

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 12th March 2019 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Councillors Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), J. Don (JD), P. Fox (PF), J. Law (JL), B. Smith (BS).

Also in Attendance: Mrs J. Coulthard (Clerk), Mr T Carter.

1. **Apologies:** C. Colton (Working), E. Smith (holiday), District Cllr C. Patmore (Linton-on-Ouse PC).
Declarations of Interest: NONE.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1 **Fracking in North Yorkshire:** In January PF attended the Government Inspector's reopened examination of the County Plan. The proximity of drill sites to housing and other property was discussed, in particular the 500m prohibition area. There seems to be no hope of extending this further and PF is not confident even this distance will be approved, with the fracking companies demanding less. The Inspectors report is due out in the summer.
 - 3.2 **Emergency Planning:** The Husthwaite Community Emergency Plan has been sent to the Emergency Planning Officer at NYCC.
 - 3.3 **MUGA Drainage:** J. Revely & Sons have completed the drainage and groundworks at the northern end of the MUGA and the Making a Difference Fund Claim Form will now be submitted.
 - 3.4 **Bus Service 31X:** Dianne Pottage, NYCC Public & Community Transport Officer, has asked Transdev to reinstate the late afternoon bus but they are unwilling because the journey did not carry many passengers. Another operator is willing to run a service from York to Helmsley, departing around 17:00, and the cost would be in the region of £80 per day which NYCC are unable to fund. As there is already a Transdev bus from York to Easingwold at this time, the Clerk was requested to contact Dianne to ask if the operator was willing to run a service from Easingwold to Helmsley, departing around 1800, and what the possible costs would be. PF attended the Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership meeting today, the purpose of which is to identify unmet transport and access needs and improve transport links in rural communities. The meeting discussed setting up a data link for North Yorkshire but, although PF pressed the case of bus reductions in Husthwaite, there seemed to be no progress on addressing unmet transport needs or improving transport links. **Action: Clerk**
 - 3.5 **Cemetery Gate:** The specification for the repair of the double wooden gates at the cemetery was sent to John Burroughs and John Howland. Unfortunately, John Burroughs was unable to submit a quote as he does not have a workshop in which to deconstruct and rebuild the gates and John Howland did not respond. Quotes for replacement of the wooden gates with new steel gates were received from Matthew Dwyer, Mike Barker and Baptiste Deleau and, after careful consideration, the PC selected local engineer Mike Barker to undertake the job. **Action: CF**
 - 3.6 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** JL is progressing with the solar pv based renewable energy project for the Primary School and also plans to improve the connectivity of rural footpaths. **Action: JL**
 - 3.7 **Village Green tree:** Jan obtained quotes from three arboricultural experts, A. Whitehead Associates, Artemisia Consultancy and Barnes Associates, for a survey of the lime tree on the Village Green. After careful consideration, the PC selected Artemisia Consultancy to undertake the survey as she was able to complete the task and produce a report within the timeframe. As

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the tree is within Husthwaite Conservation Area, Jan has now applied for planning permission so that we can act on the recommendations in the report and quotes for the work will be requested from Farm & Land Services and Greg Milburn. **Action: CF**

- 3.8 **Village Planters:** JD reported that the planters are under construction and it is hoped that they will be in situ before Husthwaite Open Gardens in June. It was suggested that we might ask the Husthwaite Orchard Trust, which supports community projects, to meet half of the costs and CF will investigate. **Action: CF**
4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**
- 4.1 **Cemetery / Primary School Boundary Trees:** At the beginning of February a tree from the cemetery boundary fell into the school premises and, on further inspection, other trees nearby looked to be in a similar condition. Quotes to remove the dead trees and sever ivy from the rest were requested from Andrew Corner, FFT Lumber, James Gordon-Finlayson and Farm & Land Services. Two quotes were received and, after careful consideration, the PC selected the cheapest quote from Farm & Land Services. The work has now been completed along with the previously planned tidying of the Yew trees and removal of sapling growth from two graves.
- 4.2 **Closure of the Plum & Partridge:** The village pub, which is a registered community asset, closed on 5th February and the HDC Community Engagement Officer is in the process of making enquiries to ascertain the owner's intentions. We now understand that the premises will reopen as a Tomahawk Steakhouse after a short period of closure for refurbishment. The owner of the company is willing to meet with the PC and hopes to engage with the community.
5. **Planning Matters:**
- 5.1 **The following planning applications have been received:**
18/02661/MRC - The Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Variations of conditions attached to planning consent 16/01987/OUT - outline application for the demolition of buildings and the construction of 3 dwellings. The Parish Council had no objections as long as the new property will not exceed the footprint of the existing building and there is sufficient off-street parking.
18/02100/REM - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages, Husthwaite - Application for approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for previously approved application 14/02294/OUT outline application for development of 20 houses. Another amended layout submitted - The Parish Council noted that parking provision for current residents of Prospect Cottages had still not been addressed. In addition, as Husthwaite is a pioneering PC in the process of developing a 25-year environmental plan and promoting small renewable energy projects in the village, we would prefer to see the installation of Solar Panels and Air Source Heat Pumps instead of an LPG tank.
- 5.2 **The following planning applications have been approved:**
18/02575/FUL - Cash Stores, High Street, Husthwaite - First floor extension to existing dwelling.
18/02661/MRC - The Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Variation of Conditions attached to Planning Consent 16/01987/OUT.
- 5.3 Craig Allison, HDC Planning Enforcement Officer, has visited Beal Cottage to investigate the alleged breach of planning and has advised the owner that planning permission is required. The PC have received a letter from the owners detailing their thoughts and ideas for the renovation.

