

DACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Tuesday, 9 June from 7.30pm

To comply with Government advice, this meeting was held by conference call

1. **Present:** Councillors J Kerr (Chairman), C White, K Johnson, S Darnbrook, A Brown, J Dales, R Brown, Borough Councillor Tom Watson, and M Pearson (Clerk). No members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** County Councillor S Lumley.
3. **Declarations of interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.
4. The minutes of the two meetings held on Tuesday 12 May 2020 were approved; **Chairman to sign.**
5. **Public Statements:** None.
6. **Coronavirus pandemic:**
 - a. It was confirmed that no emergency decisions were taken between meetings.
 - b. A new online directory, *North Yorkshire Connect Community Directory*, provided by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) with information regarding local activities, services, advice and guidance, including support during the Coronavirus pandemic (northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/) was noted;
 - c. A new NYCC website (northyorks.gov.uk/buy-local) to help residents find local businesses was noted;
 - d. No further actions were considered.
7. **Planning:**
 - a. **Planning Decisions** noted:
20/00895/FUL Formation of outdoor riding arena Land South Of Carr Lodge Dacre Pasture Lane
Thornthwaite APPLICATION REFUSED
 - b. **Planning Applications considered:**
20/01454/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension. 2 Holly Villas Dacre Banks NO OBJECTIONS
 - c. **Planning Enforcement:**
An update was provided in respect of 20/00178/PR15 *Ings Farm Dacre ALLEGED BREACH: Unauthorised stationing of a static caravan for purpose of residential occupation (20/00499/REM)*: the owner has been contacted for further details of where and why the caravan has been sited.
20/00263/PR05 Dike Lane Farm Dacre ALLEGED BREACH: Demolition and re-construction of existing barn (16/01442/FUL) was noted.
 - d. **Update on planning matters:**
Woodbine Cottage, Dacre Banks: A vermin infestation is understood to be affecting properties around Woodbine Cottage. The dilapidated state of Woodbine Cottage is also understood to be causing severe damp problems in the adjoining property with potential health risks. In light of these problems, Borough Councillor Watson agreed to raise the matter within Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) in order to seek an urgent solution and to update Chairman and Clerk of progress.
Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): It was noted that the Inspector has reviewed HBC's draft CIL charging schedule and recommended some relatively minor changes. CIL is expected to be introduced in the HBC district in October 2020.
8. **County and Borough Councillors' Reports:**
Borough Councillor Watson confirmed that HBC had now paid £46m of the £50m Small Business Grant Fund allocated by Central Government. The recipients of a further £2.5m allocated from the Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund are currently being decided by HBC.

Parking charges (HBC car parks and on-street parking) will be reinstated from 15 June 2020. NHS staff should continue to be able to park free of charge at HBC car parks.

Discussions are currently being held regarding the future of the Nightingale hospital within the Harrogate Convention Centre.

Visitors to the Yorkshire Dales are welcome provided that they observe the relevant guidance and park considerately, avoiding blocking access to properties.

9. Updates on current issues

i) *Planned closure of the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks*: It was noted that a recent update from Nidderdale Group Practice (NGP) has confirmed that the dentist is expected to lease the top floor of the Grange Medical Centre building from September 2020 and that a new scheme to allow patients to stay registered with a practice after moving out of the area should allow NGP to increase its list of patients.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, it is possible that NGP may be forced to operate from one site only (currently two sites). However, both of the above factors increase the chance of services being provided from three sites in the long term.

ii) Both defibrillators were confirmed to be working. Water and electricity meter checks were made and no problems reported.

