorkshire Water Public Conveniences to 26 June 2019.
- b. Money from Honesty Box as of 9 July 2019 was noted as £13.25.
- c. The budget to 9 July 2019 was noted.
- d. The YLCA Play Area Training Course for Cllr Kerr was approved.
- e. The acceptance of terms of the Locality Grant for purchase and siting of a bench on the village green at Dacre Banks was approved; **Clerk to submit.**
- f. No other issues were raised.

15. Review of Council policies: The following policies were agreed and adopted:

- Financial Regulations (Full);
- Code of Conduct;
- Complaints Procedure; and
- Management of Information Policy.

The Complaints Procedure was amended to clarify that meetings to hear complaints would ordinarily be confidential and not open to the public and press. If the complainant waived the right to confidentiality the Council should consider whether the public interest or other special reasons might require exclusion of the public and press. Confirmation of the outcome of any complaint should be made at a public meeting.

The Management of Information Policy was amended to include information concerning complaints (to be kept six years from the notification of the decision to the complainant by the Parish Council).

16. Correspondence:

a) YLCA – CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY – 8 MAY, 2020: a number of celebrations are planned over the period 8-10 May 2020 and a website has been set up (www.veday75.org) with full details;

Clerk to circulate correspondence to Councillors;

b) YLCA - THE PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES (WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS) (NO. 2) ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS, 2018: Clerk confirmed that this legislation is aimed at ensuring public sector bodies make reasonable adjustments to their websites to improve accessibility by disabled people. The Council's website provider was noted as being proactive in this respect. A guidance note has recently been produced by the National Association of Local Councils - **Clerk to circulate to Councillors;**

c) YLCA – Joint Annual Meeting 2019 – Resolutions for debate: The resolutions for debate previously circulated to Councillors were highlighted. Apologies will be sent on behalf of the Council; **Clerk to action.**

17. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda: It was agreed that a review of the operation of the Public Conveniences at Dacre Top would be added to the agenda for September and that this should include consideration of the cost/income/benefit to parishioners and options to help fund the facility.

18. Circulation papers: The White Rose Update for June and July 2019 was circulated.

19. Dates of future meetings: 10 September; 8 October; 12 November; 10 December.

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