

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 18th January 2011**

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

In Attendance: B.Ward (clerk), Cllr P Featherstone HDC, Cllr C Patmore NYCC, A Coulthard, R Wood,
S.Barker

1. Apologies:, None

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

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Passing Places: NYCC Highways have now advised that the provision of passing places will not take place until the next (2011/12) financial year.

3.2 Condition of roads: Cllr Patmore explained that work on the C96 road to eliminate the need for the temporary lights was held up whilst the legal department ascertained the ownership of the adjacent land. It is currently registered to a person in Leeds who claims to have sold it but the new owner has failed to register ownership with the Land Registry. Nevertheless, the Clerk was directed to write to Highways North Yorkshire asking for a detailed work programme. **Action: Clerk.**

3.3 Remedial Work to MUGA: The remedial works to the MUGA have not yet been done and it was agreed that Cleveland Services be advised that if the work is not completed within a reasonable timescale the Council would employ others to complete the work and deduct the cost from the retention money still held. **Action: Clerk to advise CLS accordingly.**

3.4 Insurance: The Clerk is still to investigate and report back on alternative schemes. **Action: Clerk**

4. Matters Arising Between Meetings.

Messrs. Wood, Coulthard and Barker, as members of the Village Hall Committee outlined a proposal to seek grant aid for the rebuilding of the Village Hall. The Big Lottery Fund is seeking applications for between £100k and £500k for community buildings. The applications are to be 'post code limited' but YO61 4PF, in which the hall is situated, is an acceptable code. The Committee intend to ask the views of the residents before proceeding but the Parish Council gives the proposal their wholehearted support.

5. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following planning applications have been received:

Highthorne Cottage Husthwaite, Proposed single storey extension and alterations

The following applications have been withdrawn:

Providence Hill Farm Amplecarr Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PN Installation of a wind turbine (18M mast)

Providence Hill Farm Husthwaite York YO61 4PN Proposed environmental impact assessment for construction of an 11 KW Gaia wind turbine.

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

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|----------|--------|----------|--|
| 19.11.10 | 100721 | £1066.90 | A & S Corner (fencing) |
| 20.11.10 | 100722 | £293.75 | H Houlston & Sons (Grass cutting, recreation area) |
| 20.11.10 | 100723 | £88.13 | Playsafety Ltd (Safety inspection, Rec area) |
| 09.12.10 | 100724 | £293.75 | A & S Corner (provision of gate) |
| 09.12.10 | 100725 | £61.00 | Society of Local Council Clerks (Subs) |

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| 17.12.10 | 100726 | £887.90 | Cleveland Land Services (50% of retention) |
| | | £2691.43 | |

Cheques/Monies in

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| 29.11.10 | £325.00 | From Rec area a/c re grass cutting and safety inspection |
| 15.12.10 | £471.42 | HMRC VAT refund |

£796.42

Unpresented cheque 100726 £887.90

Statement balance at 31 December 2010 - £4706.20

6.2 Cemetery Fund

No transactions

Statement Balance at 17 January 2011 - £5126.32

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

NIL

Monies In

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|----------|---------|-----------------------|
| 22.12.10 | £389.78 | Balance of NYCC grant |
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£389.78

Statement Balance at 31 December 2010 - £409.16

Standard Life a/c

| | <u>Monies in</u> | | <u>Monies out</u> |
|----------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 26.11.10 | £0.63 | Interest | |
| 29.12.10 | £0.32 | Interest | |
| 29.12.10 | | To PC HSBC a/c | £325.00 |
| | £0.95 | | £325.00 |

Statement Balance at 17 January 2011 - £355.12

6.4 The transfer of £390.00 from the Recreation field HSBC a/c to the Parish Council a/c was approved

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

7.1 Spending Cuts - from financial accounts recently received it appears that the AONB spent £780k in 2009/10. It was felt that this level of expenditure is unnecessary as it only employs 3 people. Much of the money spent is not of direct benefit to the community as it funds projects for private landowners and for the benefit of non-contributing visitors. The clerk was requested to write to the AONB outlining their concerns and suggesting that, in the present financial climate, such sums could be better spent elsewhere. **Action; Clerk**

7.2 Winter Maintenance Service - overall, members felt that Husthwaite had been well served by Highways North Yorkshire in respect of road gritting during the recent bad weather. However, strong concerns were expressed about access and egress at either end of Highthorne Lane. There are no grit bins available and as result vehicles had great difficulty,

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particularly at the junction with The Nookin in making a safe exit. The Clerk was directed to communicate the Council's concerns to NYCC and (again) request the provision of a grit bin.