10. Parish Noticeboard: A proposal to site the new noticeboard on the parcel of land owned by the Parish Council at the entrance to Grange Road, Dacre Banks was agreed, with a preferred location over the stone block on the edge of the parcel. It was agreed that the developer of the Church View site should be contacted to agree the purchase and installation of the noticeboard; **Clerk to action.**

11. Footpaths and Highways:

a. It was noted that work on the path alongside the River Nidd in Dacre Banks was completed at the end of May 2020. It was understood that NYCC Public Rights of Way is aware of two further eroded sections in need of repair towards Darley; **Clerk to confirm.**

b. Clerk confirmed that the North Yorkshire Police / 95 Alive Road Safety Partnership has been asked to consider the junction of School Lane and the B6451. North Yorkshire Police recommended enforcement as a solution but confirmed that the location makes it difficult to deploy safety camera vehicles. It was noted that if local residents are willing to allow the use of a suitable drive to site a vehicle, a safety camera could be deployed with permission following a return to more normal conditions.

c. Following the recent road repairs, the Council agreed it would be useful to understand the next steps (in terms of surface dressing and restoring the road markings); **Clerk to contact NYCC to confirm.**

It has also been noted that a number of drains along the B6451 between Dacre Top and Dacre Banks require clearing (either being silted or containing tarmac following the recent road repairs); **Clerk to report.**

12. Lengthsman/Parish Caretaker:

a. It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker to keep path between Dacre and Dacre Banks clear of weeds on an ongoing basis once conditions allow; **Clerk to contact Parish Caretaker to arrange.**

b. It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should also be asked to clean and repaint the phone box at Dacre Top. The future purpose of the phone box can then be considered; **Clerk to contact Parish Caretaker to arrange.**

c. It was agreed that a review of the latest Coronavirus advice would be carried out at the next meeting (14 July) in order to decide whether the Parish Caretaker should resume non-essential tasks; **Clerk to add to next agenda.**

13. Reports

a. *Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association (DHPFA)*: Councillor Kerr confirmed that work to repair and redecorate the pavilion following flooding earlier this year is under way.

A proposal to significantly reduce the rent paid by the three sporting clubs using the playing fields for the current year has been put forward for consideration.

Councillor Kerr raised concerns that DHPFA does not currently have the correct number of trustees as per its Trust Deed and urged DHPFA and Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council to review this. Borough Councillor Watson agreed to raise the matter at a meeting of Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council.

- b. *Yorkshire Local Councils Association local branch meeting, 8 June 2020*: Cllr White attended the meeting and noted two issues of relevance to the Parish Council: a recommendation to carry out a risk review in relation to the duties undertaken by parish caretakers during the Coronavirus pandemic and confirmation that there has been no change to the guidance that playgrounds should remain closed. The next meeting is October 2020.

A Curry Night fundraising event for Holy Trinity Church is planned for 20 June. The event will use Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall and be carried out under strict social distancing rules.

14. Finance/Statutory:

- a. Receipts and payments were noted as follows: Receipts: Honesty Box May £11.31, Bank account interest June £3.55; Payments: Eon - Public Conveniences electricity to 18 May 2020 £12.01, Eon - Kiosk electricity to 18 May 2020 £8.36; Ian Grayshon re public conveniences (June) £50; M Pearson – Expenses defibrillator battery and mobile phone top-up £292; M Pearson – Salary and allowances to 30 June 2020 £727; Ian Grayshon – Expenses – Consumables for public conveniences £12.30, Business Stream water for public conveniences to 29 May 2020 £31.61.
- b. The money from the Honesty Box as of 9 June was confirmed as £21.18; **Clerk to bank.**
- c. The budget to 7 June was approved.
- d. No other issues were raised by the RFO.

15. Correspondence received by the Clerk:

- a. *Marie Curie – A request for donation to the Marie Curie Emergency Fund*: It was agreed that, in light of the limited resources of the Parish Council, and difficulties in ensuring a fair and transparent policy in relation to this and further charity requests, the Parish Council would not make a donation; **Clerk to advise Marie Curie and to circulate details of the request to Councillors.**
- b. *Citizens Advice Craven & Harrogate District - Support during the Coronavirus pandemic*: Clerk has received a reminder that the local Citizens Advice continues to provide help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic (T 01423 503591; <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>).

16. Minor Items for Information or Future Agenda: The Parish Council expressed its gratitude to all volunteers who are helping to maintain and improve the parish and are continuing to support others within the community during the Coronavirus pandemic.

17. Dates of future meetings: 14 July; 8 September; 13 October; 10 November; 8 December.

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