

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), P. Davison (PD), E. Smith (ES), C Jones (CJ), G Jones (GJ)

In Attendance: B. Ward (clerk), PCSO K Laws North Yorks Police

PCSO Laws was in attendance to give a report on behalf of N Yorks Police. She advised that Husthwaite was deemed a low crime area, there having been just one burglary in last 6 months. She said that the police were aware of the problems with mud on roads and that cold callers could cause distress. If either creates a serious problem the police should be contacted on 101. Theft of fuel and quad bikes are most likely in our area and winter vehicle checks will be carried out on vehicles in the district.

1. **Apologies:** None

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

- 3.1 Cycle Racks: The Beckwith Trust have declined to contribute as it not an educational project.
- 3.2 Extension of 30mph speed limit: No further progress despite an indication from Highways North Yorks on 1 June last that they could respond within 3 months. **Action: Clerk to contact Highways again.**
- 3.3 Defibrillator: A meeting was held with the training body on Monday 1 October. Was attended by a number of people interested in becoming a 'first responder'. However, after learning that a training course over 2 consecutive days was a pre-requisite all but 3 declined. A minimum of 6 are required to make it viable so unless more come forward the defibrillator will be donated to a local hospital or medical practice. **Action: Clerk to put an entry in the Newsletter.**
- 3.4 Highways: No further progress. The drainage problem still persists on the Carlton Husthwaite Road despite recent works and there is a further drainage problem on Highthorne Lane. There is also a problem with the bridge by the old railway crossing which is looking precarious following an accident. In addition to these problems it was the view of the Council that the C96 (Husthwaite to the A19) road is in an appalling condition and inadequate for the traffic it now handles. It was agreed to ask Highways N Yorkshire to consider repairs as a matter of priority and schedule an upgrade for the near future. **Action: Clerk to contact Highways again.**
- 3.5 Recreation Area Pavilion: The building is now complete apart from some small internal works.
- 3.6 Neighbourhood Plans: The planned meeting had to be postponed due to the indisposition of ES. It has been rearranged for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013. **Action: ES**
- 3.7 Cemetery Seats: The seat has always been freestanding and will remain so.
- 3.8 Bier Hose Guttering: No known progress
- 3.9 East View Railings: Still no response from Broadacres. **Action: Clerk to follow up**
- 3.10 Recreation Area: Because of legal complications, which could affect future ownership, it was agreed that QEII status would no longer be sought.
- 3.11 Elphin View: Despite the best efforts of the Parish Council and agreement on a course of action with North Yorks Police, Highways and Broadacres there is still no satisfactory solution. ES will follow up with Highways who are the lead organisation.
- 3.12 Grass Cutting: tenders have been received for future grass cutting including the recreation field. The lowest tender was from the present contractor, Burn Bros. It was agreed to accept Burn Bros tender.

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

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4.1 The Orchard Inn: It is understood that the pub will close at the end of November with the possibility of a new landlord taking over in January. It was suggested that the pub be registered as a 'community asset'. This, it is thought, could give the community some benefit but this is by no means clear. Further information on community assets and how to nominate The Orchard Inn will be sought from Caroline Patmore.

4.2 Community Hub: There is a move within the village to create a Community Hub - an overarching group to pull together all the various activities within Husthwaite for mutual benefit. A meeting is to be held to discuss the proposal and CF & PD will attend and report back. **Action: CF, PD**

## 5. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following planning application has been received:

Beal Close, Gibbet Hill, revised application for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

## 6. Finance:

### 6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

06.09.12	100786	£1393.00	Sam Turner & Sons (maintenance equipment)
19.09.12	100787	£480.00	Mazars LLP (audit fee)
17.10.12	100788	£711.61	Burn Bros (grass cutting)
05.11.12	100789	£17.00	Royal British Legion (poppy wreath)
13.11.12	100790	£10.00	Canon Robert Shaw (Drinkhill interment)
	100791		Spoiled cheque
16.11.12	100792	£856.39	Sam Turner & Sons (maintenance equipment)
16.11.12	100793	£10.00	Nigel Chapman (Clark interment)

