

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held
on Tuesday 15 January 2008**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), (RW), R.Houlston (RH), E.Smith, (ES), P Davison (PD), R. Woodhead (RW)
L. Ponte (LP),

In Attendance: B.Ward (clerk),

1. **Apologies:** Cllr P Feartherstone (HDC)

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Resurfacing of footpaths, High Street: Clerk has written to NYCC Highways but no reply has been forthcoming. **Action: Clerk to press NYCC Highways for a response**

3.2 Bus stops and shelter. Clerk has written to NYCC but has had no response. **Action: Clerk to again press NYCC for action**

3.3 Parish Plan: a meeting was held on 1 November 2007 at which the major issues were addressed. A resume of this meeting is attached to these minutes

3.4 Parish Council Vacancy: Clerk has written to the four unsuccessful candidates in the election. Two have responded declining to be involved and two have not replied: **Action: Clerk to arrange for a notice in the next Newsletter inviting expressions of interest.**

3.5 Cemetery Charges: no progress. **Clerk to ascertain local costs.**

3.6 Grit Bins: Latest information from NYCC is that they will no longer provide grit bins. **Action: Clerk to obtain true situation from NYCC**

3.7 Hambleton Strategic Partnership: Understood that Lisa Wilson has moved on to another post. **Action: Clerk to ascertain whether Ms Wilson will attend March meeting.**

3.8 Cemetery Rules: these have been revised regarding the placement of memorials. The revisions were unanimously agreed and will be implemented from 16 January 2008.

4 **Matters arising between meetings.**

There were no matters arising between meetings

5 **Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been received by HDC:

Fairfield House - revised application for alterations and extensions and construction of a detached garage

The Old Lodge - Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

The following applications have been approved:

Stonewold, work to 2 trees

The Old Lodge, construction of a replacement agricultural building

6. **Finance:**

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

24.11.07	100620	£996.64	Hambleton District Council, election costs
24.11.07	100621	£50.00	Hambleton Citizens' Advice Bureau
05.12.07	100622	£59.00	Soc. Of Local Council Clerks subscription
13.12.07	100623	£5.00	Rev A Reed re interment of J Smith
18.12.07	D/D	£5.00	To Cemetery Fund re interment of J Smith
13.12.07	100619	£250.00	V.Roe re tree cutting in cemetery
19.11.07		£1000.00	To recreation field fund

Total £2365.64

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Cheques/Monies in

29.11.07	£10.00	Interment fee re J Smith
13.12.07	£312.94	VAT Refund
17.12.07	£650.00	Y&NY Community Foundation (welcome pack grant)
20.12.07	£250.00	From Cemetery Fund re tree cutting
Total	£1222.94	

Statement Balance at 31.12.07 £3772.14

6.2 Cemetery Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
29.11.07	£5.00	Interment fee (J.Smith)	
20.12.07		To HSBC a/c re tree cutting	£250.00
24.12.07	£25.00	Memorial fee (Stebbings)	
05.01.08	£300.00	Sale of 2 plots (Drinkhill)	
	£330.00		£250.00
Statement Balance at 15.01.08		£4598.40	

6.3 Recreation Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
28.11.07	£21.10	Interest	
28.12.07	£22.65	Interest	
	£43.75		
Statement Balance at 15.01.08		£5753.17	

7. Circulated Items

7.1 The Parish Council has received a letter from Mr P Hewitson complaining about the erection of an unsightly electricity pole adjacent to his property. It was agreed that the PC would write to HDC and NEDL in support of Mr Hewitson's complaint. **Action: Clerk**

8. Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies.

8.1 Parish Plan - a resume of the meeting held on 11th December were circulated and are attached to these minutes.

The Welcome Pack is now in draft form and the printers proof of the folder is now to hand. It was decided to print the folder on cream paper subject to costings.

At a site meeting on Jan 4th some concerns were expressed that the 'woodland area' was too large. After reviewing the plans it was agreed to proceed with the proposed layout.

An article has been produced for the Newsletter inviting participation in tree planting on the recreation area on various dates throughout March.

