

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 17th May 2016 in Husthwaite Village Hall.**

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Present: C. Fenwick, C. Colton, P. Fox, A. Gambles, E. Smith, J. Coulthard.

1. Annual Report from the Chair:

The annual report summarising the previous year's activities was presented by the Chair. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

2. Annual Finance Report:

	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Recreation Area A/C</u>
Balance B/F	£12532.27	£389.82
Plus Precept	£7500.00	
Plus Receipts	£938.25	£0.34
Sub Total	£20970.52	£390.16
Less Payments	£7729.78	.
Sub Total	£13240.74	£390.16
Grant Transfer	£911.40	£911.40
Balance C/F	£12329.34	£1301.56

The year end Current A/C balance includes £8654.88 for the Cemetery Extension Fund.

3. To receive comments and answer questions from parishioners:

There were no comments or questions from parishioners.

4. To elect a Chair:

P. Fox proposed, seconded by E. Smith, that Carol Fenwick be elected as Chair for a further year. There being no other nominations, C. Fenwick was duly elected as Chair of Husthwaite Parish Council.

5. To elect a Vice-chair:

P. Fox proposed, seconded by A. Gambles, that Elaine Smith be elected as Vice-chair to the Council. There being no other nominations, E. Smith was duly elected as Vice-chair.

6. To appoint representatives of the Council on other organisations:

Beckwith Bequest Trustee: C Fenwick

Village Hall Trustee: C Fenwick

7. To appoint responsibilities within the Council:

Communications: B. Smith

Easingwold & Villages Forum: P. Fox

Highways: P. Escreet et al

Neighbourhood Watch / Police Liaison: C. Fenwick

Parish Liaison: All as necessary

Public Footpaths: B. Smith

Recreation Area: C. Fenwick / C. Colton

Risk Assessment: C. Fenwick

Street Lighting: C. Fenwick et al

YLCA: E. Smith

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HUSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 2015 - APRIL 2016

At the annual parish meeting last May we were one Parish Councillor short following the election, so the areas of responsibility within the council were assigned as follows: -

- Paul Escreet - Highways.
- Peter Fox - Easingwold & Villages Forum.
- Barney Smith - Public Footpaths and Communications.
- Elaine Smith - YLCA and Vice-chair.
- Carol Fenwick - Beckwith Trust, Neighbourhood Watch & Police Liaison, Recreation Area, Risk Assessor, Street Lighting, Village Hall Representative and Chair.

In addition it was agreed that Parish Liaison meetings should be attended by Councillors in rotation and an advert requesting expressions of interest to fill the ordinary vacancy on the Parish Council would be placed in the PC Noticeboard, the Husthwaite Newsletter, the Village shop and on the Husthwaite website.

During the bi-monthly meeting that followed it was noted that, as Husthwaite had been allocated a free defibrillator and cabinet from the Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Community Defibrillator Initiative, the defibrillator which was donated to the village by the Coxwold and District Surgery Fund had been given to Millfield Surgery. The council was informed that the Safer Hambleton data logger had been deployed in two locations within Husthwaite for a seven day period and, as results showed that 85% of vehicles were travelling within the speed limit, no further action would be taken. It was reported that Hambleton District Council had replaced the damaged street name plates and John Howland had completed the repainting of the Village Seats. The new Transparency Code, the Bus Service review and repairs to Elphin Bridge parapet were also discussed and the annual return was unanimously approved.

In June, Elaine and I attended the Parish Liaison meeting at Stone Cross and, as a consequence, we were recruited to distribute the HDC Waste Survey to houses in the village. At the meeting in July we welcomed Craig Colton who had applied to fill the ordinary vacancy on the Parish Council and was therefore duly co-opted. It was reported that the new Defibrillator Cabinet had been installed at the Village Hall and works to the Recreation Area boundary had been completed. Objections to the severe cuts suggested to Service 31X had been sent to NYCC Transport Authority and the local police had been notified of complaints regarding speeding tractors in the village. The Local Transport Plan Consultation was completed and, in response to a request from Hambleton District Council to identify issues important to residents for inclusion in the new Easingwold & Villages Community Plan, various suggestions were submitted. In addition Defibrillator Training, CCTV cameras and highway repairs to Malton Street and The Nookin were discussed.

