

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th July 2011**

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

In Attendance: B. Ward (clerk), Cllr C Patmore (NYCC & HDC), Mr G Jones, Mrs C Jones

1. Apologies: None

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

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Condition of roads: This work is now underway and should be complete by the end of August.

3.2 Passing Places: The passing places have been provided but only two on the Carlton Husthwaite road and one on Malton Street.

3.3 Insurance: Negotiations have been completed and the insurance placed through Came & Co, Aviva being the underwriters. It is on a 3 year deal at a rate of £916.83 per annum fixed. This is a saving of some £500 over our previous insurer.

3.4 Fields for the Future: Now that HDC has nominated the Recreation Area we await the ballot which will take place later in the year to determine which fields are to be selected.

3.5 Status of the Clerk: The Clerk has contacted HMRC who advise that, as payment is made annually, no action is necessary until Feb/March 2012

4. Matters Arising Between Meetings.

There were no matters arising between meetings

5. Planning/Planning Policy:

No planning applications have been received:

The following applications have been approved:

Baxby Manor Bell Lane Husthwaite, Change of use of agricultural land to camp site

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

11.05.11	100736	£500.00	Husthwaite Village Hall grant
11.05.11	100737	£300.00	Husthwaite Village Hall – newsletter 2011/2012
06.06.11	A/c debit	£10.20	HSBC re safe access
19.05.11	100738	£916.83	Broker Network Ltd - insurance
20.06.11	100739	£538.67	Burn Bros grass cutting
20.06.11	100740	£5.50	YLCA - Good Councillor Guide
10.07.11	100741	£38.68	P Davison re grass seed
15.07.11	100742	£11700.00	M Fairweather – road construction in recreation area
15.07.11	100743	£300.00	Groundworks Wakefield – survey works in recreation area
	100744		Spoiled cheque
15.07.11	100745	£9778.80	Image Playgrounds – supply and install equipment

£24088.68

Cheques/Monies in

30.06.11	£70.00	From Recreation area a/c re grass seed and cutting
30.06.11	£7040.15	HMRC VAT refund
18.07.11	£34746.00	Groundworks Wakefield – grant for recreation area

£41856.15

Statement balance at 15 July 2011 - £ 10,105.44

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6.2 Cemetery Fund

Monies in
NIL

Monies out
NIL

Statement Balance at 19 July 2011 - £5732.21

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

10.05.11	100009	£41.20	P Davison re postage and office supplies
		£41.20	

Monies In

NIL

Statement Balance at 03 July 2011 - £12.96

Standard Life a/c

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
27.05.11	£0.94	Interest	
29.06.11	£0.98	Interest	
30.06.11		To Parish Council HSBC re grass seed and	£70.00
	£1.92		£70.00

Statement Balance at 3 July 2011 - £981.86

6.4 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Playsafety Ltd (re safety inspection of new adventure trail) £474.00

Image Playgrounds Ltd (re installation of play equipment) £18257.60. (Note: this is not the full invoice amount. £2500 has been retained against completion of remedial works requested by the landscape architect and the safety examination)

7 To Discuss Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council

- 7.1 Library service: With the pending cessation of the mobile library service NYCC have asked if there is anywhere locally that could be used by volunteers as an occasional library. It was agreed that the Village Hall committee be approached. **Action: CF**
- 7.2 Public Open Space Action Plan: This had been circulated and a response will be sent to HDC. Whilst discussing this item the need for a cycle rack in the Recreation was identified. It was agreed that CF would ask the Beckwith Trust for a grant towards this at their next meeting. **Action CF**

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

- 8.1 YLCA - the last meeting discussed the provision of high speed broadband in rural areas. This will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting for discussion.
- 8.2 Easingwold & Villages Forum - next meeting 21/7. ES to attend
- 8.3 Hambleton and District Play Partnership - next meeting in September

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8.4 Recreation Area - The track from the gate to the MUGA is now complete and has made a big improvement to the appearance of the area. Installation of the Adventure Play and Fitness Trail is also complete apart from a few remedial items identified by the landscape architect and the safety examination. It was agreed that the formal opening ceremony would be on Wednesday 3rd August at 2pm. Helen Ford of Tyne Tees TV has agreed to perform the opening. It was agreed that a bouquet of flowers would be purchased for Ms Ford and her expenses would be met.

