

**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21st May 2019 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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

1. **Apologies:** C. Colton (Working).
Declarations of Interest: NONE.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1 **Fracking in North Yorkshire:** PF reported that there was still no confirmation of the release date of the government inspector's report and the government's commissioner for fracking has resigned after there was a refusal to relax the acceptable seismic levels fracking could cause. The *Moors Messenger* reported there had been a legal challenge to the government's national planning policy on fracking.
 - 3.2 **Bus Service 31X:** Transdev withdrew the Service 31X bus at the end of April and Reliance Motor Services are now operating a replacement, further reduced, service. The clerk had contacted Reliance about the replacement service and they suggested sending details of the services which would best serve this village so they could consider them, along with those of other villages, when the timetable is revised in September. Reliance made it clear they wish to provide a good service and expand provision if possible. The PC agreed that it was best to reinstate a late afternoon service out of York, and possibly add an earlier morning service into York. The clerk will contact Reliance with these suggestions and also request that all services through the village stop at the official bus stops. **Action: Clerk**
 - 3.3 **Cemetery Gate:** Mike Barker has been informed that his tender has been accepted and requested to complete the job at his earliest convenience.
 - 3.4 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** JL reported that he was still developing a renewal energy project for the primary school and is looking for funding for a feasibility study. He is also planning a bio-diversity study on the parish, collecting information from farmers and landowners, with a view to enhancing bio-diversity, especially linking corridors which species can travel along.
 - 3.5 **Village Green tree:** Two quotes have been received for the works to the lime tree on the Village Green and, after careful consideration, the PC selected the cheapest quote from Farm & Land Services. **Action: CF.**
 - 3.6 **Village Planters:** The Village Trust has kindly agreed to subsidise half the cost of the planters, providing £225 to the PC. The planters have now been delivered to Simon Eedle and BS and JL offered to assist him with siting of the planters.
 - 3.7 **Tomahawk Steakhouse:** Brad Gaffney, representing Howard Eggleston, came to introduce himself as the manager of Tomahawk Husthwaite. He confirmed they have no immediate changes planned to the restaurant and many of the staff are local. Future plans include events for villagers and the company intend to keep the village involved. In general, things were running very well and both accommodation and the restaurant were getting good bookings.
4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**
 - 4.1 **Amplecarr / A19 Junction:** There was a horrendous accident at this junction in May in which a woman was severely injured and airlifted to hospital, and John Law was also hurt and shaken.

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Many other near misses have occurred here in recent years and it was agreed that this is a dangerous junction which needs modifying before someone is killed. John has written to NYCC, as has Kevin Hollinrake MP, and Councillor Caroline Patmore will contact Highways expressing concern at the lack of action. It was agreed that the PC should contact NYCC Highways on the village's behalf asking for urgent action on this matter. **Action: Clerk.**

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

18/02100/REM - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages, Husthwaite - Application for approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) following outline approval 14/02294/OUT for the development of 20 houses. Further amended layout submitted - The Parish Council reiterated concerns regarding parking provision, the installation of an LPG tank instead of renewable energy systems and the risk of flooding.

19/00536/FUL - Beal Cottage, High Street, Husthwaite - Retrospective application for formation of a decking area to the front of renovated barn. - The Parish Council asked for the decking to be screened from the street scene and included concerns about the appearance of the renovated shed and lack of off-street parking to the rear of the property.

19/00691/CAT - Juniper House, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

18/02100/REM - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages, Husthwaite - Application for approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) following outline approval 14/02294/OUT for the development of 20 houses.* **It was agreed that a letter be sent to the developers, Saddington-Taylor, concerning aspects arising from the likelihood of disruption to the surrounding houses and residents, in particular parking and road access, during the construction process. Action: Clerk**

19/00573/CAT - Land at The Nookin, Low Street, Husthwaite - Works to a lime tree in a conservation area.

