

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21 July 2009**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), R.Houlston (RH), E.Smith, (ES), P Davison (PD),

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

There were no parishioners present

1. **Apologies:** R. Woodhead

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Bus stops and shelter: A complaint has been received about the, apparently, redundant bus stop erected adjacent to the Village Green. The Clerk will write to NYCC asking for its purpose or removal. There is also a requirement for timetables to be placed in the display units on the bus stops. This is the responsibility of the bus company. The Clerk will contact Stephenson's to ask for this to be done. **Action: Clerk**

3.2 Dog fouling: As the incidence has reduced it was decided to put a note in the Newsletter thanking dog owners. **Action Clerk**

3.3 Passing Places: No progress to report

3.4 Village of the Year: Failed to reach the short list

3.5 Village Green seats: Installation of new base awaiting availability of funds.

3.6 Notice Board: no action taken as yet.

3.7 Public Footpath: now cleared by Ranger.

3.8 Websites: The Village Hall Committee still has to be approached about a common website. In addition, the PC website is currently administered by Luis Ponte who is leaving the village. Mr L Hill has verbally agreed to take on this role and it was agreed to write formally asking him to do this. **Action: Clerk**

3.9 Planning Notices: Standing Orders have been amended.

3.10 Village Design Statement: ES has followed up with Rural Action Yorkshire and is advised that the Village Design Statement is still considered a useful document.

4 **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

Due to her recent poor health Ruth Woodhead has offered to resign from the Council. CF is in contact in the hope that RW will reconsider.

Mr C Smith, on behalf of the History Society, has asked for support from the Parish Council for Husthwaite Orchards Cooperative. It was agreed a letter of support be sent to North York Moors National Park authority. **Action: Clerk**

5 **Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been RECEIVED

Woolpots Farm - Conversion of agricultural buildings to create a live/work unit and holiday accommodation

The Old School House - Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

The following planning applications have been APPROVED:

Woolpots Farm - Conversion of agricultural buildings to create a live/work unit and holiday accommodation

1 Castle Cottage - Proposed felling of a Sycamore tree

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6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

15.05.09	100673	£345.00	P Davison re tennis nets etc
09.06.09	100674	£100.00	H Houlston & Son re cemetery works
09.06.09	100675	£350.00	V Roe re cemetery works
09.06.09	100676	£75.26	C Smith re VAT refund History Soc fruit trees
12.06.09	100677	£473.34	Burn Bros grass cutting
20.07.09	100678	£49.48	P Davison re storage locker for tennis equipment

£1393.08

Cheques/Monies in

19.06.09	£450.00	From Cemetery fund re clearance works
20.07.09	£49.48	From Recreation Fund re storage locker

£499.48

Statement Balance at 15 July 2009 - £5539.95

Unpresented cheques total £1349.48

6.2 Cemetery Fund

<u>Monies in</u>	<u>Monies out</u>
19.06.09	To HSBC account re clearance works
	£450.00
	NIL
	£450.00

Statement Balance at 20 July 2009 - £4754.23

6.3 Recreation Fund

<u>Monies in</u>	<u>Monies out</u>
26.05.09	£8.41 Interest
26.06.09	£8.70 Interest
20.07.09	To HSBC A/c re storage locker
	£49.48
	£17.11
	£49.48

Statement Balance at 20 July 2009 - £6222.27

6.4 The Council formally approved the purchase of padlocks for the recreation area.

6.5 The costs of the MUGA were also discussed. The total invoice is for £61,767.29 plus VAT. At present the PC does not have sufficient funds to meet this as it awaits the £50,000 from the lottery and a sizeable VAT refund from HMRC.

6.6 It was agreed that Cleveland services would be paid £55,000 + VAT (£63,250) as soon as these monies are received. The balance will be paid at a later date, subject to the contractor's approval.

6.7 Whilst discussing the MUGA concern was expressed by RH about the integrity of the surface. After much discussion it was agreed that Cleveland Services would be asked to attend a site meeting to discuss these concerns first hand. **Action: Clerk**

7. Circulated Items

7.1 Following an item in the 'Clerk & Councils Direct', May 2009, it was suggested that discussions could be shortened if items from circulation considered worthy of discussion be added to the agenda. It was agreed that if items were so annotated on circulation matter the Clerk and Chair would discuss their inclusion on the next agenda. It was further agreed that if a Councillor wished an item included they should circulate a brief note of their reasons.

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8.0 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies.

- 8.1 Beckwith Trust - Acknowledgement has been received to the PC's request for grant. It will be considered at the Trust's September meeting.
- 8.2 Surgery Fund: - The defibrillator to be given to the village following the winding up of the fund is due to be presented on 22 July. However, it is now hoped that a more advanced version will be made available together with free training and insurance for operatives.
- 8.3 Neighbourhood Watch - see attached NW Newsletter.
- 8.4 Easingwold & Villages Forum - next meeting 22 July
- 8.5 Easingwold Area Forum - next meeting 30 July
- 8.6 YLCA - PC had been unable to be represented at the last meeting.
- 8.7 Parish Plan - see attached Newsletter items regarding the very successful opening of the MUGA>

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr. Patmore advised that:

The next meeting of the NYCC was to be held on 22 July and that as there were many new councillors things were still settling down. She further reported that, like the rest of the world NYCC were feeling the pinch financially and savings would need to be made.

