

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held  
on Tuesday 18 September 2007**

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

In Attendance: B.Ward (clerk), Cllr P Featherstone (HDC)

There were no members of the public present

**1. Apologies:** A.Nixon.

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

3.1 Kerbstones, High Street: NYCC Highways have confirmed their intention to complete by October 2007.

3.2 Bus stops and shelter. The majority decision was for wooden bus stop posts and Clerk has confirmed this with NYCC. Despite pressing for information there is still no response about how the points system for bus shelters operates.

3.3 Village Green seat replacement: These will be installed in Spring 2008

3.4 School Traffic: NYCC have confirmed that they cannot, because of government policy, support additional parking for the school. The Clerk has responded by asking their support for access for the recreation area. An alternative temporary solution has been offered by James Stevenson, who has offered the use of The Balmoral Car Park at school drop off and pick up times.

3.5 Parish Plan: a meeting was held on 21 August 2007 at which the major issues were addressed. A resume of this meeting is attached to these minutes

3.6 Dog Fouling: Leaflets have now been delivered to households. Despite this complaints of fouling still arise, particularly on field paths. **Action: Clerk to organise a note in the Newsletter**

3.7 Model Code of Conduct: adoption will be publicised in the Newsletter

3.8 Quotes will now be sought for the tree and hedge lopping in the cemetery and permission for the trimming of the Village Green tree. **Action: Clerk**

3.9 Improvements have now been made to the access at the mini recycling site.

**4 Matters arising between meetings.**

Recreation Field: LP has met with HDC Head of Leisure Services who is keen to support any positive initiatives. It was made clear that an extension of the lease on the recreation field from 5 to 99 years would not be a problem. A further, more detailed report will be made to the next Parish Plan meeting.

**5 Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been approved by HDC:

Stonewold, The Nookin - siting of an oil storage tank.

No new applications have been received.

**6. Finance:**

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

17.07.07	100612	£35.00	YRCC Membership
06.08.07	100613	£25.00	Richard Wood (Newsletter)
06.08.07	100614	£473.33	Burn Bros (Grass cutting)
18.09.07	100615	£158.62	Mazars (Audit)

Total		<u>£691.95</u>	
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Cheques/Monies in

31.07.07	£122.50	Bier House rent
29.08.07	£1.15	NEDL wayleave
Total	£123.65	

Bank statement 15 August 07 £3800.47

6.2 Cemetery Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
17.09.07	£25.00	Memorial fee re I Smith	NIL
17.09.07	£10.00	Memorial amendment fee (Chaloner)	
	£35.00		

Bank statement 18.09.07 £4048.40

6.3 Recreation Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
27.07.07	£17.89	Interest	
28.08.07	£19.14	Interest	
	£37.03		

Bank statement 18.09.07 £4670.81

**7. Circulated Items**

A letter has been received from NYCC regarding the potential closure of Post Offices. No specific offices are mentioned but it is known that widespread closures are threatened. It was agreed that the Council would support any efforts to retain local Post Offices, particularly Coxwold. **Action: Clerk to respond to NYCC**

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

8.1 Easingwold and Villages Forum - following PD's successful presentation of the Parish Plan to the previous meeting, the Plan has received wide publicity. In particular there is an article in the Hambleton Strategic Partnership Newsletter extolling its virtues.

8.2 At the most recent meeting there had been a presentation By Steve Quartermain, Director of Planning for HDC, at which he had indicated that if the developments detailed in the LDF proceed in Husthwaite then as much as £30,000 in Section 106 grants could be available to the village.

**9. Reports from County/District Councillors.**

9.1 Cllr Featherstone advised that

- HDC had only narrowly been beaten by Tameside in the Municipal Journal Awards for the Best Performing Council.
- Kerbside collections for recyclable waste (paper/plastics/tins/glass) will commence in early November.
- Hambleton Community Safety Partnership is selling discounted shed alarms
- A new draft of the Local Development framework is imminent
- The 'extra care' housing in Manor Road, Easingwold will be completed on October 8<sup>th</sup> and open days will be held to view.