19/00691/CAT - Juniper House, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area - 30% crown reduction, removal of dead and dangerous branches.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

12.03.19	100963	£996.00	Farm & Land Services - Trees (inc £166 VAT)
12.03.19	100964	£1308.00	J Revely & Sons - Drainage (inc £218 VAT)
12.03.19	100965	£275.00	Jan Hoyland - Village Green Tree Survey
12.03.19	100966	£215.00	Clerk - January to March 2019
31.03.19	100967	£120.00	Clerks Expenses
30.04.19	100968	£133.00	YLCA Membership 2019/20
30.04.19	100969	£78.00	Play Inspection Co (inc £13 VAT)
30.04.19	100970	£40.00	Information Commissioner
30.04.19	100971	£312.00	Farm & Land Services - Grass (inc £52 VAT)
		£3477.00	

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25.03.19	£915.00	HDC Making A Difference Grant (MUGA Drainage)
24.04.19	£1155.15	HMRC - VAT Reclaim
30.04.19	£3750.00	HDC Precept - 1 st Instalment
01.05.19	£225.00	Husthwaite Village Trust - Contribution to Planters
	£6045.15	

Statement Balance at 15 May 2019 - £19807.33 (including £9424.88 Cemetery monies)

Balance at 21 May 2019 - £19495.33

Payments to be authorised:

J Coulthard - £220 - March to May 2019

Husthwaite Newsletter - £350

Came & Company - £942.57 - Insurance

G Fenwick - £46 - Paint for Village Green Bollards

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.3.19	.20	Interest
15.4.19	.22	Interest
15.5.19	.21	Interest
	.63	

Statement Balance at 15 May 2019 - £1305.12

6.3 Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

6.4 Accounting Statements 2018/19

The Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances and Bank Reconciliation were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

As Husthwaite Parish Council is classed as a smaller authority with a gross annual income and expenditure under £25,000 and we meet the qualifying criteria set out in the Certificate of Exemption, there is no requirement for us to have a limited assurance review. Therefore, it was confirmed that the Certificate of Exemption, Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances, Bank Reconciliation and Notice of Public Rights will be published on the Parish Council section of Husthwaite website as required.

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

7.1 Visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park: There are free visits available to Allerton Waste Recovery Park and the PC asked the Clerk to arrange a visit in September or October for members who were available. **Action: Clerk**

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF reported that at the 4th Annual Meeting, the speaker was Becky Case, Head of Transformation and Delivery for the Vale of York NHS Commissioning Group, who explained that GPs in our area are working an average of one and a half hours extra every weekday, and are sharing weekend provision with other health centres to provide an increased service.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The next meeting is due soon.

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Highways: The deep gully at the side of the Husthwaite - Easingwold road near to Acaster bridge has been filled in by NYCC Highways.

High Street Name Plate: Claire Spink, an Engineering Officer for HDC Design & Maintenance, arranged for the damaged sign to be replaced.

Neighbourhood Watch: A Community Banking talk by Chris Gibson of NatWest Bank will take place on Wednesday 22nd May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Public Footpaths: The gate on the bridleway between The Old Lodge and Paddy's Lane has been rehung and works to the UUR from Highthorne Lane to the Nookin have been completed. The kissing gate adjacent to Squirrel Cottage still needs attention, as does the gate behind the Bier House on the footpath that leads to Elphin Bridge, and the footpath from The Nookin to Kays Bank is still very wet and boggy.

Recreation Area: The recent Annual Inspection highlighted a number of low risk / very low risk findings and the PC will continue to monitor these. Two areas highlighted as moderate risk were the beginnings of rot in the Monkey Bars and Rope Climb and, as the items are under 10 years of age, CF will write to Image Playground to ask what can be done to rectify the problem. 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 Film Club on 24th May, Bad Apple Theatre on 6th June, Pop Up Pub on 7th June, Open Gardens and Summer Market on 15th & 16th June, Treasure Hunt Walk on 23rd June and Night Jar Walk on 29th June. Following the success of the Hayfever play, a new Drama group has formed to put on productions and the new Art and Craft group, which has over 20 members, will be supported by Rural Arts funding until April 2020.

YLCA: Next meeting on 19th June in the Galtres Centre. PF and JL will attend.

9. **Reports from County & District Councillors:**

Cllr Patmore commented that local government was still considering devolution, NYCC still had savings of £14 million to make before 2022 and Scarborough, Selby and Ryedale had formed a partnership to share services, while still retaining their separate identities.

Cllr Mortimer, recently elected Councillor for the Raskelf & White Horse Ward, attended the meeting and reported that new members had been assigned various responsibilities but as yet had nothing further to report.

Both councillors recognised that local government was underfunded at present considering its responsibilities and duties.

10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 in Husthwaite Village Hall.

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