

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 18th March 2014 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), P. Fox (PF), E. Smith (ES), B. Smith (BS), P. Escreet (PE)

In Attendance: B. Ward (clerk), Mrs E Walton

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Patmore A. Gambles

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Highways: There has still been no visible action on Elphin Bridge as it still appears to be in a poor condition. However, works have been completed which appear to have resolved the drainage problem. **Action: Cllr Patmore & Clerk (Elphin Bridge),**

3.2 Defibrillator: There are now only 12 volunteers. Finding suitable dates for training is proving difficult but it is hoped to arrange it in the near future. **Action: BS**

3.3 Recreation Area: It was agreed to buy a proprietary product, MossBuster, to remove the moss in the MUGA. It will also be used on the cemetery paths. The product is both child and pet friendly and can thus be used safely. CF proposed a date of 29th March at 10.00 am for application of the moss killer and 5th April at 2.00 pm for a general tidy-up of the area. All residents will be circulated with the information and asked to offer assistance.

3.4 Footpath map: Clerk still has to contact Coxwold parish clerk. **Action: Clerk**

3.5 Bus Services: at the time of the meeting no further information was available regarding any changes to bus services in the village.

3.6 The Orchard Inn: Work on refurbishment is progressing and it is understood that it will be renamed 'The Curious Plum'. A head chef has been appointed and he is keen to keep the menu at a level that will be attractive to the community and its visitors.

3.7 Blocked drains: NYCC have had their 'gully sucker' in the village to clear the drains. A check will be made on the effectiveness of the action: **Action: CF**

3.8 Street name signage: As well as the problem with Elphin View it was reported that the Low Street sign against the church wall and the Kays Bank sign at the top end were in need of replacement. **Action: Clerk to contact HDC.**

3.9 Water leaks: Yorkshire Water have checked on the apparent leaks on Low Street and Kays Bank. In both cases the lack of phosphates and chlorine in the water on the roads indicates that it is more likely to be spring water. Investigations will continue.

3.10 Speed of Buses: The Clerk has written to Stephenson's regarding the speed of buses on rural roads but has received no reply

3.11 Parish Council pages on Husthwaite Website: The new pages have been well received and the contact details for Parish Councillors are now easily found

4 **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

4.1 Volley ball equipment: a grant of £500 was received from Skipton Building Society for the purchase of equipment. CF has ascertained that net posts of substantial quality can be purchased for around £440 and that a net would be less than £50. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase and further agreed that the equipment would be installed on the grass area between the MUGA and the young children's play area.

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- 4.2 Allerton Park refuse incinerator: Information received alleges that the proposed incinerator at Allerton Park will cost York City and NYCC around £1.4 billion over 25 years. Central government recently withdrew its offer of £125m towards the costs. It is further alleged that taxpayers could be burdened with an additional £6.5m over each of the 25 years. In view of this, the environmental impact of refuse wagons to and from the site and the fact that better technology is already available, it was agreed that a formal objection to the scheme be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**
- 4.3 Electronic payments: legislation is now in place, which removes the need for two signatories for any payment made by the council. This will permit the use of electronic transfers of funds. However, for the relatively small number of payments made and to maintain security, it was agreed that Husthwaite would retain cheque payment with two signatures required for each cheque.

5. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following applications have been received:

1 West Terrace Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QD

Construction of a domestic garage as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 3 March 2014 (Parish Council has objected)

Greystones Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PX

Construction of detached double garage to the rear of the existing dwelling (Parish Council has No Observations')

The following planning applications have been approved:

Sunnyside Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA

Alterations, formation of annex and rear extension to dwelling

The following applications have been refused:

Bye Green Holdings Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA

Alterations and extension to existing agricultural livestock and storage building

Wilton Croft Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA

Proposed removal of blue Atlas cedar tree subject to Tree Preservation Order No 2009/06

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

22.01.14	100830	£143.88	Play Inspection Co Ltd (Rec Area safety
22.01.14	100831	£50.00	Hambleton Citizens Advice (Donation)
22.01.14	100832	£300.00	Brian Watt (Hire of Marquee)
		£493.88	

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Cheques/Monies in

03.02.14	£50.00	Dales of Thirsk (Memorial fee re N Clark)
06.02.14	£1025.78	VAT refund (01.06.13 - 31.01.14)
	£1075.78	

Statement balance 14.03.14 £12477.26 (Note this balance includes the Cemetery Fund monies and an element of grants for the recreation area).

Cemetery Fund (HSBC)

Monies in

No transactions

Monies out

Statement balance at 31 March 2013 - £0 (NOTE: the 6 month fixed rate bond matured on 10 June 2013 and the balance of £6779.88 was transferred into the Parish Council current account

Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies In

No transactions

Statement Balance at 14.03.14 - £562.96

HSBC Deposit a/c

15.02.14 Monies in
 £0.02 Interest

Monies out

£0.04

Statement balance at 14.03.14 £389.56

- 6.2 Payments Approved: Purchase of 20 litre MossBuster - £58.86 + VAT & carriage
- Clerk's salary - £1450.00
- Purchase of 2 stroke petrol for Recreation Area maintenance equipment

7 To Discuss Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council

- 7.1 A recent circulated magazine has identified a waste bin that would be more suitable for the village green than the current one. In addition, it was reported that the timber clad dog-waste bins were becoming a bit dilapidated. It was agreed to contact HDC to ask for replacements. **Action: Clerk**
- 7.2 A recent article about the Sustainable Communities Act in 'The Clerk' pointed out that none of the business rates levied comes back into the community. A campaign has been organised to try and persuade central government to permit a proportion of the rate to the local parish or town council. It was agreed that the organiser of the campaign should be contacted. **Action: Clerk**

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

8.1 Village Hall:

It was reported that the contractors are currently working through a substantial 'snagging' list.

In addition, the Village Hall Committee have asked if they can retain use of the bier house for storage. As it is incumbent on the Parish Council to obtain the best return on its assets, it was agreed to obtain a professional opinion on the current market rent value. **Action: Clerk**

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The Village Hall Committee have also asked if the contracted grass cutter would cut the small strip of grass in front of the village hall.

9 Reports from County/District Councillors.

No reports from NYCC or HDC

10 AOB:

10.1 Draft Transparency Code for Parish Councils: this is now out for consultation. After discussion it was agreed that the draft code is acceptable but should also include Parish Meetings in its requirements. This opinion will be fed back to the National Association of Local Councils who will respond to government on behalf of members.

Action: Clerk

10.2 Recreation Area Committee: This committee was formed to develop the recreation area. As the recreation area is now substantially complete it was agreed that the Parish Council would take on any future work and that the Recreation Area Committee be disbanded. Grateful thanks were expressed for the magnificent work done by this group over the last few years.

10.3 It was reported that the 'Welcome to Husthwaite' pack has been updated.

10.4 Review of the Parish Plan: it was agreed that there should be a review of achievements against the action plan.

10.5 Quotes for painting Village Seats: The Clerk was requested to obtain some quotes for the painting / varnishing of 6 village seats for discussion at next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.00pm, Tuesday 20th May 2014. Venue: Husthwaite Village Hall