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6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

15.01.19	100960	£215.00	Clerk - November 2018 to January 2019
08.02.19	100961	£17.64	Husthwaite Village Hall - Cyber Crime Talk
08.02.19	100962	£420.00	Cater-Kwik - VH Bottle Fridge (inc £70 VAT)
		£652.64	

Cheques / Monies In

NONE		
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Statement Balance at 15 February 2019 - £17364.82 (including £9424.88 Cemetery monies)

Balance at 12 March 2019 - £16927.18

Payments to be authorised:

Farm & Land Services - £996.00 - Works to Cemetery Trees (inc £166.00 VAT)

J Revely & Sons - £1308.00 - Recreation Area Drainage (inc £218.00 VAT)

Jan Hoyland - £275 - Village Green Tree Survey

J Coulthard - £215 - January to March 2019

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.1.19	.22	Interest
15.2.19	.22	Interest
	.44	

Statement Balance at 15 February 2019 - £1304.49

7. Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council:

7.1 2019 Parish Council Elections: The Clerk distributed nomination packs to councillors and reminded them that all documents must be delivered **by hand** to the Returning Officer, Room 220, Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU before 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April.

7.2 Great British Spring Clean: This national event occurs between 22 March and 23 April. Generally, litter is not a major problem here and the PC would like to acknowledge the efforts of those individual villagers who help with litter picking around Husthwaite throughout the year. If others would like to do some litter picking during this event, it would be most appreciated.

7.3 Littering / Fly Tipping: Fly tipping in the countryside is on the increase and is an offence for which people can be prosecuted. Recently two bags of rubbish were found near here (in which items were found that could identify the person who deposited it) and were reported to the Police and Hambleton District Council. Parishioners are encouraged to report any fly tipping to either of the above and, if you give the location, HDC will also remove the rubbish.

7.4 Calor Rural Community Fund: JL advised that the newly formed Drama Group might like to apply for funding, in particular to start an outreach programme for schools.

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: The next meeting will be held in the Galtres Centre on 4th April.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for early 2019.

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Highways: The deep gulley at the side of the Husthwaite - Easingwold road near to Acaster bridge, caused by run-off water from the fields, has been reported to NYCC Highways who have placed warning cones and marked the road for repairs. CF will enquire when works are due to start. **Action: CF**

High Street Name Plate: The damaged name plate at the junction of High Street and Kays Bank has been reported and will be replaced in the near future.

Neighbourhood Watch: The Trading Standards Cyber Crime talk was attended by approx. 20 villagers and we have now been offered a talk on current scams from the Community Banker.

Public Footpaths: The broken kissing gate adjacent to Squirrel Cottage and the broken gatepost on the bridleway between The Old Lodge and Paddy's Lane have been reported to NYCC again. Maintenance work to the UUR from Highthorne Lane to the Nookin is underway.

Recreation Area: A clean up of cut branches and brash around the edge of the area is needed. CF will try to get the use of a trailer to take the rubbish away and BS offered a site on which to burn it. Volunteer helpers will be informed when a suitable date has been identified.

Street Lighting: Northern Power Grid have now installed a new lighting unit on the replacement pole adjacent to The White House and all street lights are now working.

Village Hall: Planned events include The North on 23rd March, Film Club on 28th January and Pop Up Pub on 5th April.

YLCA: The next meeting is on 19th June.

Garden Waste Licence: Residents are reminded that the annual £35 fee is now due for garden waste collections and, from April, only those green bins displaying the new tags will be collected.

9. **Report from County / District Councillor:** As District Councillor C Patmore was not in attendance, no report was given.

10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 in Husthwaite Village Hall after the Annual Parish Meeting.

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