

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), P. Fox (PF), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), J. Coulthard (Clerk)  
M. Graham.

1. **Apologies:** A. Gambles (Working), P. Escreet (Working), Cllr C Patmore (Crayke PC meeting).

Alison Gambles has written to the PC stating that she has decided to resign as a Parish Councillor because of work commitments. The Council members regretfully accepted her decision and requested that a letter be sent thanking Alison for all her work, particularly on the Parish Plan. The Clerk will inform HDC of her 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 Meetings:** Both were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **Parish Plan Actions Review:** Husthwaite Primary School has asked to postpone the Parish Council visit until next school year.

3.2 **Enforcement of Planning Laws:**

a) Sunley Woods Farm: It was noted that hedges and trees had been planted around the site but HDC planning have confirmed that this does not comply with the planning requirements. In addition extra units have been stored on site since the planning refusal. As the 6 month period for an appeal by the applicant has now expired, HDC planning are in the process of preparing an enforcement notice for the council solicitors. Compliance will be monitored by the PC. **Action: PF**

b) There is no report from Cllr Patmore on Bye Green Holdings hours of working. **Action: CP**

3.3 **Kendrew Green:** Keith Gittens has been monitoring the flora and fauna on the green and writes that the grass is in better condition for wildlife than last year after removal of the cuttings. He informed us that yellow rattle is now growing there and the White Letter Hairstreak Butterfly has been seen recently with other butterflies. Keith will look into the necessity of getting a tree preservation order on the Wych Elms.

3.4 **Fracking in North Yorkshire:** CC attended the Easingwold and Villages Forum AGM at which it was unanimously agreed to representation by the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group on matters concerning fracking in our area. PF, who is a member of this group, commented that they now had authorisation by 33 Parish Councils / Meetings and Helmsley Town Council to represent them at the examination in public with a Government Inspector later in the year, when the review guidelines have been agreed.

In the Conservative Manifesto, planning matters on fracking were to be taken back under central government control but this may now not happen. For the time being NYCC will control these decisions, so the Advisory Group will try to persuade NYCC as well as the Inspector about the concerns of local people. Ineos have announced that they propose to apply to drill an exploratory fracking well in the Wigginton area, which would be the closest to Husthwaite yet. **Action: PF**

3.5 **Emergency Planning:** CC and JC attended an Emergency Planning meeting in Malton, which was very useful. CC suggested that the PC should meet with the Village Hall Committee to discuss the Emergency Plan and it was agreed this should take place immediately before the next PC meeting at 7pm on 19<sup>th</sup> September. **Action: CC**

3.6 **Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute:** CF still to check suitability of the field for the beacon.

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**Action: CF**

3.7 **MUGA Surface:** A quote for cleaning has been requested from Soft Surfaces. CF also to contact Farm & Land Services to ask if they have a cheaper solution for removing moss. **Action: CF**

3.8 **Village Green Tree:** The deadwooding of the lime tree on the Village Green has been completed by Farm & Land Services.

3.9 **Young Children's Play Area Swings:** Playscheme have confirmed that the rules regarding swings have been revised and it is now possible to have a senior swing adjacent to a baby swing. They have quoted £272 + VAT to replace one of the seats on our swing frame with a cradle swing (using our existing chains). The PC agreed to the cost and CF will request that Playscheme fit the baby swing at their earliest opportunity. **Action: CF**

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

**5. Planning Matters:**

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

The Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Outline application (considering appearance, access, layout and scale) for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of 3 dwellings as amended by details received by HDC on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. (The Parish Council noted that although two of the proposed dwellings were behind the development limits, their proposed footprint would not exceed that which is already in existence. In addition it was considered that by replacing the derelict buildings with this residential courtyard development there would be a positive visual improvement to the streetscape so the application was APPROVED)

The Vicarage, High Street, Husthwaite - Works to Oak and two Sycamores in a conservation area. (The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS on the proposal)

Land at Bye Green, Low Street, Husthwaite - Outline planning application, including access, with all other matters reserved for a single residential dwelling. (The Parish Council wished to see the application REFUSED as the proposed site is located in open countryside, well behind the development limit and would be contrary to HDC policies CP4, DP8, DP9 and DP10. In addition it was noted that comments in the design and access statement contradicted the conditions attached to a previous planning decision)

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

NONE

**6. Finance Report:**

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

23.05.17	100923	£206.00	J Coulthard - Mar 2017 to May 2017
23.05.17	100924	£4.00	HMRC Tax - Jan 2017 to Mar 2017
23.05.17	100925	£300.00	Husthwaite Newsletter
23.05.17	100926	£897.18	Came & Company Insurance
		<b>£1407.18</b>	

Cheques/Monies in

26.05.17	£452.75	HMRC VAT Refund
	<b>£452.75</b>	

Statement balance at 30 June 2017 - £15269.26 (including £9114.88 Cemetery monies).

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Payments to be authorised:

J. Coulthard - £210 - May 2017 to July 2017

Farm & Land Services - £556.80 (inc. 92.80 VAT)

6.2 Recreation Area Account

Cheques/Monies in

**NONE**

Statement Balance at 15 May 2017 - £1302.35

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

There were no items of interest in the circulated documents.

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

**Village Hall:** PF will look at the Trust Deed to assess possible problems regarding the registration of the Village Hall as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. **Action: PF**

**Easingwold & Villages Forum:** The AGM was attended by CC. The next meeting is on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**YLCA:** ES did not attend the last meeting. CF will attend the next meeting in Easingwold.

**Public Footpaths:** BS is to report to the Footpaths Officer that the public footpath from Ings Lane to Thormanby has been made impassable because of the potato crop. **Action: BS**

**Highways:** Once again a large pothole, which fills with water continually - even in dry weather, has appeared adjacent to the bus stop in High Street. CF will report this to Highways again. **Action: CF**

**Street Lighting:** All street lights not working were reported to Hambleton District Council last week.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Untaxed vehicles parked on the village streets have been reported to the Police and DVLA. PF is to investigate reports of a business street-trading in cars from the public highway in the village and report to the appropriate authority. **Action: PF and CF**

**MUGA:** Estimates have been obtained for the siting of composting toilets at the Recreation Area but so far the expense seems prohibitive. There may also be problems with cleaning and monitoring them.

There continue to be concerns about dog owners leaving dog poo in plastic bags around the site where children play and in the Recreation Area bins. Villagers are requested to report any incidents seen and dog owners are asked to dispose of their bags properly.

CF is to ask the Police to monitor the Recreation Area on summer evenings to stop anyone fouling there (this has been reported) or meeting for drug use etc. **Action: CF**

CF to obtain quotes for draining the area to the north of the MUGA to prevent water from the school land affecting the MUGA surface. **Action: CF**

**Cemetery:** The green recycling bin for flower waste has contained paper and other rubbish recently, and will be removed by the PC in due course. The cemetery bins should be used properly in the same way as for domestic use and visitors should use the black bin for all waste from now on.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.

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