

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), P. Escreet (PE), A. Gambles (AG), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES),  
Cllr C. Patmore (CP), J. Coulthard (Clerk).

In attendance: Philip Hewitson, Lynn Colton, Liz Walton, Janet Taylor

1. **Apologies:** P. Fox (on holiday).

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Article 4 Direction: There has been a poor response to the consultation on tightening planning controls within Husthwaite conservation area, despite the extra time given, with only 26 replies, 14 for and 12 against. As there is no clear majority, no further action will be taken.

3.2 Parish Council Defibrillator: Yorkshire Ambulance Service has agreed to maintain the village defibrillator, but the defibrillator cabinet needs to be in an accessible and prominent position. The council will ask the Village Hall Committee if the cabinet could be installed outside the VH. The approx. cost is £520 + VAT, of which Orchards of Husthwaite kindly offered 50%, while the PC will pay the rest. **Action: BS**

3.3 Blocked drains: CF reported that Elphin View drain is still blocked whereas Prospect Cottages drain has been cleared. **Action: CP**

3.4 Dog Waste Bin: Hambleton District Council has offered to install a new Dog Waste bin at a cost of £372.18. As there is an alternative bin available for £84, it was agreed to purchase the cheaper one from Glasdon. **Action: CF to order, BS to install.**

3.5 Vodafone Rural Hotspot programme: This programme has now closed so hopefully mobile service providers may in future rethink and share coverage.

3.6 School Parking: CP requested a visit from the parking warden to investigate parking problems at the village school. Poor and dangerous parking continues despite entreaties from the school and Council. CP will enquire if any such visit has taken place. **Action: CP**

3.7 Updating the Parish Plan Action Plan on the Village Website: PE is kindly converting the Parish plan into a spreadsheet so it can be accessed and worked on.

3.8 Sunken Grave: As the turf placed on the grave by PE looks less than healthy, Chris Slater will be asked to relocate the Cemetery seat onto paving slabs and use the surplus turf to cover the grave in the spring. **Action: CF**

3.9 Prospect Cottages Development: A reply from Mick Jewitt, Director of Environmental and Planning Services, advised that the Planning Committee scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. is likely to consider this matter, and is likely to approve the development. However, it was thought useful for a Councillor to attend the meeting and express again concerns already raised about the housing density on the site and the extremely poor access/egress. **Action: CP**

3.10 Cemetery Yews: Chris Slater has completed the works to the trees.

3.11 Speeding Traffic: After complaints, the PC agreed to request a Vehicular Activated speed matrix board from York & North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership that will record the speed and number of vehicles passing through the village; the location has yet to be decided. Some illegal or unsafe roadside parking has been noted, and villagers will be requested to park more carefully. **Action: CF/ BS**

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3.12 New Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council: Jan Coulthard has been appointed Clerk to the council, and will set up a new council email for villagers to contact members of the council and the clerk, and for council business to be circulated. This information is to be available on the website, and in the Newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

3.13 Community shop: It was decided to take no further action at the moment to advance this project, except to contact NISA and SPAR companies to see if they would be interested in opening a shop in the village. **Action: Clerk**

3.14 2015/2016 Precept: The Director of Resources at Hambleton District Council has been informed of the Parish Councils precept requirement of £7500 that was agreed at the last meeting.

3.15 Tips in Responding to a Planning Application: This has been circulated to all Councillors.

3.16 Registration of Financial and Personal Interests: All councillors have now completed the new Registration of Interest forms which will be sent to the Monitoring Officer at HDC. **Action: CF**

3.17 High Leys Lane: No clarification about resurfacing decisions has been forthcoming from highways dept.

**4. Planning Matters:**

4.1 The following planning applications have been received:

Land at rear of Sleepy Hollow, High Street, Husthwaite - Outline application for development of 20 dwelling houses. (The Parish Council has objected to this application in its current form as have 24 parishioners).

St Nicholas Church, Low Street, Husthwaite - Works to fell an ash tree subject to TPO 1991/1 (The Parish Council has made no comment on this application)

High Leys, Malton Street, Husthwaite - Installation of a 20 metre high lattice mobile phone base station and accompanying antenna and dishes (The Parish Council has no observations on the proposal)

4.2 The following planning applications have been approved: NONE

4.3 Consultation on the following planning applications is ongoing or close to a decision:

The Orchard Inn, Low Street, Husthwaite - Proposed discharge of conditions 03 details of materials, 04 scheme of refrigeration, 06 scheme of ventilation and extraction, 13 details of barriers and signs. The council has no observations to make.

