

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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

1. **Apologies:** NONE.

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Parish Plan Actions Review: CC is preparing a Parish Council display for the Village Hall Market on 20<sup>th</sup> March. **Action: CC**

3.2 Relocation of Cemetery Bench: Still awaiting quote from Chris Slater for relocation of the bench within the cemetery. **Action: BS / CF**

3.3 Enforcement of Planning Laws: Although it was previously agreed to take no action until a decision on the retrospective application is made by HDC Planning Dept., Councillor Patmore advised us to forward our concerns regarding the application to Mark Harbottle, Head of Planning and Housing. **Action: PF**

3.4 Commons Act 2006 Registered Land - Kendrew Green: A decision by the Commons Registration Officer is awaited. Further supplementary information concerning the conservation of a rare butterfly species on Kendrew Green will be sent in support of the application. **Action: Clerk**

PF has investigated obtaining title deeds for the Bier House but, as the legal expenses involved would be prohibitive, no further action will be taken at present.

3.5 Fracking in North Yorkshire: PF reported that he had raised the proposal at the Easingwold and Villages Community Forum for a small group representing the local area to engage NYCC in a dialogue on practical aspects of fracking e.g. site locations and traffic routes, with a view to publishing a policy. It was suggested that the Sussex and Hampshire plans on Fracking should be used as a basis. **Action: PF**

CC has written an article for the website following his recent visit to Third Energy sites in North Yorkshire. He is also trying to arrange for INEOS (the company who have the licence for block SE57), a member of Frack Free Ryedale and an expert from Durham University to attend a Question and Answer session in the village hall soon. **Action: CC**

3.6 Grass Cutting (including Kendrew Green): Keith Gittens attended the meeting to report that the elm trees on Kendrew Green supported a small colony of an extremely rare butterfly. He asked the PC to consider leaving an area of wild flowers on Kendrew Green to increase a supportive habitat for the butterflies and it was agreed to trial this idea for a year. The area will be marked out, with assistance from Keith, and Farm and Land Services will be informed of the amendment to the cutting regime. Details about the butterfly will be included in the April edition of the Husthwaite Newsletter. **Action: CF / JC**

3.7 Recreation Area Access Road overhanging trees: Still awaiting quote from Chris Slater to trim the trees to the east of the recreation area access road. **Action: BS / CF**

3.8 The Orchard Inn: Yorkshire Ventures have confirmed that they are the new owners of the Orchard Inn and have indicated their intention to complete the project. HDC have confirmed that the inn is still on the official register of community assets and will remain so until 2018.

3.9 Emergency Planning: Given the vulnerability of some villagers who are elderly, disabled, live alone or with small children, an Emergency Plan will be drawn up for the village, to cover

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contingencies such as severe weather, prolonged cut-offs of electricity or water, major incidents, etc. A small team will be set up to co-ordinate the plan. **Action: CC / AG / Clerk**

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

4.1 Hambleton Community Awards 2016: Husthwaite Parish Council has been nominated for a Hambleton Community Award in the Parish Council of the Year Category. As we have also been shortlisted as a finalist, two representatives from the council have been invited to attend the awards ceremony on 17<sup>th</sup> March. **CF and ES** will attend.

4.2 Peter Hill Solar Farm: CC has written to Raskelf PC raising questions regarding the Community Benefit Fund allocated by Lightsource for the Peter Hill solar farm. Raskelf PC will consider this issue at their meeting in March. It was agreed that he should also approach Big60Million about any Community Benefit Fund and, if no response was forthcoming, it was suggested that contact should be made with Peter Jones, HDC Community Funding Officer. **Action: CC**

4.3 Easingwold & Villages Community Plan: The Parish Council were asked to select a limited number of priorities from the original list, as it was considered too varied and lengthy to be useful in its current form. The 4 priorities suggested were:

- 1) Extra capacity at Easingwold GP's surgery, given the housing expansion.
- 2) Limited parking time in Easingwold town centre, with possibly a Park and Ride Scheme to York from the Easingwold Business Park.
- 3) Supporting the future running of Easingwold Library as a resource for the town and villages.
- 4) Fracking - encouraging NYCC to publish detailed policy guidelines.

