

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 23rd May 2017 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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

1. Apologies: A. Gambles (Working)

Declarations of interest: NONE.

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

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Parish Plan Actions Review: A response from Emma Goodchild regarding convenient dates for a Parish Council visit to Husthwaite Primary School is awaited. **Action: CC**

3.2 Enforcement of Planning Laws: There have been two failures to comply with planning law in the village:

1. Despite refusal of planning permission to store log cabins and static holiday homes at Sunley Woods Farm, no permanent removal of these has taken place.
2. There have been complaints about out of hours working at Bye Green Holdings, contrary to the conditions imposed on the approval of planning.

It was felt that the HDC Planning department was not enforcing planning policy despite representations from the Parish Council and individual villagers so Cllr Patmore agreed to discuss these matters with HDC, as enforcement of planning policy is vital. **Action: CP**

3.3 Kendrew Green: PF pointed out that as Kendrew Green is owned by NYCC, it is their responsibility to maintain. However, in the interests of the village, the grass cutting regime planned by the PC in conjunction with AONB will continue. As the Wych Elm Trees on Kendrew Green are vital to the rare butterflies living on them, it was suggested that it might be beneficial to apply to put a Tree Preservation Order on them to prevent them being cut down and CC agreed to speak to Keith Gittens about this. **Action: CC**

3.4 Fracking in North Yorkshire: PF said that despite NYCC apparently not taking into consideration the comments on the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan put forward by a group of villages in this area, there may be a further public consultation, thanks to York City Council who are opposing aspects of the fracking plan. It is hoped that representations may be allowed before a government inspector whose remit might invite evidence from local groups and parishes affected. On the 22 June, the Easingwold and Villages Community Forum AGM will consider adopting South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group's proposals to amend the MWJ plan. However, depending on the result of the General Election, planning matters may be taken under national control or fracking suspended altogether. CC will attend the E and V Forum AGM. **Action: CC**

3.5 Emergency Planning: CC and the Clerk will attend a training session on Emergency Planning in Malton on Tuesday May 30th. **Action: CC & Clerk**

3.6 Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute: This event will be held on 11th November 2018. CF to check the suitability of the field offered by Richard Duffield for the beacon. **Action: CF**

3.7 MUGA Surface: No further quotes have been received to date. CF is to request more quotes for the cleaning and painting of the MUGA surface, though much of the moss has dried off in the better weather. **Action: CF**

3.8 Village Green Tree: A quote of £80 from Farm & Land Services for deadwooding the lime tree on the Village Green was accepted and they will be asked to complete the job at their earliest

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convenience. **Action: CF**

3.9 **Highthorne Lane Potholes:** Potholes have been filled on Highthorne Lane thanks to persistent messages from PC members to NYCC Highways. NYCC have informed the PC that the road has been put forward for funding in 2018/19 when it is hoped a more permanent repair will be completed. The Low Street footpaths near the school will also be resurfaced at this time.

3.10 **Young Children's Play Area Swings:** CF awaits a response from Playscheme about the possibility of replacing the senior swings with baby swings. **Action: CF**

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

4.1 **Local Plan - Alternative Sites Consultation:** The Council agreed that the proposed site E/071/003 was NOT preferred for development due to its narrow access to the highway, which is also on a bend in the road and near to a junction. In addition the site has a public right of way running along its southern boundary and contains numerous natural springs making it very wet. The land is outside of the Development Limits and is partly within the Husthwaite Conservation Area, therefore the PC considered that the building of sixty new dwellings would have a negative impact on the character and form of the village. CF will forward the comments to HDC. **Action: CF**

4.2 **Local Greenspace Consultation:** The Council agreed to support all the areas suggested in Husthwaite: Husthwaite Cemetery, St Nicholas Church grounds, the Village Green, Kendrew Green, East View Green and Husthwaite Recreation Area. CF will forward the comments to HDC. **Action: CF**

4.3 **Public Rights of Way Consultation:** CF responded to this consultation on behalf of the Council. The main comments concerned rural Rights of Way having the same characteristic score as urban ones so they are treated the same, issues regarding safety of footpaths being given the highest priority of any actions to be taken and consultation with local councils and user groups giving an accurate community value to the routes that are used the most.