At the September meeting we welcomed Ian Harper and Chris Stratton, amongst others, who thought it was important to inform parishioners of the implications of fracking in our area. The Parish Council supported the suggestion to hold an informative event (with experts from all fields) in the Village Hall and agreed to respond to the OGA Consultation expressing concern at the likely effect of fracking on our watercourses. It was noted that NYCC Public Transport had invited the Parish Council to assist with the evaluation of tenders for the Service 31X Review and NYCC Highways & Transportation had confirmed Low Street footway was on the list for repairs in 2016. In addition we discussed our

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intention to register Kendrew Green as a Common, repairs required to the School / Cemetery boundary fence and our decision to begin a collection for Anne Dowson who was regrettably closing the Village Stores after many years' service to the village. A basic life support & automated external defibrillator awareness training session had been organised with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service for the end of September, Councillors had been invited to attend the Village Hall Business Plan Update workshops and an extra meeting in October to discuss the progress of the actions from the Parish Plan was arranged.

On 8th November I was again honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance service in St Nicholas Church. At the Parish Council meeting later that month we agreed to endorse the detailed paper on the effects of fracking in our area written by Chris Stratton and considered the letters received from pupils at Husthwaite C of E Primary School suggesting improvements to our village. In addition Barney informed us that he had agreed to update the Parish Council section of the website and would start by uploading the updated progress spreadsheet of Parish Plan Actions. Other items discussed were the formal complaint submitted regarding the lack of enforcement of planning laws, Kendrew Green Commons Registration, the tender process for the grass cutting contract 2016-2018 and NYCC Highways new online reporting procedure for potholes, blocked drains, etc. This is also the meeting at which we set the precept for the following year and it was unanimously agreed to maintain our precept at £7500, therefore provision was made for the Village Hall, Village Newsletter and Cemetery extension as well as the regular expenditure for grass cutting, insurance, Clerks wages and Recreation Area maintenance. Later that month the Parish Council hosted Anne Dowson's Retirement Presentation coffee morning in the Village Hall, to thank her for her service to the village and wish her well for the future. Over 50 locals attended to see Anne presented with a hand carved Squirrel Clock and a handsome sum of money collected from the well supported public subscription.

At the January meeting it was noted that our application to register Kendrew Green had been forwarded to the Commons Registration Officer with the requested photographic evidence and witness testimonies and, following discussions with Chris Stratton, a unified response to the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Consultation had been submitted. It was reported that an enforcement notice had been served on the unauthorised building extension and Bus Service 31X would continue to operate Monday to Saturday with only one journey a day withdrawn. Councillors considered the three quotes received for grass cutting in the village and agreed to award the contract to Farm & Land Services who, it was considered, offered best value for money. In addition the Orchard Inn, speeding traffic and emergency planning was discussed as was our response to the Hambleton Local Plan Public Consultation which we uploaded onto the website for all parishioners to read in the hope that it would encourage them to have their say too.

Before the March meeting, improvements to Low Street footway had been completed and Easingwold & Villages Forum had supported our proposal to engage NYCC in a dialogue on the practical aspects of fracking with a view to publishing detailed policy guidelines. Keith Gittens attended the meeting to advise us of the presence of an extremely rare butterfly, the White-letter Hairstreak, on Kendrew Green and, as a result, the Parish Council agreed to trial a revised grass cutting regime to support their habitat. In addition we selected four priority items for inclusion in the Easingwold & Villages Community Plan and discussed emergency planning, the Peter Hill Solar Farm community benefit fund, the Community Asset register and moss on the MUGA surface. We were also honoured to be nominated, and shortlisted as a finalist, for a Hambleton Community Award in the Parish Council of the

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Year category and, later in the month, we were astonished to be named winners at the awards ceremony at Stone Cross. In my hastily concocted acceptance speech, I dedicated the award to all Parish Councillors (and their families) who all do a significant amount of unseen voluntary work to ensure their communities are better places for local residents to live. So please pass on my thanks to your families and tell them we all appreciate their support.

During the last year we have been asked to comment on 18 planning applications, ranging from work to trees to the construction of a solar farm. The Parish Council objected to two of these applications and Hambleton District Council has approved fourteen - the remaining four are still under consideration.

Hopefully we have kept parishioners aware of the activities in which we have been involved with regular articles in the Husthwaite Newsletter and on the Husthwaite website. Over the past year Councillors have attended meetings of the Beckwith Trust, Community First Responders, Easingwold & Villages Forum, Hambleton Parish Liaison, Husthwaite Village Hall, Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch and Yorkshire Local Councils Associations. This, in addition to our regular bi-monthly meetings, has kept us all quite busy and I think that we have all represented our parishioners and the local community to the best of our ability.

I would like to end my report by thanking my fellow councillors for their hard work and support over the last year. I would also like to express our gratitude to Jan, our Clerk, and to Caroline Patmore, our District & County Councillor, who attends as many of our meetings as she can, keeps us well informed and enthusiastically supports our village projects.