8.2 Easingwold & Villages Forum - The principal item at the recent meeting was a talk by David

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Goodwin of HDC. He advised that there could be monies come available for community projects. This money could come at short notice and he wished to create a prioritised list of projects. Each Parish Council will be invited to submit its 'top 3' items. When the request is received the PC will meet specially to determine the response.

A leaflet has been produced, available at the Information Office in Easingwold, entitled 'Visit Easingwold.com'. It gives information on places of interest etc.

8.3 Village Hall - LP is to meet with representatives from the village hall committee to discuss the way forward for the hall over the next decade and beyond so that firm plans can be made that meet with approval by all concerned.

8.4 Village Design Statement - following a recent meeting a draft framework has been developed for further discussion

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

There were no District/County Councillors present

AOB:

- Complaints have been received about dog fouling around the Village green and in Highborne Lane. **Action: Clerk to put a notice in the Newsletter.**
- The footpath at the corner of Slaters Field is collapsing to the extent that it is becoming dangerous. **Action: Clerk to report the problem to the NYCC footpaths officer.**
- NEDL contractors have been tree lopping and have left all the off-cuts lying around. **Action: Clerk to contact NEDL**

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm, Tuesday 18th March 2008. Venue the Village Hall, Husthwaite.

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PARISH PLAN - UPDATE (4)

The fourth special meeting of the Parish Council to progress issues identified in the Parish Plan was held on Tuesday 11th December, 2007. Four village residents were welcomed at this meeting, the focus of which was primarily concerned with the 'Welcome to Husthwaite' information pack & development of the Recreation Area.

'Welcome to Husthwaite' Pack

A pre-publication copy of the A5 folder and contents was circulated and received very favourable comments. The front of the impressive folder, designed by Richard McDougall who grew up in Husthwaite, is based on a photograph of the Village Green taken by someone with one of the single-use cameras widely used in connection with the launch of the Parish Plan.

The work of Juliet McDougall and Linda Davison in compiling the contents was also greatly appreciated. A funding bid submitted to Community Champions has been successful and the award of £650.00 will cover all costs incurred.

The Information Pack will now be published and distributed to every household in the Parish by Carol Fenwick. Subsequently, the representatives of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme will be asked to ensure that newcomers receive a Welcome Pack and, therefore, it would be appreciated if everyone could assist in identifying the arrival of new residents. Updating of information will take place annually and this will be found on the Husthwaite Website. Everyone in the village is asked to let Luis Ponte know of changes, as they occur.

Recreation Area

The Parish Council is now poised to focus on this priority for development throughout the coming year. During the meeting, preliminary ideas in sketch-plan format were presented for discussion. Key points to emerge may be summarised as follows:

The first tangible sign of progress will be a quite extensive woodland/wildlife area on the east side of the designated site. A funding bid prepared by Peter Davison in conjunction with Audrey Raper and Hugh Richardson, submitted to Hambleton District Council (Carbon Reduction Grants Scheme) has been successful in yielding £1488.00 to purchase a range of appropriate trees. Detailed planning followed by purchase and planting must be completed by the end of March 2008. We plan to involve Matt Millington. (Biodiversity Officer - NYCC) & Gordon Scaife (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust) in this initiative. There will also be scope for involving our Primary School and anyone in the village who enjoys digging holes!

In addition to the woodland area, the next priorities will be provision for all-weather games, children's play area and an entrance to the site which will allow vehicular access.

It is recognised that these proposals carry huge cost implications and, therefore, progress will be dependent upon successful grant applications to various sources. Peter Davison has agreed to explore such possibilities. The case for funding will be strengthened by inclusion of our three priorities in the Community Plan currently under review by Easingwold & Villages Forum organised by Hambleton District Council.

In order to inform grant applications, steps are now being taken to obtain quotations for the work and equipment needed.

Overall, the Parish Council recognises that we are now moving into a crucial phase which will greatly determine future provision for recreation within Husthwaite.

Next Meeting

The fifth of these special meetings will be held in the Village Hall at the earlier time of 7.00pm. on Tuesday 19th February, 2008.

All residents are warmly invited to attend. PD