

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21st May 2013**

1

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

In Attendance: B. Ward (clerk),

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

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Highways: Nothing has yet been forthcoming since the site meeting in January. The full structural survey of the bridge on the Carlton Husthwaite road appears to have come to nothing. The Clerk advised that he had contacted Highways regarding road repair priorities but still awaits a response **Action: Clerk to contact Highways again.**

3.2 Defibrillator: CF still awaits a response from the ambulance service regarding dates for training **Action: CF**

3.3 East View Railings: Still no response from Broadacres. **Action: Clerk to follow up**

3.4 Elphin View: Still no action from Highways North Yorkshire. After discussion it was agreed to let the matter rest.

3.5 Parish Notice Board: work on refurbishment courtesy of Orchards of Husthwaite, is reported to be in progress.

3.6 Footpaths: The landslip on the footpath to the rear of the cemetery and play area has not yet been remedied. NYCC will be contacted again re this. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

4.1 A letter of resignation has been received from G Jones. Mrs C Jones advised that, due to her work commitments, it was likely that she would have to resign in the near future. As this would reduce the number of councillors to the bare minimum it was agreed that all members should approach anyone they may feel is suitable for co-option and that an entry should be put in the Newsletter calling for volunteers. **Action: Clerk, All**

5. **Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been **received:**

Wesley House, High Street - Retrospective application for placement of solar panels to roof of dwelling

Street Record East View - Application for prior notification of proposed development for installation of dark green DSLAM cabinet.

No applications have been approved.

It was noted that despite the further application (above) for solar panels on Wesley House, Hambleton District Council is to issue a Planning Enforcement Notice against this unauthorised development.

6. **Finance:**

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out 2012/3:

25.03.13	100804	£90.00	NYCC (re Grit bins)
		£90.00	

Signed..... Date 16th July 2013

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21st May 2013

Cheques/Monies in 2012/3

20.03.13	£1322.57	VAT refund
26.03.13	£10000.00	Lottery Grant
	£11322.57	

Statement balance at 31 March 2013 - £11676.19

Cheques/Monies out 2013/14:

27.04.13	100805	£114.00	YLCA subscription
27.04.13	100806	£932.51	Broker Network Ltd (insurance)
27.04.13	100807	£35.00	Rural Action Yorkshire subscription
		£1081.51	

Cheques/Monies in 2013/4

27.04.13	£3750.00	Precept 1 st instalment
14.05.13	£50.00	Interment fee re D Cooper (to be transferred to Cemetery a/c)
	£3800.00	

Statement balance 20 May 2013 - £14394.68

Cemetery Fund (HSBC)

Monies in	Monies out
No transactions	

Statement balance at 31 March 2013 - £6767.72 (NOTE: this money is now invested in a 6 month fixed rate bond. No direct transactions in or out can be made during this period.)

Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out No transactions

Monies In No transactions

Statement Balance at 31 March 2013 and at 20 May 2013 - £12.96

HSBC Deposit a/c

No transactions between previous report and financial year end

Statement balance at 31 March 2013 - £389.34

	Monies in	Monies out
15.04.13	£0.02	Interest
15.05.13	£0.02	Interest
	£0.04	

Statement balance at 20 May 2013 - £389.38

6.2 Annual Audit

The annual accounting statement and annual governance statement for the year ended 31 March 2013 were discussed and approved unanimously.

Signed..... Date 16th July 2013

6.3 Cemetery Account Funds

The Clerk reported that the 6 month Bond in which the cemetery funds are held will mature on 10 June 2013. It was agreed to re-invest the maturing fund, plus £100 currently held in the Parish Council current account, in a new 6 month Bond.

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

7.1 Section 106 grants - it is now understood that a total of some £6600 will be available to the Parish as a result of developments adjacent to Holly House and at Suncliffe Beacon Farm .

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

- Hambleton Play Partnership: PD's presentation at Northallerton on what has been achieved in Husthwaite and how the monies were obtained was well received and generated significant interest.
- Recreation Area: The grant application for the completion of the access road from Amplecarr into the Recreation Area was successful and £10,000 has been received. See attached report from PD for an update on the area.

It was also reported that a tree in the 'woodland' area needs to be removed for safety reasons. ES agreed to arrange removal. **Action: ES**

- Easingwold & Villages Forum: PD reported that at the last meeting on 25/4 there were presentations on funding for community projects. This provided little new information as the Parish Council/Recreation Area Committee has already approached most sources mentioned. There was also a presentation by Easingwold Community Church about the food bank they have instituted.

There were no further reports

9 Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Patmore's reports are attached to these minutes.

