

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick, C. Colton, P. Fox, E. Smith, J. Coulthard, Mr T Carter.

**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	£12786.89	£1302.27
Plus Precept	£7500.00	
Plus Receipts	£883.90	£0.61
Sub Total	£21170.79	£1302.88
Less Payments	£5376.43	.
Balance C/F	<b>£15794.36</b>	<b>£1302.88</b>

The year end Current A/C balance includes £9394.88 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 C. Fenwick, 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 until April 2019

Village Hall Trustee: C. Fenwick

**7. To appoint responsibilities within the Council:**

Communications: B. Smith

Easingwold & Villages Forum: P. Fox

Highways: All as necessary

Neighbourhood Watch / Police Liaison: C. Fenwick

Parish Liaison: All as necessary

Public Footpaths: C. Colton

Recreation Area: C. Fenwick

Risk Assessment: C. Fenwick / C. Colton

Street Lighting: C. Fenwick

YLCA: C. Fenwick / P. Fox / C. Colton

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 2017 - APRIL 2018**

At the annual parish meeting last May we had a full complement of Parish Councillors and the areas of responsibility within the council were assigned as follows: -

Craig Colton	- Public Footpaths
Paul Escreet	- Public Footpaths
Peter Fox	- Easingwold & Villages Forum
Barney Smith	- 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 Councillors would continue to attend Parish Liaison meetings in rotation and potholes and other road condition issues would be reported by everyone on the NYCC Highway Maintenance Parish Portal.

During the bi-monthly meeting that followed it was agreed that, in the interests of the village, the grass cutting regime for Kendrew Green that was planned in conjunction with the AONB would continue despite the land being owned by NYCC. It was noted that the Public Rights of Way consultation had been completed and a quote from Farm & Land Services for dead-wooding the lime tree on the Village Green was accepted. The Parish Council approved all the areas in the village suggested by Hambleton District Council as Greenspace in the new local plan, but decided not to support site E/071/003 for development. In addition the lack of enforcement of planning policy by HDC, fracking in North Yorkshire, Emergency Planning and unrecognised vehicles parked on the highway were discussed. The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were also unanimously approved.

Before the July meeting Craig and Jan attended an Emergency Planning training event in Malton and, as a result, we decided to ask the Village Hall Committee to meet with us to discuss producing a version for Husthwaite. At the meeting it was noted that Alison Gambles had unfortunately tendered her resignation due to work commitments and Councillors asked that she be thanked for all her work, especially during the production of the Parish Plan. In addition we received a report on the flora and fauna on Kendrew Green from Keith and were informed that the dead-wooding of the lime tree had been completed. It was agreed to replace one of the junior swings in the Young Children's Play Area with a cradle swing and to ask for quotes for cleaning the MUGA surface. Craig reported that the Easingwold & Villages Forum had unanimously agreed to representation by the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group on all matters concerning fracking in our area, and Peter confirmed that the group now had the authorisation of 33 Parish Councils to act on their behalf. Impassable public footpaths, untaxed vehicles parked on the highway and the water filled pothole by the bus-stop in High Street were also discussed.

At the September meeting we were joined by members of the Village Hall Committee to discuss producing an Emergency Plan for Husthwaite and Craig agreed to create a draft copy based on our discussion and information contained in the NYCC Community document. We were informed that street trading without a licence is an offence occurring fines and that an alleged trader in the village had

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been notified that Trading Standards would be prepared to act if necessary. Luckily, following intervention by the local police, the untaxed vehicles had been removed from the highway. It was reported that a Cradle Swing had been ordered and PFK Littlejohn had completed the Review of our Annual Return. Councillors accepted a quote from Farm & Land Services to remove the moss from the MUGA service and treat with mossicide and agreed to fund some display boards and a chair trolley for the Village Hall. Other items discussed were the co-option of a Councillor, enforcement of planning laws, fracking and the water filled hole in High Street.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November I was again honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance service in St Nicholas Church where Cllr Peter Fox also took a part. Before the Parish Council meeting later that month Peter and I attended a YLCA presentation on Responding to Planning Applications, which we found to be very useful, and Peter was also invited to give a presentation on Shale Gas Extraction at the HDC Parish Liaison meeting. At the meeting it was reported that an Enforcement Notice requiring the change of use of land at Sunley Woods Farm to cease had been issued by HDC. Other items discussed were the installation of the Cradle Swing in the Young Children's Play Area, a 'Battles Over - A Nations Tribute' bonfire beacon to celebrate the centenary of the end of WW1 and the repair of the water leak next to the bus stop in High Street. 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, Cemetery extension and painting the village railings, as well as the regular expenditure for grass cutting, insurance, Clerks wages and Recreation Area maintenance.

During December Councillors were invited to two community events - the switching on of the Christmas Lights at St Nicholas Church and the Christmas Carol service in the Methodist Chapel.

At the meeting in January it was noted that Paul Escreet had unfortunately tendered his resignation due to work commitments and Councillors asked that he be thanked for all his efforts during his tenure. We were informed that there was to be an examination in public of NYCC's Minerals and Waste Joint Plan and it was agreed that the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group should represent the Parish Council at the hearing. Councillors agreed to continue the grass cutting regime on Kendrew Green for a further year and also accepted the offer from Farm & Land Services to extend the grass cutting contract for a further two years. In addition the co-option of Parish Councillors, the General Data Protection Regulation and thefts from vehicles in the village were discussed.

At the March meeting it was noted that HDC had granted an extension to the Sunley Woods enforcement notice due to bad weather and the investigation into an alleged breach of working hours conditions at Bye Green Holdings had been closed due to lack of evidence. We were informed that the mossicide treatment of the MUGA had been completed and Husthwaite bus services had been taken over by Coastliner and NYCC following Stephenson's demise. In addition, following the expiration of the Asset of Community Value registration for the Plum & Partridge, the Council agreed to complete a new nomination for the property. Other items discussed were concerns regarding vehicle movements near to the school entrance, electronic speed survey equipment, fracking, the state of the highways and GDPR training.

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During the last year we have been asked to comment on seven planning applications, ranging from the demolition of existing buildings and construction of 3 dwellings to tree works. The Parish Council only objected to one application and Hambleton District Council approved six and refused one.

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, Easingwold & Villages Forum, Hambleton Parish Liaison, Husthwaite Village Hall, Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch, South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group and Yorkshire Local Councils Associations. This, in addition to our regular bi-monthly meetings, has kept us all quite busy and I think we have represented our parish and the local community to the best of our ability.

As usual I would like to end my report by thanking my fellow councillors for their hard work and support over the last year. And I am sure they will join me in expressing our gratitude to Jan, our Clerk, and to Caroline Patmore, our District & County Councillor, who attends as many of our meetings as she can and keeps us well informed.

Finally I would like to make a plea to any parishioners interested in our local community to put themselves forward as a Parish Councillor. It is not an onerous task, we only meet six times a year and we try to be neither formal nor bureaucratic. If you are willing to help make Husthwaite a better place to live and would like to get involved in the village, please consider volunteering. We have two vacancies to fill so please don't be shy, just come along to a meeting to see how we work or contact the Clerk or any Councillor.

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