

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 2nd July 2019 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Councillors Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), J. Don (JD), P. Fox (PF), J. Law (JL), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), County Cllr C. Patmore, Mrs J. Coulthard (Clerk), Mr K Gittens.

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr J. Mortimer.
Declarations of Interest: NONE.
2. **Minutes of the previous meetings:** The minutes of the annual meeting and the last parish council meeting were approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1 **Fracking in North Yorkshire:** PF reported that a High Court decision deemed an aspect of the government's policy on fracking to be unlawful. This respite might only be temporary, but it has provoked the Government Inspector to reopen the local Joint Plan for further consultation and the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group have advised that this adds weight to the precautionary principle that they advocate. In addition, the governments proposed zero carbon emissions target of 2050 is contradicted by their continuing support for fracking (which produces methane amongst other things).
 - 3.2 **Bus Service 31X:** The clerk has forwarded our suggestions to Reliance of which buses we would like reinstated when they revise the service 31X timetable in September. As the current reduction of services also affects other villages on the route beyond Easingwold, the clerk was requested to ask these parish councils to forward their requests regarding the service to Reliance to add weight to the argument for reinstatement. **Action: Clerk**
 - 3.3 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** No further progress to report.
 - 3.4 **Village Green tree:** Farm & Land Services have been requested to undertake the agreed tree works to the lime tree at their earliest convenience.
 - 3.5 **Amplecarr / A19 Junction:** A response from David Bowe, Business and Environmental Services Director at NYCC, to the letter requesting urgent improvements to the Amplecarr/A19 junction has been received stating 'Whilst it appears that this location has a collision history, the number and severity are not at the necessary level for intervention through the County Councils Accident Investigation and Prevention programme for any substantial changes to be made' and offering low cost measures such as signing and lining improvements instead. As the traffic management department promised to put this junction on a list for improvements back in 2005, the council were not satisfied with this response and agreed to send a reply detailing our concerns and asking for urgent improvements to prevent further accidents / personal injury. A copy of the letter will also be sent to Mr Don MacKenzie, Portfolio holder and our local MP.
Action: Clerk
 - 3.6 **Development of land to the south of Prospect Cottages:** A request for information regarding the length of the construction process, its start date and assurances about minimising disruption to residents had been sent to Saddington-Taylor. Their reply stated that the build would take 12-18 months, but no start date has been confirmed. It is unlikely to be this year as Loxley Homes still need to agree planning conditions, organise a build programme and commission contractors. The PC will continue to monitor any development.
 - 3.7 **Visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park:** The clerk has organised a visit on Tuesday 29th October at 2pm and all councillors are encouraged to attend.

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4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

- 4.1 Kendrew Green Cutting Regime:** Keith Gittens reported that the AONB would like to slightly alter their cutting regime of the wild flower area by making the spring cut more flexible to allow for weather variability and growth changes. It was agreed that the spring cut should be completed before the end of May with another cut later in the year to keep the area tidy. Keith also suggested that the AONB might be willing to part fund an interpretation board for the green which could be sited near to the existing bench and it was thought that match funding may be available from the Orchard Trust and the PC, so Keith will investigate further. Keith also agreed to contact the NYCC Arboriculturalist regarding the dead elm tree on the green.
- 4.2 Alleged breach of planning control at Tomahawk Steakhouse:** HDC Planning have contacted the Tomahawk Steakhouse about the erection of decking and illuminated signage to the front of the property. As the building is within the conservation area, planning permission is required so the owners have been advised to submit a retrospective planning application.
- 4.3 Public Access Defibrillator checks and replacement parts:** An unsolicited check of the Public Access Defibrillator in Husthwaite highlighted a problem with our caretaking arrangements. Rod Winter of Restarting Hearts replaced the life-expired pads and offered to maintain the PAD at a cost of £200 per annum. While grateful that the PAD is now in good working order, it was felt that the proposed costs were excessive, so the PC will reimburse £23 for the new pads and in future, CF will check the machine, ordering new pads and batteries when required.
- 4.4 VE Day 75 - 8th to 10th May 2020:** It was agreed that we should work with the VH committee to organise an appropriate village celebration on this weekend.

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

19/00781/FUL - Balderance Farm, North Moor Road, Easingwold - Change of use of agricultural land to dog walking paddocks with associated agility courses and car parking. - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS on the proposal.

19/01139/FUL - Land to the rear of Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Construction of detached dormer dwelling with attached garage - The Parish Council requested that any development be limited to only one dwelling due to the traffic hazards caused by on-street parking in the area and, since the proposed dwelling is in an elevated position, that neighbour's amenity is not adversely affected.

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved: NONE

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

21.05.19	100972	£220.00	J Coulthard - March - May 2019
21.05.19	100973	£350.00	Husthwaite Newsletter
21.05.19	100974	£942.57	Came & Company Insurance
21.05.19	100975	£46.00	G Fenwick (Paint for Village Green Posts)
10.06.19	100976	£462.00	RM & CA Greenwood - Planters (inc £77 VAT)
10.06.19	100977	£408.00	Farm & Land Services (inc £68 VAT)
		£2428.57	

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Cheques / Monies In

13.06.19	£150.00	Bier House Rental (Feb - Jul)
	£150.00	

Statement Balance at 15 June 2019 - £18398.76 (including £9424.88 Cemetery monies)

Balance at 2 July 2019 - £17216.76

Payments to be authorised:

J Coulthard - £186.00 - May to July 2019

HMRC TAX - £34.00

C Fenwick - £20.00 - Petty Cash

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.6.19	.22	Interest
	.22	

Statement Balance at 15 June 2019 - £1305.34

7. Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council:

7.1 The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations

2018: CF will investigate whether the PC needs to take any action. Advice may be required from Lawrie Hill who maintains the village website. **Action: CF**

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: The next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 4th July at Stillington Village Hall and PF will attend.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 18th July at the Civic Centre in Northallerton.

Highways: The road to the A19 will be closed for 3 weeks from 2nd July for the installation of cabling for the new solar farm.

Neighbourhood Watch: The Community Banking talk by Chris Gibson of NatWest Bank was very interesting but very poorly attended by villagers.

Public Footpaths: Some footpath signs have been replaced by the AONB. JL suggested trying to get a volunteer group together to trim the footpaths where needed as there seems to be no action on this from NYCC. **Action: JL**

Recreation Area: Image Playgrounds have agreed to replace the timbers on the Monkey Bars and Rope Climb free of charge, but labour will be charged at current rates. A clean up of cut branches and brash around the edge of the area is needed and volunteer helpers will be informed when a suitable date has been identified. **Action: CF**

Street Lighting: All street lights are now working.

Village Hall: Planned events include Pop Up Pub on 5th July, Variety Show on 6th July, Summer Party on 21st July, Short Film Festival on 26th July and Italian Evening on 16th August.

YLCA: JL was unable to attend the last meeting.

9. Reports from County & District Councillors:

Cllr Patmore had no report to make at this meeting.

As Cllr Mortimer was not in attendance, no District Council report was given.

10. Date & Time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 10th September 2019 in Husthwaite Village Hall.

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