10 AOB:

- 10.1 Insurance: There is a need to add the MUGA and associated equipment to the insurance. **Action: Clerk to obtain quotes from insurers. Action: All**

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm, **Tuesday 15th September 2009.** Venue: **The Methodist Church.**

A NEW ERA FOR SPORT, AND RECREATION IN HUSTHWAITE

The official opening of the Multi-use Games Area took place during the afternoon of Friday, 10th July in a celebratory atmosphere. After many years of waiting, recreation provision in Husthwaite has become a reality, taking only 7 months from the ITV's People's Millions Award to completion by the contractors, Cleveland Land Services. Many in the village have been surprised at both the size and the quality of this provision.

Carol Fenwick, Chair of the Parish Council, began the occasion by welcoming everyone and expressing appreciation to those who had contributed to this development. Councillor Percy Featherstone, who has given much support and encouragement throughout, reflected on events leading up to completion and acknowledged the contribution of the people of Husthwaite, the Parish Council, The Big Lottery Fund, the contractors and Hambleton District Council, who have leased the field to the village.

Children from the Primary School were present along with about 35 adults from the village. Excited chatter and balloons festooning the entrance to the MUGA provided a carnival atmosphere to this special occasion. A most memorable sight followed the 'cutting of the tape' by Councillor Featherstone, when the children surged through the gate, providing a torrent-like flow of red jumpers as the newly-created space was explored.

This occasion was also enhanced by the presence of Janet Thompson, representing The Big Lottery Fund and Claire Montgomery, the Tyne Tees Border Television presenter, with her camera. Finally, but by no means least, the finishing touches consisted of refreshments, kindly provided for the adults by ladies of the two Churches in the village and for the children, donated by Carol Fenwick.

The Parish Council is keen to promote wide use of this area by both children and adults and hopes that many will take up the opportunities, now being arranged, to improve their fitness, enhance their skills in football, netball/basketball and tennis and generally enjoy this new amenity.

Peter Davison

OPPORTUNITIES TO USE OUR NEW MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

The Parish Council has arranged a programme of sporting activities which will take place over the schools' summer holidays. A specific activity has been organised for each of the 6 weeks. In each case, a start will be made on the Monday morning with coaching from 10.00 a.m. This will be followed by organised competitive play up to 12 noon. The remainder of the week will be available for informal play. Details may be summarised as follows:

Week 1 20th July FOOTBALL (Coach - Will Mowatt)

Week 2 27th July NETBALL/BASKETBALL (Coach - Vicki Nixon)

Week 3 3rd Aug. TENNIS (Coaches - Howard & Pauline Brown)

Week 4 10th Aug. FOOTBALL

Week 5 17th Aug. NETBALL/BASKETBALL

Week 6 24th Aug. TENNIS

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to the coaches who have agreed to undertake these duties.

A few points to ensure smooth running: these activities are offered **free of charge**: please come in **soft-soled sports shoes/trainers**; all balls will be provided: please bring own tennis racquets; it may be useful to bring a drink, but please **take all litter home**

The Parish Council hopes that many people will take up these opportunities.

Footnote: The first session concerned with Football got off to a superb start, led by Will Mowatt. A total of 16 took part with ages ranging from 6 to 14 - they all had a wonderful time!

NOT ONLY FOR CHILDREN!

Now that the Multi-Use Games Area is ready for use, the Parish Council would like to stress that it is freely available to everyone in the village, including visitors.

The MUGA represents an investment of around £60,000 and, therefore, we would like to see it fully used by individuals, families and other groups.

The Parish Council is keen to encourage groups to meet on a regular basis to participate in a particular sport. For example:

- Having seen children off to School, a group of mums may wish to play tennis on a regular basis, perhaps weekly or monthly.
- A group of men and young people with an interest in football could be drawn towards an evening booking of the MUGA during summer months and a weekend slot during the winter.
- Similarly, those who are retired might like to get together at regular intervals or the village Youth Group may wish to engage in sporting activities.

- Any other groups?

As most people now know, the MUGA will accommodate football, netball/basketball and tennis.

If anyone is interested in being part of a group,, please give me a ring on 868449. The Parish Council is happy to co-ordinate the setting up of such groups, after which it is hoped that those who become involved will be able to function independently.

Please don't hesitate - think about the possibilities and give me a ring.

Peter Davison

HUSTHWAITE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME NEWSLETTER-

LOCAL CRIME REPORTS

Crimes reported in Husthwaite this year are:

14.02.09 Theft from Church

05.03.09 Stolen Motor Vehicle

19.04.09 Graffiti

30.04.09 Shed entered and tools stolen

04.05.09 Damage caused to vehicle in an attempt to steal

Incidents have also been reported in Coxwold, Kilburn, Bagby and Thirkleby. These include goods being stolen from insecure garages/sheds, the theft of a sat nav system and work tools from vehicles and three stolen motor vehicles.

PLEASE BE AWARE - CRIME **DOES OCCUR IN SMALL VILLAGES!**

So please remember to keep your garage and shed locked, remove valuables from unattended vehicles and ensure your car is locked and alarmed.

Information about your local Safer Neighbourhood Team including local crime information and mapping can be found on the new North Yorkshire Police website www.northyorkshire.police.uk under SNT - Hambleton South

Poaching is also very common in this area and residents are asked to report any suspicious activity to the police on the non-emergency number below.

REMEMBER

If you do see anything suspicious or witness a crime, please report it to the local police on **0845 6060247**. But, if the offender is still at the scene committing the offence please dial **999** immediately.