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

NONE

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

The Outwoods, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to remove Leylandii trees and hedge in a Conservation Area.

Bruaich, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

Bye Green Holdings, Low Street, Husthwaite - Retrospective application for an agricultural extension to an existing building.

5.3 The following planning applications are still awaiting a decision:

The Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Outline application (considering appearance, access, layout and scale) for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of 3no dwellings. Councillors appreciated the recent invite to visit the site and view the amended plans before they were submitted to HDC.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

21.03.17	100917	£200.00	J Coulthard - Jan 2017 to Mar 2017
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21.03.17	100918	£125.00	J Coulthard Expenses
21.03.17	100920	£149.80	A Coulthard - PC Noticeboard
1.04.17	100919	£128.00	YLCA Membership
1.05.17	100921	£78.00	Play Inspection Co (inc £13.00 VAT)
1.05.17	100922	£307.20	Farm & Land Services (inc £51.20 VAT)
		£988.00	

Cheques/Monies in

10.04.17	£150.00	Bier House Rental - February to July 2017
28.04.17	£3750.00	HDC Precept 1 st Instalment
11.05.17	£50.00	Memorial Fee - AJ Thornton
	£3950.00	

Statement balance at 15 May 2017 - £16223.69 (including £9114.88 Cemetery monies).

Payments to be authorised:

J. Coulthard - £206 - March 2017 to May 2017

HMRC - £4 - January 2017 to March 2017

Husthwaite Newsletter - £300

Came & Company - £897.18 - Insurance (3-year long-term agreement)

6.2 Recreation Area Account

Cheques/Monies in

15.03.17	.04	March Interest
15.04.17	.04	April Interest
15.05.17	.04	May Interest
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Statement Balance at 15 May 2017 - £1302.35

6.3. Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

6.4 Accounting Statements 2015/16

The Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances and Bank Reconciliation were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

It was noted that the signed Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements will be published on the Parish Council section of Husthwaite website along with the Annual Internal Audit Report, Explanation of Variances, Bank Reconciliation and Notice of Public Rights. **Action: CF & BS**

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: The Village Hall Committee is considering applying to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and would like to know if it would be possible to transfer ownership of the land on which the Village Hall stands to a charitable organisation. P. Fox agreed to look at the Trust Deed documents. **Action: PF**

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF reported from the meeting on 27th April:

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Easingwold Library is flourishing with a great many volunteers being trained and its future seems assured. Funding for a community minibus has been allocated to Easingwold Community Care Association and the bus will be available for groups to hire. There are still complaints about mobile phone coverage and lack of high speed broadband in the area. Access to Millfield Surgery was discussed. Originally the surgery had 3,300 patients, whereas now there are 7,500 on the register and no full time doctors. Concern was expressed particularly as new housing will put further pressure on the service.

YLCA: Next meeting is in Northallerton on 21st June 2017 at 7pm. ES to attend. **Action: ES**

Public Footpaths: The stile on the Public Footpath between Highthorne Lane and Flower O'May has been repaired by the land owner. It appears that stiles on public footpaths are the responsibility of the landowner, not NYCC. A complaint regarding the condition of the public footpath along the old railway line and the ploughing up of public footpaths across fields will be referred to NYCC who deal with PROW. JC will respond to the complainant. **Action: Clerk**

Highways: A complaint was sent in April to NYCC Highways about the only partial repair of the Coxwold to Husthwaite Road. No response has been received as yet.

Street Lighting: All street lights are working.

Neighbourhood Watch: Suspicious vehicles that have been parked in High Street and at the Village Green for a number of weeks (one that is not taxed) have been reported to HDC and DVLA.

MUGA: On the recent annual inspection of the Recreation Area by the Play Inspection Company, several 'Low Risk' and 'Very Low Risk' factors have been identified. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the areas identified and will take remedial action if required.

