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**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 16th January 2018 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), P. Fox (PF), E. Smith (ES), Jan Coulthard (Clerk), Mr T Carter, Mr B Duffield, Mr R Duffield.

1. **Apologies.** P. Escreet (working), B. Smith (family commitments), Cllr C Patmore (Crayke PC meeting). Paul Escreet has written to the PC stating that he has decided to resign as a Parish Councillor because of work commitments. The Council members regretfully accepted his decision and requested that a letter be sent thanking Paul for all his efforts. The Clerk will inform HDC of his resignation and details of the election process for a new member will be published on the village noticeboard in due course.

Action: Clerk

Declarations of interest: NONE.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

1.1 **Co-option of Parish Councillor:** No expressions of interest in the casual vacancy have been received since the last meeting. Therefore another notice requesting applications from eligible persons who wish to be considered for co-option will be placed on the PC Noticeboard and in the newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

1.2 **Enforcement of Planning Laws:**

a) Sunley Woods Farm: The enforcement notice has been issued and all units should be removed from the site by 28th February 2018.

b) Bye Green Holdings hours of working: Helen Conti has informed the PC that the alleged breach of working hours conditions is still under investigation by HDC.

1.3 **Fracking in North Yorkshire:** An Examination in Public, by a government appointed independent inspector, of NYCC's Minerals and Waste Joint Plan, will take place starting on 27th February. Husthwaite PC has received an invitation to send a representative to the enquiry, but the PC, together with the 32 other members of the Easingwold and Villages Community Forum, support the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group's participation on their behalf. PF (who will attend the hearing along with Chris Stratton from Oulston) said that the Inspector will consider the merits of the written submissions before sending round questionnaires asking for evidence to support these submissions. PF will report back to Husthwaite PC. **Action: PF**

1.4 **Emergency Planning:** CC will circulate a draft copy of the Husthwaite Emergency Planning document for all council members to consider. He has also requested an Emergency Kit and a household emergency plan for each household from NYCC Community Resilience Team. **Action: CC**

1.5 **Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute:** CF is to contact our insurance company about cover for the planned bonfire on Beacon Bank before committing to the event. **Action: CF**

1.6 **MUGA Surface:** CF will ask Farm & Land Services to brush off the moss both before and after mossicide treatment of the MUGA surface. **Action: CF**

4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**

4.1 **Grass Cutting Contract:** Farm & Land Services have offered to extend the grass cutting contract for a further two years at a cost of £130 + VAT per cut. As this is only £2 more per cut than the current contract, and still a lot cheaper than the other quotes received two years ago, it was agreed to accept their offer and extend the contract until October 2019. **Action: CF**

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4.2 **Kendrew Green Cutting Regime:** Keith Gittens has requested a continuation of the revised cutting regime on Kendrew Green for 2018 and offered to contact the AONB to organise two cutting dates by its volunteers during the year. This was agreed by the PC.

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

Sunley Woods Farm, Coxwold Road, Husthwaite - Change of use of land and buildings to permit the siting of caravan storage in connection with the operation of UK Holiday Homes Ltd.

At the request of the PC, the applicant gave a detailed explanation of the new plans submitted. The PC appreciated his efforts to move the caravan storage to a well screened area and inside an existing building which should mean that the caravans will not be clearly visible from Beacon Banks public footpath. The PC agreed that if planning permission was to be approved by HDC then it should have the following conditions attached:-

1. A restriction on delivery/collection times to ensure there are no vehicle movements during school pick up/drop off
2. A restriction on the number of vehicles attending the site at any one time, with preference that only one vehicle should be allowed through the village and should complete its delivery/collection before another is allowed to enter.

5.2 The following planning application has been approved:

Sunley Woods Farm, Coxwold Road, Husthwaite - Change of use of existing dog kennels to a commercial dog breeding business.

5.3 The following planning application is still awaiting a decision:

The Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Outline application (considering appearance, access, layout and scale) for the demolition of buildings and construction of 3 dwellings as amended by details received by HDC on 25th May 2017.

5.4 The applicant has made an appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision of Hambleton District Council to refuse to grant planning permission on land at Bye Green.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

21.11.17	100932	£210.00	J Coulthard - Sep 2017 to Nov 2017
21.11.17	100933	£50.00	Citizens Advice Bureau
21.11.17	100934	£235.00	Husthwaite Village Hall
21.11.17	100935	£963.60	Farm & Land Services (inc £160.60 VAT)
1.12.17	100936	£90.00	NYCC Grit Bin (inc £15.00 VAT)
		£1548.60	

Cheques/Monies in

16.1.18	£50.00	Interment of ashes (Hilda Bowler)
	£50.00	

Statement balance at 31 December 2017 - £16329.36 (including £9144.88 Cemetery monies).

Account balance at 16 January 2018 - £16379.36 (including £9194.88 Cemetery monies).

Payments to be authorised:

J Coulthard - £210 - November 2017 to January 2018

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6.2 Recreation Area Account

Cheques/Monies in

NONE

Statement Balance at 15 November 2017 - £1302.59

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

Parish Portal: The Clerk was requested to enrol Husthwaite Parish Council on the Parish Portal which will then enable councillors to report highways and street lighting problems online.

Action: Clerk

General Data Protection Regulation: A data protection officer is likely to be needed, according to government information. The officer should be in post by May, but the remit and scope of this post has yet to be decided at a district level. It may be possible that one could be appointed to work for several parish councils.

8. Reports from Council's Representatives:

Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee are in discussions with St Nicholas Church regarding starting a 100 Club as a joint venture. The chair trolley has been ordered. There is a possibility of a farm produce stall on Thursday evenings in village hall car park. Coming events include Film Club on 23rd January, Burns Night on 27th January, Pop Up Pub on 2nd February and Cinderella Pantomime 28th February to 2nd March.

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF attended the last meeting, at which the speaker was Panda Gledhill, a youth development worker for Hambleton. She said Husthwaite was identified as an example for other villages with its youth club. The revised Easingwold and Villages Community Plan was approved with the addition of a clause to protect the local economy from problems arising from Shale Gas extraction. The next meeting is on 22nd February 2018 in Galtres Centre.

YLCA: The next meeting is on 28th February 2018 at Northallerton Town Hall.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The next meeting is planned for May 2018.

Public Footpaths: The footpath from Beacon Banks to High Leys, which was reported as ploughed over by a contractor, will be restored, according to the farmer.

Highways: There have been complaints about the poor state of Highborne Lane, and the Amplecarr to A19 road. The PC will report these to Highways, but parishioners are encouraged to write in to NYCC Highways Department themselves to reinforce the complaint.

Street Lighting: All street lights in the village are currently working.

Neighbourhood Watch: There has been a recent spate of bicycle thefts in the area. Pinching purses from bags in the Thirsk and Ripon area has also been reported. In addition a number of cars were broken into last weekend (including one in Husthwaite) and items were stolen - the police are reminding people NOT to leave valuables in vehicles.

9. Reports from County/District Councillor Caroline Patmore:

As Cllr C Patmore was not in attendance, no reports were given.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.

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