Our suggestions will be sent to Peter Cole at Hambleton DC. **Action: Clerk**

4.4 Affordable Housing Survey: The HDC Rural Housing Enabler, Amanda Madden, offered to conduct a housing needs survey in Husthwaite to assess the requirement for affordable housing but as there is already outline planning permission for twenty dwellings, including ten affordable, to the south of Prospect Cottages her offer was declined. **Action: Clerk**

**5. Planning Matters:**

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

The Orchard Inn, Low Street, Husthwaite - Retrospective application for a glazed lantern to form covered yard and associated additional parking. (The Parish Council had No Observations on the proposal).

Bye Green Holdings, Low Street, Husthwaite - Retrospective application for an extension to an existing agricultural building. (This is exactly the same application that was submitted in December 2013 which was refused by HDC because it was located outside development limits and failed to meet with any of the exceptional cases detailed within Policy CP4. Therefore, as the development is outside Husthwaite's development limits and no evidence or explanation of any exceptional circumstances was presented with the application, the Parish Council had no alternative but to request refusal of the application).

Mulberry Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Change of use of annex to dwelling and construction of a detached garage with home office. (The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal as long as the property retained at least two off road parking spaces in addition to sufficient turning space for vehicles using the garage).

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

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Lists House, Husthwaite - Alterations and improvements to dwelling. Demolition of outbuildings. Construction of rear porch, caravan garage, car garage and car port, with associated sauna / spa extension. New entrance gates and garden walls.

Red House Farm, Husthwaite - Alterations and two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension.

5.3 Consultation on the following planning applications is ongoing:

The Orchard Inn, Low Street, Husthwaite - Proposed discharge of conditions 04, scheme of refrigeration, 06, scheme of ventilation and extraction, and 13, details of barrier and warning signs.

The Orchard Inn, Low Street, Husthwaite - Variation of conditions 2, 4, and 6 of planning application 13/01724/FUL as amended by e-mail.

Black Bull Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Proposed single storey dwelling and garage on land adjacent to Black Bull Cottage.

High Leys Farm, Malton Street - installation of PV panels.

**6. Finance Report:**

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

19.01.16	100884	£160.00	Jan Coulthard - Nov 2015 to Jan 2016
19.01.16	100885	£40.00	HMRC TAX - Nov 2015 to Jan 2016
26.02.16	100886	£65.00	SLCC Subscription
		<b>£265.00</b>	

Cheques/Monies in

NIL

Statement balance at 15 February 2016 - £12569.34

Account balance at 8 March 2016 - £12504.34 (including £8454.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be Authorised:

J. Coulthard - £160 - January 2016 to March 2016

HMRC TAX - £40 - January 2016 to March 2016

J. Coulthard - £100 - Homeworking Expenses January 2015 - March 2016

Petty Cash - £25

6.2 Recreation Area Account

Cheques/Monies in

15.12.15	.02	December Interest
15.01.16	.03	January Interest
15.02.16	.07	February Interest
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Statement Balance at 15 February 2016 - £1301.50.

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

7.1 Free data for Parish Councils: The PC can apply for free access to Ordnance Survey maps and it was agreed that this would be useful for planning purposes. **Action: Clerk**

7.2 Information from Rural Action Yorkshire on the Warm & Well campaign. This will be forwarded to the OVC and Primetime group leader and details put in the Newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

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

**Village Hall:** None

**Easingwold & Villages Forum:** The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April in Husthwaite Village Hall.

**YLCA:** ES reported that NYCC had given a presentation on Emergency Planning, at which a useful plan template was shown. This will be considered by the Emergency Planning Team.

**Highways:** The dip in the road adjacent to Pendle, which has got significantly worse since the Solar Farm works were undertaken, has been reported to HDC.

**Street Lighting:** Streetlight number 3 in East View was reported as not working, but is now fixed.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** None

**MUGA:** On the recent inspection of the Recreation Area it was noted that the MUGA surface was slippery and had moss growing in parts due to water running out of the school fields and onto the MUGA. It was agreed to ask Farm & Land Services for a quote to treat the surface with moss killer and also ask them for advice on how to prevent the problem reoccurring. **Action: CF**

**9. Reports from County/District Councillor Caroline Patmore:**

None.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall