

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th September 2015 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), J. Coulthard (Clerk), Cllr C. Patmore, I. Harper, A. Coulthard, L. Walker, C. Stratton (Chair of Oulston Parish Meeting).

1. **Apologies:** A. Gambles (ill).

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Parish Council Defibrillator Training: A Basic Life Support & Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Session by Yorkshire Ambulance Service has been arranged for 7p.m. on Monday 28th September in Husthwaite Village Hall.

3.2 Parish Plan Actions Spreadsheet: The spreadsheet has now been reviewed by all Councillors and an extra PC meeting is planned to discuss the progress on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30 in the Village Hall. **Action: All**

3.3 Sunken Grave: The turf has now grown on the grave but it is still intended to relocate the bench within the cemetery in the near future. **Action: CF**

3.4 Speeding Traffic: PCSO Lucy Walker has assured the Parish Council that the Police will inform local farmers of our concerns regarding speeding tractors within the village. Cllr. Patmore also informed us to look out for an upcoming Police initiative which will train volunteers in villages with speed problems to use speed cameras to check traffic speeds.

3.5 CCTV cameras: The complex rules and regulations received from NY Police suggest that installing CCTV would not be appropriate for a village this size so no further action will be taken.

3.6 Enforcement of planning laws: Mr Dozey (Enforcement Officer at Hambleton DC Planning) has contacted the landowner and agent concerned, and awaits a reply. No retrospective planning application has been submitted so Cllr. Patmore will chase up progress on this matter. **Action: CP**

3.7 Commons Act 2006 Registered Land: The PC intends to register Kendrew Green as a common and will therefore place an article in the newsletter informing parishioners and requesting any possible claimant on the land to come forward. **Action: PF / Clerk**

3.8 Bus Service Review: The consultation is now ended and the final decision on proposals will not be made until 8th December. Service 31X has now been included as a Fleet Operations Proposal service where operators are invited to submit a timetable proposal to match an allocated amount of funding. The Parish Council has been invited to assist with the evaluation of tenders at the end of September and are happy to be involved in this process. **Action: All**

3.9 Funding for Low Street Footway Repairs: Amy Ellis has confirmed that Low Street is on the list for repairs by the Highways department in 2016/17. The state of the footpath from Prospect Cottages to East View will be reported to Highways for possible future improvements. **Action: BS**

3.10 Housing Development 106 monies: No decisions can be taken until the development is underway and Section 106 monies are allocated.

3.11 Addendum to the Good Councillor's Guide: A copy of the addendum was given to all Parish Councillors.

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

4.1 Closure of the Village Shop: The shop is closing on the 26th September. Parish Councillors have started a collection to buy Anne Dowson a leaving gift and villagers are being encouraged to sign a

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card too. Contributions will be accepted until the end of September and a presentation will be organised in the following month. **Action: All**

4.2 Fracking in North Yorkshire: Since fracking is a possibility in and around Hambleton, Ian Harper felt that parishioners ought to be better informed about the possible implications. The discussion led to a decision to set up a small group, led by Ian Harper, to gather information from all points of view, including experts, on the ramifications of fracking, alternative energy sources and new technologies. His suggestion to hold an event in the village hall to present this information to the wider community was supported by the PC. Our local MP has invited villagers to attend an open meeting on the fracking issue in Malton on 8th October at 7pm (no details on venue yet).

In addition it was agreed to formulate a response to the consultation highlighting the likely effects of fracking on the water courses in our locality and the effects it would have on the wildlife habitat in the area. **Action: PF (with Chris Stratton)**

4.3 NYCC Grass Cutting: As NYCC has stopped cutting the grass on the bank at the top of High Street, the PC agreed to ask Mr Burn for a single cut this autumn. The grass cutting contract is up for renewal next year, and will be extended to include this area, plus the verge on Low Street between Baxby entrance and West Terrace and the grass strip to the west of the Recreation Area entrance. **Action: CF**

The overhanging trees to the east of the recreation area entrance road are in need of cutting back. C. Slater will be asked to quote for the work.

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

Hillcrest, Elphin View, Husthwaite - Single storey lean to extension plus additional and altered windows. (The Parish Council has No Observations on this application).

Black Bull Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Proposed single storey dwelling and garage on land adjacent to Black Bull Cottage. (The Parish Council has no objections to ONE single storey dwelling on the plot indicated as long as access to the property is at a safe distance from the Nookin / High Street junction and there is at least two off street parking spaces).

Boscar Grange Farm, Easingwold - Construction of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, access track, temporary construction compounds and security fencing. (The Parish Council wishes to see this application Refused but would support the construction of a smaller development on the site. In addition the PC expressed disappointment at not being invited to the presentation on the solar farm given by Big60Million.)