10 AOB:

- 10.1 PD reported that 2 bids for funding are in the pipeline. One is for up to £5,000 to support the provision of outdoor fitness equipment. The second is to Skipton Building Society's 'Grass Roots Giving' scheme which it is hoped will provide £500 for volleyball equipment.
- 10.2 It was also reported that the surface of the MUGA will need repainting in the next 2 to 3 years and funding needs to be allocated for this purpose.
- 10.3 The proposed cycle racks for the Recreation Area will be ordered, nearer the time of installation as the lead time is measured in days.
- 10.4 The Village Green railings are in need of a clean-up. It was agreed to ask for volunteers to form a working party at 7.00pm on 12th June to tackle the work. **Action: Clerk to put an entry in the Newsletter**

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 16th July 2013. Venue: Husthwaite Primary School

Signed..... Date 16th July 2013

ALL WORK NO PLAY (One evening in May)

The Annual Maintenance Blitz on the Recreation Area was arranged for the evening of Wednesday 15th May. In spite of unsettled and cold weather plus a threatening forecast, 9 suitably clad volunteers turned up to tackle tasks which will help keep this much appreciated provision looking 'spick and span'.

The challenges were varied - washing seats and parts of the equipment in young childrens' play area, cleaning pavilion windows, moving rubble, trimming back grass and overhanging branches plus moss treatment on surfaces likely to become slippery.

As we began in bright sunshine, Mervyn Burn was just completing the fortnightly cut of the large grassed areas. We are indeed fortunate in having such a reliable local contractor, based in Wass, who helps to keep everything looking so welcoming. The working party, inspired by the bright sunshine and Mervyn's work, tackled their task with gusto. After about half an hour, a black cloud approaching from the west bombarded us with hailstones (in May!). This did not deter the workers who pressed on until finally a torrential downpour, endured for about 10-15 minutes brought proceedings to a halt. Nevertheless, by this time good progress had been made and grateful appreciation is offered to all who came along.

Hopefully, within the next few weeks, work will start on producing an upgraded access track from the road to the entrance gate. This will be funded, in the main, by a £10,000 'Awards For All' grant from the Big Lottery.

Finally, a date for your diaries!

The AGM of the Recreation Area Committee will be held at 7.30 p.m on Tuesday 9th July in the Methodist Chapel on High Street.

Everyone is invited to come along and give support.

Peter Davison

**REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Parish Councils Annual General Meetings within the
Stillington Division**

No.	Subject
1.	<p>The electorate of North Yorkshire County went to the poles on 2 May 2013 to elect a new council for the next 4 years.</p> <p>The results were :-</p> <p>Conservatives with 45 seats Liberal Democrats 8 seats Independents 8 seats Labour 7 seats Liberals 2 seats UkiP 2 seats</p> <p>This means that the Conservatives once again have the overall control of the council by 18 seats.</p> <p>Cllr. John Weighell has been elected as the Conservative Leader and should automatically become the Leader of North Yorkshire County Council at the Full Council meeting on 15 May.</p>
2.	<p>Stillington Division had three candidates standing for election:</p> <p>Conservative who gained 1331 votes and 69.9% of the overall vote. Green Party 347 votes Labour 311 votes.</p>
3.	<p>Councillors were back on Wednesday 8 May to be instructed in the running of the council and despite the numbers per Party not changing very much there were quite a number of new faces.</p>
4.	<p>We were also informed at Wednesday's seminar that there are still more cuts to be faced, despite the fact that NYCC has already made over £90 million savings over the last 3 years. Difficult times and more redundancies are expected for the next 3 years.</p>
5.	<p>Priority will continue to be given to care of our older population, health matters which the Authority is now responsible for, and education.</p> <p>A special budget has been set aside for the repair of our roads etc., and this, of course is subject to our rather unreliable weather.</p>
6.	<p>Consultation is taking place with all the public of North Yorkshire regarding the turning off of street lighting between the hours of midnight and 5am. This is being done in conjunction with the District and Borough Councils so that all street lighting will be considered.</p> <p>Through this consultation it is hoped that members of the public will point out area where this might be a hazard or cause hardship.</p>

REPORT FROMM HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL
Parish Council Annual General Meetings within the White Horse Ward.

No.	Subject
1.	<p>Hambleton District Council is due to hold it's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14 May and at this meeting it is expected that a new Leader will be elected to lead the Council's decision making.</p> <p>Last month the Conservative Group on this Authority, at their AGM elected Cllr. Mark Robson to the position of Leader of the Group, replacing Cllr. Neville Huxtable who stood down. As the Conservatives are the largest political party with overall control it is expected that Cllr. Mark Robson will be elected as the leader of the Authority.</p>
2.	<p>Also at this meeting there is expected to be changes in the responsibilities of councillors. This will include the members of the Cabinet and all the other committees. The outcome of this change will not be known until after the Full Council.</p>
3.	<p>A new Chairman of the Council will also be sworn in at this meeting. Until the actual meeting it is not possible to say who this will be, however it is normal practice that the vice chairman of the Authority will take over the chair. Cllr. Bob Baker held this position last year.</p>
4.	<p>A consultation with the public in Hambleton is about to take place regarding street lights owned by HDC. It is proposed that these lights will be turn off from midnight to 5 am, in order to save money.</p> <p>Through the consultation it is hoped that members of the public will point out areas where this might be a hazard or cause hardship, enabling the council to consider these specific sites with care.</p>