

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th November 2018 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), J. Don (JD), P. Fox (PF), J. Law (JL), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), District Councillor C. Patmore, Mrs J. Coulthard (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** NONE
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:** PF reported that there was still no report from the Government Inspector and it may be next summer before it is issued. PF met the Government Shale Gas Commissioner and pointed out the adverse impact that fracking would have on our parish and these points were noted. The PC asked HDC to oppose the Governments Permitted Development Plan (as NYCC and RDC have) and, as we have received no response, the clerk was asked to resend the letter asking them to act. **Action: Clerk**
 - 3.2 **Emergency Planning:** The detailed plan by CC will be sent to the NYCC Emergency Planning Officer and a summary flyer will be distributed with the newsletter. **Action: CC / CF**
 - 3.3 **Battle's Over - A Nations Tribute:** The village events organised jointly by the PCC, Orchard Trust, Village Hall and PC to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 on Sunday 11th November, which started with a united Benefice Service and wreath laying at St Nicholas Church and ended with a bonfire and firework display on Beacon Banks with pie and pea supper afterwards in the Village Hall, were well attended and a great success. A report on the day, written by CC, will be included in the newsletter.
 - 3.4 **MUGA Drainage:** J Revely & Sons have been awarded the contract for these works and will complete the task at their earliest convenience as the project must be finished before March.
 - 3.5 **Bus Service 31X:** Despite numerous communications to Transdev bus company, no positive response has been received. Workers, York College students, shoppers, the elderly and those without personal transport are very disadvantaged by the removal of this service so the clerk was asked to write once more asking for the late afternoon bus to be restored from Easingwold to Husthwaite. In addition, a request will be made to Morse bus company asking if they could run a short service from Easingwold to Husthwaite to connect with the late afternoon Transdev bus from York. **Action: Clerk**
 - 3.6 **Cemetery Gate & Yew Trees:** CF will produce a detailed specification to send out to local tradesmen requesting tenders for the making of new metal gates to replace the existing. Farm & Land Services will also be asked to quote for tidying the Yew trees and removing sapling growth from some graves. **Action: CF**
 - 3.7 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** JL offered a summary of DEFRA's 2018 25 Year Plan and a draft plan for Husthwaite focussing on four possible projects for the PC to consider. Cllr Patmore pointed out that we are on the edge of the AONB and advised JL to contact Paul Jackson, who could offer valuable advice. **Action: JL**
 - 3.8 **Village Green tree:** Tree surgeons seem unwilling to give advice on the likely safety and survival of the lime tree because of insurance liability problems. Therefore, it was agreed that the clerk should contact the arboricultural expert at NYCC for advice. **Action: Clerk**

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4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

- 4.1 **Hushwaite Christmas Carol Service:** The PC has been asked to choose a Carol for the service on Sunday 16th December and, following the success of the recent WW1 centenary events, CF suggested 'Come and Join the Celebration'.
- 4.2 **Village Planters:** The gardening club, on their 60th anniversary, have suggested that the PC might be willing to fund three planters to place at the entrances to the village. The PC agreed to purchase the planters on condition that the club will plant them up and maintain throughout the season. BS will liaise with Simon Eedle on the location of the planters. **Action: BS**

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

18/02100/REM - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages, Hushwaite - 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 - The Parish Council wished to see the application REFUSED in its present form.

18/01923/FUL - Suncliffe Beacon Farm, Malton Street, Hushwaite - Extension to existing barn / hay store. The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS on the proposal.

18/02221/FUL - Alpine House, High Street, Hushwaite - Single storey pitched roof extension to the rear elevation including alterations to the window above. The PC made no comments.

18/02339/FUL - The Woodyard, The Amplecarr, Hushwaite - Construction of a general purpose agricultural building. The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS on the proposal.

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

18/01989/CAT - The Mount, Low Street, Hushwaite - Works to fell an ash tree in a conservation area.

5.3 The following application is still awaiting a decision:

18/01563/FUL - Hunters Lodge, The Nookin, Hushwaite - Single Storey extension to porch, side and rear & 2 storey extension/alterations over existing garage/pool.