Action: Clerk

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies.

- 8.1 Easingwold & Villages Forum - due to the weather condition PD was unable to attend the November meeting. The major item at the meeting was an explanation by Alan Rose, Chair of York Hospital Foundation Trust on the changes taking place within the Health Service. The minutes have been received and will be circulated.
- 8.2 Hambleton and District Play Partnership - again the weather interfered with this meeting, the majority of members being unable to travel. Nevertheless, the co-ordinator has produced an update on projects and some general information that is to be circulated to members.
- 8.3 Recreation Area - PD advised members that the bid for 'Changing Spaces' lottery fund had been successful to the tune of £4,700. This means that work can now progress on the adventure play area and fitness trail. PD's full report is attached to these minutes.

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Featherstone - no report

Cllr Patmore advised that NYCC is:

- a) Anticipating no Council Tax increase this year but full Council meets on 15 February to agree budgets
- b) Discontinuing NY Times
- c) Reviewing charging for home to school transport for 'aided' school and 16 -19 year old SEN pupils
- d) Ceasing the mobile library service from April 2011

Discussion followed on library closures, particularly the proposed closure of Easingwold library and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Easingwold Town Council and to NYCC objecting to the closure in the strongest possible terms.

Cllr Patmore also advised that there is a slight chance of the minor injuries unit at St Monica's Hospital being restored.

10 AOB:

PD asked the current situation with the defibrillator. It has not yet been put into use due to a lack of sufficient volunteers who are prepared or able to be 'on call' and available 24 hours a day. CF agreed to contact other village's co-ordinators to see how they have overcome the problem.

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 15th March 2011. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

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WOW - WHAT A CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

Two days before Christmas Eve, a telephone call from the 'Changing Spaces' office in Birmingham heralded the news that our most recent funding application to further develop the Recreation Area had been successful. No less than around £35,000 has been allocated towards the proposed Adventure Area & Fitness Trail, including the upgrading of the access track between the newly-erected fence and the Multi-Use Games Area. Given the emerging financial climate, this is a fantastic award and a marvellous present for the whole community

The sketch plan (kindly produced by Annabel Kennedy) which accompanies this report shows where the various items of equipment will be located in relation to the whole site. The alphabetical key for each piece is as follows:

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| A. Activity Space Net | D. Monkey Bars (Horizontal Ladder) | G. Run-up & Leap Hurdle |
| B. Senior Adventure Trail | E. Burmah Bridge | H. Chin-up/Roll Over Bars |
| C. Senior Tramtrax & Swinging Steps | F. Rope Climb | I. Crane Swing |

This range of equipment is suitable for both older children and adults and will complement the existing Multi-Use Games Area and the Young Children's Play Area provided in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

The process of seeking tenders is now under way and once these have been considered by the Recreation Area Committee it is envisaged that a start by the chosen contractor will be made in March/April, with completion scheduled for April/May.

Looking ahead, although the major aspects of this project will soon be in place, there are some finishing touches still to be added. These include a small pavilion with storage for maintenance equipment, additional seating, upgrading of the remainder of the access track from the road entrance to the gate and an improved surface for the amenity area. Although we will continue to apply for further grants to complete this work, it is likely that such sources will become increasingly scarce. Even if our efforts to secure further funding are successful, there is usually a requirement to make a local contribution. Needless to say, at this stage our funds are running low. Within the community, if anyone is likely to be involved in some event with sponsorship or other fund-raising initiatives, perhaps some support for the final stages in the development of the Recreation Area could be borne in mind. Any such financial help will be greatly appreciated.

Peter Davison