Land at rear of Sleepy Hollow, High Street, Husthwaite - Outline application for development of 20 dwelling houses. (This planning application is programmed to go to the 5 February Planning Committee) see 3.9 above

St Nicholas Church, Low Street, Husthwaite - Works to fell an ash tree subject to TPO 1991/1

**5. Finance Report:**

5.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

18.11.14	100853	£90.00	Locality (Training) inc 15.00 VAT
18.11.14	100854	£500.00	Husthwaite Village Hall
		£590.00	

Cheques/Monies in

NIL

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Statement balance at 31 December 2014 - £12684.57 (including £8154.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments Approved

C Slater - £190.00 (Cemetery Yews)

SLCC - £65.00 (Membership)

Citizens Advice Bureau - £50 (Donation)

YLCA - £1.50 (Affordable Rural Housing publication)

Play Inspection - £62.50 (Annual Inspection of Recreation Area)

**5.2 Recreation Area Account**

Cheques/Monies in

15.09.14	.02	September Interest
15.10.14	.02	October Interest
15.11.14	.02	November Interest
	.06	

Statement Balance at 15 November 2014 - £389.74.

**5.3 Recreation Area Committee Account**

Monies out

18.11.14	100013	£74.00	C Slater (Volleyball Installation)
		£74.00	

Statement Balance at 3 January 2015 - £3.28.

**6. Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council:**

6.1 Portable Speed Monitoring Unit: Since this costs from £2500-£5000, and needs planning permission, it is unlikely to be possible. Instead a request to site a speed matrix board in Husthwaite has been made to the York & North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership see 3.11.

6.2 Parish Council Elections: On 7th May all Parish councillors have to apply for re-election, plus other villagers are welcome to stand for election. A flyer detailing the nomination procedure will be circulated around the village in mid March. Information about candidates could go into the April Newsletter, along with an encouragement for elector participation. **Action: Clerk / CF**

6.3 HDC Standards Hearings Panel: There were no volunteers from Husthwaite PC for this panel.

6.4 Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Development Draft Policy Consultation: The council voted to retain village development limits where they exist and to support limited development in smaller settlements. It was also agreed that small scale development should be defined by a generic definition instead of using a % cumulative increase on the number of existing dwellings.

**7. Reports from Council's Representatives:**

7.1 Public Footpaths: A complaint regarding problems with the public footpath leading from Ings Lane to Baxby Mill, which is in a very poor condition, will be passed to the Footpaths Officer at NYCC. Since animal waste is also involved it was decided to contact HDC Environmental Health about this issue. **Action: Clerk**

7.2 Recreation Area: The overgrown brambles etc on the southern edge of the Recreation Area need cutting back before spring. It was agreed to ask Chris Slater to provide a quote for this work. **Action: BS**

7.3 Police Liaison: There has been an increasing number of burglaries, before and after Christmas, in the village and surrounding area, mainly concerning sheds and barns from which not only small tools

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but large pieces of valuable machinery have been stolen. The PC is very concerned about this and will contact the police for advice on whether CCTV cameras could be installed in the village in an effort to catch those responsible. **Action: CF**

Councillor Patmore said she would also raise the matter with the police at the NYCC Hambleton Area Committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January in Northallerton.

7.4 Planning: It has been brought to the attention of the council that a property in Husthwaite has been extended without planning permission. In fact consent was refused by HDC last year. As enforcement of planning laws is vital, Hambleton District Council planning department will be asked to look into the matter. **Action: CF**

7.5 Bus Services: The contract for service 31X has been awarded to Stephensons for another year commencing on 1 February 2015. The timetable will remain unchanged.

**8. Reports from County/District Councillor:**

Cllr Patmore informed the council that, upon completion of the Local Development Framework review, section 106 payments would be replaced by the new Community Infrastructure Levy. Unfortunately the new CIL contribution to parishes will be significantly less than the current section 106 scheme.

**9. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall

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