£3487.00

Cheques/Monies in

19.09.12	£2240.00	Changing Places grant
08.10.12	£548.00	Orchard Project grant
15.11.12	£10.00	Co-op Funeral Service (Drinkhill interment)
15.11.12	£10.00	N Medd Ltd Undertakers (Clark interment)

£2808.00

Uncleared cheques 100789, 100790, 100792, 100793 - total £893.39

Statement balance at 18 November 2012 - £21200.93 (NOTE: this balance includes the contents of the Cemetery Fund a/c (now £6767.72) transferred in following the maturity of the previously held 3 month bond)

### 6.2 Cemetery Fund

	Monies in		Monies out
15.05.12	£50.00	Dales of Thirsk (memorial fee Duffield)	
21.06.12	£50.00	Atkinsons (memorial fee Hill)	
09.10.12	£5.03	Interest	
15.11.12	£20.00	Co-op Funeral Service (Drinkhill interment)	
15.11.12	£20.00	N Medd Ltd Undertakers (Clark interment)	
15.11.12	£400.00	Sale of 2 burial plots (Cark)	

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Statement balance at 17 November 2012 - £ZERO (NOTE: A balance of £6229.69 was transferred to the PC current a/c at maturity of the 3 month bond on 9 October 2012). The balance available to the Cemetery fund is £6767.72

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

No transactions

Monies In

No transactions

Statement Balance at 17 November 2012 - £12.96

HSBC Deposit a/c

	Monies in		Monies out
15.10.12	£0.03	Interest	Nil
15.11.12	£0.04	Interest	

£0.07

Statement balance at 17 November 2012 £589.19

Approved stage payment of £3500 to G & J Douthwaite for work on the pavilion

Agreed to open a new 6 month bond with HSBC for the Cemetery Fund monies

**7 To Review the Pay and Conditions of Service of the Clerk**

It was agreed to leave the conditions of service unchanged and to increase the salary to £1450 p.a. for the year 2013/14.

**8 To consider the proposed expenditure of the Parish and set a precept for 2013/14**

It is anticipated that the 2012/13 year end balance will be £669.38. Income for the year 2013/14 is estimated at £246.15 and expenditure is forecast at £7732.50. This means a very tight budget for the year as additional expenditure is now being incurred to maintain the recreation area to a high standard. It was proposed that, having maintained the Precept at £7000.00 for the six years in row, an increase is now necessary. It was agreed unanimously to increase the precept for 2013/14 to £7500 (see attached).

**9 To Discuss Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council**

9.1 No items for discussion.

**10 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies**

- Easingwold and Villages Forum: no meetings
- Hambleton Play Partnership: attendance at these meetings is falling. It reported that the Thirsk skate park is proving very popular. There is to be an attempt to 'map' play provision throughout the Hambleton district. It was confirmed that a Section 106 grant of some £4400 will be coming to Husthwaite Parish Council for use on the recreation area. There is to be an attempt to set up 'workshops' to help and advise those parishes looking to create new facilities.
- Recreation Area: See attached report

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There were no further reports

**11 Reports from County/District Councillors.**

No reports were received.

**12 AOB:**

12.1 Robin Houlston, who has served the Parish Council for over 20 years, has tendered his resignation for health reasons. The Council wished to place on record their appreciation and, indeed, that of the whole village for the time and effort he has put into his role as Parish Councillor over the years. He will be sorely missed at meetings and very difficult to replace as, being born and bred in Husthwaite, his local knowledge was second to none.

12.1 Mini recycling centre: Provision has now been made for disposal of plastic bottles and containers.

12.2 Recreation Area:

- An external, nationally registered inspector has now inspected the area. All risks detected were classed as 'low' or 'very low'.

The upgrading of the entrance road was discussed. Estimates have been obtained for surfacing but there remains a question of quality. All that is needed for recreation area access is a surface sufficient for pedestrians and private cars. However, HDC refuse vehicles (HGV's) use the access to empty the recycling bins and such a surface would be inadequate. Agreed HDC be approached to contribute to the cost of an upgrade. **Action: Clerk**

**11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

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