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**AOB:**

- The Chair reported receiving a letter of resignation from Cllr Alun Nixon, due to his business commitments. **Action: Clerk to obtain Notice of Vacancy poster.**
- The PCC have asked if the Parish Council will be involved with the Remembrance Service this year. It was agreed that the PC will provide a poppy wreath and be involved in the service. **Action: PD**
- The PCC are also concerned about the state of the War Memorial at the church and it is not clear whose responsibility it is. It was agreed that the PC would contribute to plaques being affixed with the names of the dead in lieu of the current, heavily eroded recording. **Action: PD to discuss with Chair of the PCC**
- A letter has been received from a Mrs Jarvis asking the PC to repurchase a plot in the Cemetery for which she now has no need. Agreed that the PC would repurchase at the original price (£80). **Action: Clerk to respond accordingly**
- The current charges for plots and memorials in the cemetery were discussed and it was agreed that they should be reviewed to bring them into line with current market rates. **Action: Clerk to ascertain rates locally.**
- LP suggested that the village website should contain a section showing a photograph and brief details of each Parish Councillor and an 'ask the Council' section where parishioners could question or comment on PC matters. Both were agreed. **Action: all to forward a photo and brief details to LP. LP to facilitate update of website**
- Articles regarding Parking on Pavements and Overhanging Hedges will be placed in the September Newsletter
- Grit Bins will be requested for Highthorne Lane / Nookin junction and Highthorne Bank in anticipation of the winter weather

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.00pm**, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Venue the Village Hall, Husthwaite.

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## PARISH PLAN - IMPLEMENTATION UP-DATE (2)

The second special meeting of the Parish Council to address issues identified in the Parish Plan was held on Tuesday 21st August 2007. Six Parish Councillors were present and 4 village residents were welcomed. What follows is a summary of progress and agreed action on further issues to be addressed.

### Highway Maintenance

A reply to our letter has been received from Stephen Pimperton, Highways Maintenance Manager. In response to this letter, it was arranged that Robin Houlston and Peter Davison would attend a site meeting with him on Thursday, 6th September. This was a productive meeting at which SP explained how priorities are determined in respect of road maintenance, snow clearance and gritting - enormous challenges in such a huge area as North Yorkshire. He was able to confirm that damaged kerb-stones between the village green and the shop will be replaced in October. He also offered to supply grit bins, if requested by the Parish Council, to be located where difficulties are most likely to be encountered in winter. Furthermore, he was able to confirm that the present practice of reporting concerns, via Robin Houlston, match their working arrangements, especially since Highways Section relies on Parish Councils to be their eyes and ears. It was clear from discussions that SP is keen to work in partnership and ensure maintenance work of a high quality.

### Passing Places

In reply to our recent letter, David Chase, Highways Project Manager, has indicated that although this provision is beyond the basic maintenance budget, he is prepared to submit suggestions to NYCC Minor Capital Budget with a view to securing funding for such a project. There will now be liaison with Angram and Carlton Husthwaite regarding passing places on the Carlton Road and Robin Houlston and Carol Fenwick will identify the most suitable places on Malton Street.

### Recreation Field

As a prerequisite to any detailed planning, it is necessary to clarify the leasing terms with Hambleton District Council. Recent enquiries suggest that in order to access some areas of funding, it will be necessary to establish separate committee(s), other than the Parish Council. There is to be further correspondence with Highways Section to clarify some matters concerning vehicular access to this area. Meanwhile a possible source of modest funding, available up to the end of this year has been identified. Peter Davison and Luis Ponte will prepare a bid for advance purchase of play equipment for young children

### School Parking Problems

A reply to our recent letter has been received from Graham Hind, Highway's Traffic Management and Development Engineer. Whilst he sympathises with the parking problems around the school, it is not possible to support proposals for a car park for the school in the recreation area as this would not accord with NYCC transport priorities and government policy.

### Village Design Statement (VDS) & Conservation of Rural Setting (CRS)

In replying to our recent letter, Glen Robinson, Planning Officer at Hambleton District Council, offered encouragement but explained that help & funding are not available at this time for development of a VDS. As there is a natural overlap between the VDS and CRS, it was agreed to merge these two priorities. An appeal for 2/3 volunteers to work with Elaine Smith and Philip Lawson on this initiative is to be made through the Newsletter. A possible source of funding from Community Champions is to be explored by Peter Davison.

### Village Hall

The first of a series of meetings to explore future developments was held on 5th September 2007.

### Information Pack

Juliet McDougall and Linda Davison outlined suggested contents for the 'Welcome, to Husthwaite' pack. The information will be produced on loose-leaf A5 sheets which will be presented in a folder. Such details will also be included on the Village Website. Total costs are likely to be in excess of £500 and a possible source of funding through Community Champions is to be explored by Peter Davison.

The next special meeting of the Parish Council to progress implementation of the Parish Plan will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 1st NOVEMBER 2007. All residents are warmly invited to attend.