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

Highthorne Farm, Highthorne Lane, Husthwaite - Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling and associated operational development. (Prior Approval Not Required)

Walnut House, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Proposed work to fell a Prunus within front garden in Conservation Area.

14 East View, Husthwaite - Conversion of a garage to a habitable room.

Beal Cottage, High Street, Husthwaite - Demolition of single storey rear extension, installation of a roof light, a window opening to front elevation, 4 replacement windows to front elevation and alterations to form single and two storey extensions.

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Hillcrest, Elphin View, Husthwaite - Installation of a new window and a single storey extension to existing dwelling.

Land to the rear of Sleepy Hollow, High Street, Husthwaite - Retrospective application for the siting of a field gate.

Damson Garth, High Street, Husthwaite - Demolition of existing conservatory and alterations to form a replacement single storey garden room, alterations to windows and doors on the rear elevation and installation of 3 roof lights to the existing dwelling

5.3 Consultation on the following planning applications is ongoing or close to a decision:

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.

Land at rear of Sleepy Hollow, High Street, Husthwaite - Outline application for development of 20 dwelling houses.

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6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

14.07.15	100871	£300.00	C. Slater - Recreation Area Boundary
14.07.15	100872	£96.14	Merlin Trading UK - Defibrillator Cabinet
14.07.15	100873	£160.00	Jan Coulthard - May 2015 to July 2015
14.07.15	100874	£40.00	HMRC TAX - May 2015 to July 2015
21.08.15	100875	£100.00	Hambleton District Council Election Costs
21.08.15	100876	£786.66	M Burn - Grass Cutting
		£1482.80	

Cheques/Monies in

4.09.15	£1.15	Northern Electric Wayleave
	£1.15	

Statement balance at 15 August 2015 - £12398.11

Account balance at 8 September 2015 - £11512.60 (including £8374.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be Authorised:

J. Coulthard - £160 - July 2015 to September 2015

HMRC TAX - £40 - July 2015 to September 2015

Husthwaite CE Primary School has obtained quotes of £125 and £300 for the repair of the School / Cemetery Boundary Fence. The Parish Council agreed to pay half of the cheapest quote as ownership of the fence is unknown.

6.2 Recreation Area Account

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Cheques/Monies out

4.07.15	£10.20	Safe Access Charge
	£10.20	

Cheques/Monies in

15.06.15	.02	June Interest
15.07.15	.02	July Interest
15.08.15	.02	August Interest
	.06	

Statement Balance at 15 August 2015 - £379.72.

6.3 Annual Return

PKF Littlejohn has completed the review of Husthwaite Parish Council's Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015. There were no matters giving cause for concern and, as income and expenditure were below £10,000 and no additional charges were incurred, no fee is due. A 'Notice of Conclusion of the audit and right to inspect the annual return' was placed in the Parish Council Noticeboard with a copy of the Annual Return on 14th August 2015 and has therefore been on display for the statutory 14 days.

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

There were no matters of interest in the circulated items.

8. Reports from Council's Representatives:

Village Hall: There will be 2 vacancies on the Village Hall Committee at the AGM as both the treasurer and bookings secretary are stepping down.

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF reported that the Citizens Advice Bureau is opening an outreach centre in Easingwold in October (Venue TBA) and there will be an opportunity to visit pension advisors who could give general (not individual) advice. In addition Millfield Practice is planning a Patient Participation Group. The first annual public meeting will be held on 22nd October at 7.30pm at Millfield Surgery and patients using the practice are invited to attend to offer views and ideas.

Highways: Highway repairs in preparation for future surface dressing on Malton Street and The Nookin are now completed.

Footpaths: The hedge is overhanging the public footpath at the side of Slater's Yard.

Recreation Area: On a recent monthly inspection several bags of dog poo were found abandoned within the Recreation Area, a highly unacceptable practice for an area where young children play. It was agreed that although dogs are currently allowed in the Recreation Area if on a lead, if this problem continues they will be banned from the area.

Neighbourhood Watch: North Yorkshire had the lowest crime figures in England for year 2014/15 with only a 0.5% increase on the previous year.

Street Lighting: Streetlight number 3 opposite Elphin View has been reported as not working.

9. Reports from County/District Councillor:

Devolution to local authorities: money for transport, among other things, is likely to be devolved to large area authorities, such as Leeds/Bradford combined with parts of North Yorkshire. The exact make-up of these combined authorities has not yet been decided as discussions are ongoing.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November at 7.00p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall

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