9. Reports from County/District Councillor Caroline Patmore:

2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1.	Chairman And Vice Chairman	Cllr. Helen Swiers of Filey is chairman for this year together with Cllr. Robert Windass of Boroughbridge as her vice chairman.
2.	Council's Financial situation	The financial cuts that have plagued us since 2009 continue, but get harder to make year on year. The Authority still has to find between £6 - £9 million savings before 2020, never the less this has been budgeted for.
3.	Council Tax	As in the previous year 2015/16 this has increased by a further 2% which will be ring fenced for social care, together with a 2.9% rise to enable the services in general. Any increase is regretted, but is unavoidable if we are to keep up our services to the public.
4.	Highways	A topic that is always at the top of the public's list. Due to a relatively mild wet winter our roads are not in too bad a condition and a lot of patching was completed this time last year. The patched areas should now be surfaced dressed to improve their resistance, and this is being carried out at present.
5.	Parking	NYCC now charges for parking in our market towns in some areas, and these areas are patrolled by wardens so beware.
6.	Schools	A few more of our schools have become academies. Personally I am sorry to see this happen as academies are their own admission authorities and I fear this could cause problems in future years.

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		Academies are run by private or public companies and not the County Council. They are put in place when a school chooses this route or when they have a poor Ofsted.
7.	Community Work	A grant of £5,000 is given to each councillor for them to spend within their Division. The minimum grant allocated is £..... To the whole of the £5,000 if the councillor deems this to be necessary. Most councillors break up the grant to benefit as many worthy causes as possible. Officers at County Hall control this and make sure that it is a worthy cause. You can apply to me for a form if you wish to apply.
8.	Devolution	And finally devolution. It is still on the horizon whether we like it or not. The Greater Yorkshire is the Executive's preference, but this still hasn't been to a council meeting for agreement, nor is it agreed between the other authorities involved. It is a matter of wait and see what comes next.
9.	Allerton Park Incinerator	If you have travelled along the A1M around Knaresborough recently you cannot have failed to notice this large new structure. It is shortly to be commissioned and let's hope it works as it will be taking all your waste and more.

2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT FROM HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

1.	Chairman and vice chairman	Cllr. David Hugill from Osmotherly is Chairman of Hambleton District for this year together with Cllr. David Blades of Northallerton and Brompton as Vice.
2.	Council's Financial Position	HDC too has had to make financial savings, although it is pleasing to say that not as nearly as drastic as the other place. HDC made a substantial amount of money on the sale of its council housing many years ago and invested this wisely for the benefit of its residents, and it is this that is helping the Authority provide good services today.
3.	Council Tax	Hambleton has the lowest council tax in the County and is proud of this, but we still have to keep pace with today's costs, so this accounts for the modest increase of £5.00 on a band D property. The main reason the tax is still so low is as I have previously said because of the investment of the council house money.
4.	Waste Collection	Recycling is now top of the agenda, hence the new blue topped bins. However we have slipped a bit here as people are sometimes putting in the wrong items, those that cannot be reused, or failing to clean them before placing them in the bin. This costs the Authority money. It is important that we all follow the rules.
5.	Green Bins	You will all be aware that HDC is now charging for green bins, as are most other authorities in the Country. This is because each authority has to pay for this service. The take up of green bins has exceeded expectations and also quite a few people have taken a second bin.
6.	Northallerton Prison	If you have visited the town recently you will have noticed that demolition has started and the prison is fast disappearing. Plans have now been published for the future of the site which includes multi-

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		screen cinemas and eating places as well as a new supermarket. It is an exciting new project and it is hoped that Northallerton will become a County centre in future. Around the prison other exciting new ideas are being considered too.
7.	New Housing	Tracts of new housing are going up or are planned all over the district, but mostly in market towns or service villages. A new Local Development Framework is being consulted upon after the "Call for Sites" which all villages will be aware of.
8.	Community Information	A popular Parishes Forum is held twice a year at Stone Cross which has so far been very well received and helpful to parish councils and I would recommend that if possible this should be attended.
9.	Grants	Hambleton District Council has made £25,000 available to all the market towns and the surrounding villages. However a slice of £5,000 has been given directly to the local libraries to help finance their start up, this is now reduced to £20,000. Any community run venture can apply for all or some of this money and to do this please ring or email HDC

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.30p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.