

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th September 2011**

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

In Attendance: B. Ward (clerk),

1. **Apologies:** Mrs C Jones, Cllr C Patmore

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Condition of roads: Amplecarr reopened ahead of schedule

3.2 Fields for the Future: It may be that Husthwaite Recreation Area does not need to enter the ballot. Fields in Trust is happy to proceed directly to the Deed of Dedication if the local authority would prefer. **Action: Clerk to ascertain HDC stance on this**

3.3 Library Service: NYCC advised that the Village Hall could be used as a pick up/drop off point

3.4 Cycle Racks: The Beckwith Trust was approached for a grant towards the provision of cycle racks in the recreation area. However, the school had made an application at the same time and as a result of the same request by the children. As the school is likely to make greater use of the racks it was agreed to withdraw our application and seek funds elsewhere.

3.5 Recreation Area Grass Cutting: Burn Bros have agreed to cut the grass from the MUGA to the entrance at the same frequency as all other cuts are made in the village. The additional cost is £20.00 per cut.

3.6 Caution Children Playing signs: Enquiries have revealed a supplier who can provide suitable signs for £12.60 each plus VAT. The Clerk was asked to order 2 for erection adjacent to the recreation area entrance. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

4.1 East View Railings: these have now been painted.

4.2 Village Hall Lottery Bid: The questionnaire distributed to all users of the hall was completed.

5. **Planning/Planning Policy:**

Throstle Nest Farm, Application for prior notification for the construction of a general purpose agricultural storage building

The following applications have been approved:

Carlbury, Low Street, Proposed single storey rear extension to existing dwelling

6. **Finance:**

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

20.07.11	100746	£18256.60	Image Playgrounds - supply and install equipment
20.07.11	100747	£474.00	Playsafety Ltd safety inspection
05.08.11	100748	£30.52	C Fenwick - Flowers and postage
05.08.11	100749	£342.00	Mazars LLP - external audit
25.08.11	100750	£596.67	Burn Bros - grass cutting
06.09.11	100751	£425.00	G.S Jones - painting East View railings
06.09.11	100752	£12.83	P Davison - postage
20.09.11	100753	£200.00	The Snug Restaurant - catering at official opening

£20337.62

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Cheques/Monies in

05.08.11	£122.50	Bier House rent
24.08.11	£1.15	NEDL Wavleave
24.08.11	£10.00	Dianity Funerals - Wood interment
	£133.65	

Statement balance at 15 Sept 2011 - £ 3073.34

6.2 Cemetery Fund

	Monies in		Monies out
24.08.11	£20.00	Dignity Funerals - Wood	

Statement Balance at 19Sept 2011 - £5752.21

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

No
transactions

Monies In

No transactions

Statement Balance at 19 Sept 2011 - £12.96

Standard Life a/c

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
28.07.11	£0.89	Interest	
26.08.11	£0.91	Interest	
	£1.80		

Statement Balance at 19 Sept 2011 - £983.66

6.4 The following accounts were approved for payment:

H Houlston & Son, £180.00 - grass cutting in recreation area

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

7.1 Winter Maintenance: NYCC are proposing a scheme to identify a group of volunteers willing to take part in clearing snow and treating roads and footways. As this would require the Parish Council to purchase all necessary snow clearing equipment and the grit at £100 per ton it was agreed not to become involved.

7.2 Queen's Jubilee 2012: it was suggested that consideration be given to purchasing some form of commemorative item for each of the persons aged 16 or less in the parish. This will be

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considered further at the next meeting when the precept will be set for 2012/13.

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

8.1 Beckwith Trust: at the recent meeting, as well as the grant for cycle racks mentioned above, the school was awarded an increased school travel grant.

8.2 Village Hall: all efforts are now being directed towards the lottery funding bid for a new village hall.

8.3 Hambleton and District Play Partnership - at the recent meeting members were advised that spending cuts were beginning to bite. Play Rangers, whose service was previously free of charge, will now cost £50 per session. Alternative funding sources are being sought and a county wide funding event is to be held at York racecourse on 18 November.

A private enquiry with HDC has revealed that, should the proposed development of 20 properties in Husthwaite between 2015 and 2020, the village will receive a minimum of £35,000 in Section 106 grant. Should other development occur in the meantime there could be other windfalls.

8.4 Recreation Area - The latest report is attached to these minutes.

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Patmore was unable to be present and no report was available.

10 AOB:

10.1 Newsletter: a report on the opening of the new Adventure Trail and Fitness Area will appear in the next Newsletter. John Ovenston is putting together a collage of photographs of the event to accompany the report.

10.2 Recreation Area Pavilion/Store: PD tabled some alternative designs for a small pavilion and store for the maintenance machinery to be built in the recreation area (funds permitting). One of the designs was approved. A number of local suppliers and tradesmen have indicated that they will provide some materials at cost and PD was asked to obtain quotes for the construction.

10.3 Village Notice Board: GS advised that he had received adverse comments about the condition of both notice boards. It was agreed to look at what could be done to improve matters.

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.00pm, Tuesday 15th November 2011. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

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FINISHED? (Perhaps not quite!)

By now, most people in the village will be aware that the 3 major features of the Recreation Area are now complete. The Grand Opening celebrations on August 3rd took place in glorious weather, amidst a carnival atmosphere. Helen Ford, TV Presenter from ITV Tyne/Tees Television added a special dimension and commented on the dramatic changes that had taken place since her first visit to a muddy, overgrown field which she visited 3 years ago. The photographs accompanying this article capture the sense of fun and enjoyment shared by everyone.

So many people in the village have contributed to this successful celebration that the Recreation Area Committee would like to extend their appreciation to the following:

- the large group of volunteers, with strimmers, loppers, rakes, brushes, cleaning materials etc. who prepared the site for the opening, ensuring that everything was in pristine condition;
- the Orchard Project Team who generously donated apple juice and the loan of the marquee, which formed an impressive centre-piece;
- John Ovenston and Gerald Crane whose keen eyes and superb photography captured the enjoyment experienced by everyone;
- Taylormade, who provided excellent refreshments, served by ladies from the two churches.

To all of these, and others involved in ensuring this was a memorable occasion, the Committee extends a big 'Thank you' for such a fine demonstration of community spirit.

We acknowledge once again the significant funding which has been forthcoming from the Community Spaces Programme, managed by Groundwork UK, as an Award Partner to the Big Lottery Fund. An unexpected bonus is the award of a Sustainability Grant of around £3,500, on top of the original £35,000 for the Adventure Area & Fitness Trail. This additional sum is to be used for equipment which will help to maintain the site in very good order, plus funding for a one-day course for six people willing to be trained by RoSPA to undertake safety checks and risk assessments. This course will be held in the village, possibly in November, and anyone who wishes to be involved is invited to contact Carol Fenwick (868479) or Peter Davison (868449) for more information.

Finally, as we look ahead to next year, steps are already being taken to plan fund-raising for a small pavilion which incorporates a secure store for the maintenance equipment, along with cycle racks (requested by the children), improvements to the access track from the road and an outside gym of 2 or 3 items - requested by older folk!

Peter Davison