- 5.4 A complaint has been received regarding the appearance of a refurbished outbuilding in the conservation area at Beal Cottage. It is thought that the owner is intending to use the outbuilding for running a business and, as there is only one off-street parking place at the property, this could lead to parking problems in High Street so the PC will contact HDC planning department to ask them to investigate and advise if planning permission is required.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

25.09.18	100953	£215.00	Clerk July - September 2018
25.09.18	100954	£50.00	Donation to Citizens Advice Bureau
11.11.18	100955	£19.25	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Wreath
11.11.18	100956	£624.00	Farm & Land Services (inc £104.00 VAT)
		£908.25	

Cheques / Monies In

28.09.18	£3750.00	HDC Precept 2 nd Instalment
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Statement Balance at 15 November 2018 - £18567.99 (including £9424.88 Cemetery monies)

Balance at 20 November 2018 - £17924.74

Payments to be authorised:

C Fenwick - £189.92 - Firework Crazy Fireworks

J Coulthard - £215 - September to November 2018

NYCC - £90 - Elphin View Grit Bin

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.10.18	.21	Interest
15.11.18	.22	Interest
	.43	

Statement Balance at 15 November 2018 - £1303.84

7. **Pay and Conditions of Clerk:** It was agreed that the conditions of the Clerk would remain unchanged but the pay would be increased by 2.5% to £1290 for the following year, the allowance of £150 for office expenses would not alter.

8. Proposed expenditure and Parish Precept for 2019/20:

The following proposed expenditure was agreed: -

Grass Cutting £1625

YLCA Membership £135

Insurance £935

Clerk £1440

Village Projects £1500

Village Newsletter £350

Cemetery Extension £200

Petty Cash £25

CAB Donation £50

Street Furniture £1000

Recreation Area £1000

PC Elections £1000

Miscellaneous Items £200

Total Expenditure £9460

Year End Balance £2704

Expected Income £1000

Shortfall £5756 + 10% = £6332

Therefore, it was agreed to request a precept of £7500

9. **Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council:** NONE

10. Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: The NYCC Transport Officer attended the last meeting and was questioned about the lack of buses in villages but there was no positive solution forwarded.

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

Highways: Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch: It was reported that Lisa Winward has been appointed the new Chief Constable for NY Police. An offer to hold a talk on Cyber Crime for interested persons has been

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received and, as this type of crime is more likely to affect the elderly, it was suggested that this be tagged on to a Primetime session and the PC offered to cover any costs involved.

Public Footpaths: The boards on the footpath between The Nookin and Kays Bank have still not been repaired, despite requests and reminders from the PC, and the kissing gate post adjacent to Squirrel Cottage is broken, so the Clerk will contact NYCC again. **Action: Clerk**

Recreation Area: A new 'Caution - Children Playing' sign has been erected on The Amplecarr by Mr Robin Houlston.

Street Lighting: All street lights are currently working.

Village Hall: The new Village Hall Committee for 2018/19 consists of Lynn Colton (Joint Chair), Sheila Mowatt (Joint Chair / Booking Secretary), Steve Broughton (Treasurer), Simon Eedle, Annabel Kennedy, Gill Allanson, and Liz Walton. The next meeting is on Tuesday 27th November.

YLCA: CC attended the last meeting and reported that there is a new NYCC Highways Communications Officer. Apologies were made for the road closure difficulties caused by overlapping contracts on village roadworks / path resurfacing last summer. Contractors for utility works will now have to obtain permits to avoid a repeat of this. The next meeting will take place on 20th February in the Galtres Centre.

11. Report from County / District Councillor:

NYCC have been given a one-off Government grant of £7.7 million to repair potholes and a one-off Social Care grant of £6+ million for elderly and disabled people. 54% of NYCC highways are treated during snowy and icy weather from the Winter Maintenance budget of £7 million and unofficial road / advertising signs on highway verges are being removed and will only be returned if a fine is paid.

Green waste collections have now stopped for the winter but Christmas trees will be collected in January as long the homeowner has paid for the garden waste licence and the tree fits into the wheelie bin. The green bin waste is made into compost for re-sale. The redeveloped Northallerton prison site which includes an Iceland, a Lidl, a cinema and a small amount of housing has been named 'Treadmills'.

12. Date & Time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7:30pm in Husthwaite Village Hall.

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