A local supplier has been approached to provide catering at the event, paid for out of the grant of £250 from Changing Spaces for the launch event.

In order that the Recreation Area should look at its best it was agreed to arrange for the grass to be cut twice between this meeting and the event. Following this the regular contractor is to be asked to quote for regular fortnightly cuts at the same time as other grass cutting takes place in the village. **Action: Clerk to approach Burn Bros.**

HDC will be asked to get the road sweeper around the village immediately prior to the opening ceremony. **Action: Clerk to e-mail Cllr Patmore**

A report is attached to these minutes.

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Patmore, acting in her new role as both County and District Councillor for this area, reported that NYCC has serious concerns over the budget. The Council has to save £69M over the next 3 years with £36.9M to be found in the first (this) year. It is obvious that services will suffer and redundancies will be necessary but it is hoped that natural wastage would cover most of this. Council pay is frozen and Councillors allowances have been reduced. It now seems unlikely that libraries will close (thanks to public pressure) but will operate reduced hours. The future of waste disposal is not yet finalised with many councillors still concerned about the proposed Allerton Park facility.

As far as HDC is concerned Cllr Patmore is not yet clear what her role will be but is keen to get involved in planning.

10 AOB:

10.1 Co-option of councillors: Mr and Mrs Jones, who were in attendance, had expressed a wish to join the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that they both be co-opted on to the Council until the next period of election.

10.2 PD felt that extending the 30mph limit to beyond the entrance to the Recreation Area would be of benefit. Cllr Patmore agreed to enquire about the feasibility.

10.3 It was also suggested that a sign 'Caution Children Playing' or similar would be beneficial and the Clerk was asked to investigate costs and availability. **Action: Clerk**

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 20th September 2011. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

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UP, UP and AWAY!

Many of those who live in Husthwaite, particularly the children and young people, will be aware that the latest phase in the development of recreation provision - The Adventure Area and Fitness Trail- is now completed and, furthermore, in use. Exploration of manoeuvring possibilities, which bring together fitness and fun, seem to be very popular. At this stage, the basket swing and the space net are undoubtedly the items which attract most interest. I understand that a number of parents and grandparents are relishing the thought of these facilities being available as the schools' summer holidays get underway!

As mentioned previously, this particular phase is funded through the Community Spaces programme which is being managed by Groundwork UK as an award partner to the Big Lottery Fund. By the time this article is being read, the Official Opening will have been performed on 3rd August by Helen Ford, a presenter with ITV Tyne Tees. Hopefully, a report, with photographs, will appear in the next issue of the Husthwaite Newsletter

It is interesting to note increasing use of the Recreation Area, not only by individuals but also by the Primary School. The extended facilities are helping to enhance the Physical Education Curriculum and recently, most of one particular Friday was spent in this area exploring possibilities around the theme of 'Funky Fun Friday'. A separate report, detailing the children's perceptions, appears in this edition of the Husthwaite Newsletter.

A very interesting and positive AGM of the Recreation Area Committee was held on 12th July. This featured a photographic record of the constructional work which the latest phase entailed, planning for the Grand Opening and identification of future needs. These include a small pavilion/store in which to keep maintenance equipment and sports kit, the possibility of an outdoor Fitness Gym, a bike rack and picnic tables. The search for funding goes on!

Finally, it is unfortunate to report that whilst the vast majority of those who use the Recreation Area are considerate towards each other and take good care of the facilities, there appears to be a small group of 2 or 3 who are proving to be irresponsible, particularly in the vicinity of the MUGA. The length of wood used to set the height of the tennis net has now been smashed into pieces on 3 occasions, the tennis net is being tightened to an extent that the stability of the net posts will be affected before long. Any help that anyone can contribute in order to eradicate such irritations will be appreciated by the Committee.

We have facilities that are the envy of other villages. Let's work together to ensure that they remain in good condition so everyone can find pleasure in using them.

Peter Davison