

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21st January 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) A. Gambles (AG)

In Attendance: B. Ward (clerk), Mr B Carter, Mr T Carter

1. Apologies: Cllr C Patmore

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Approved and signed as a true record subject to the addition of comment under minute 4.6 that consideration now needs to be given to the costs of future maintenance of the MUGA and other equipment.

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. In addition, the road from Husthwaite to Elphin Bridge has been more like a river than a road for the last 2 weeks. **Action: Cllr Patmore (Elphin Bridge), Clerk (Drainage problem)**

3.2 Defibrillator: BS has now held a meeting with interested persons. There are now 18 volunteers and meeting is scheduled for Saturday 25th January to sort out the necessary paperwork. Training will then follow in about 3/4 months time. **Action: BS**

3.3 Recreation Area: PF advised that moss is encroaching on the MUGA surface. He has had volunteer approach him with an offer to remove it provided the council supply the necessary materials. **Action: PF.**

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

3.5 Bus Services: the Clerk has written to Cllr Metcalfe (NYCC) expressing the village's objection to the proposals and the isolation it will cause. Cllr Metcalfe consented to put the views before the appropriate NYCC committees. The full NYCC meeting to finalise the changes took place today (21 January) but the outcome is yet to be published.

3.6 Village Hall Trust Deed: PF has reviewed and approved the new trust deed and it has been signed off, the PC remaining as the custodian trustee. The trustees have responsibility, as a condition of the lottery grant, to operate effectively and viably for 20 years.

3.7 Standing Orders and Finance Regulations: These were approved unanimously and adopted with effect from 21 January 2014.

3.8 The Orchard Inn: a response was received in answer to our complaint but it was far from satisfactory. In view of the fact that work on the alterations is understood to be imminent no further action will be taken. However, Cllr Patmore will be asked to determine how HDC Planning decide whether an application should be a delegated or committee decision. **Action: Clerk, Cllr Patmore.**

3.9 Speed of buses and tractors around the village: no action has been taken with the police but it will be raised with them when there are more likely to be frequent tractor activities. The Clerk will write to Stephenson's regarding the buses. **Action: Clerk**

4 Matters Arising Between Meetings.

4.1 There were no matters arising between meetings

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5. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following applications have been received:

Wilton Croft Low Street Husthwaite

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

Sunnyside Low Street Husthwaite

Alterations, formation of an annex and rear extension to dwelling

Both the above have been approved by the PC

Bye Green Holding Low Street Husthwaite

Alterations and extensions to existing agricultural livestock and storage building

This application, although not rejected by the PC, had raised some comments. Considerable discussion followed, with Messrs Carter expressing their views which were acknowledged.

High House Farm Thornton Lane

Installation of a wind turbine (30m Mast and associated infrastructure, including a substation

The PC, along with other parish councils, organisations and individuals had responded objecting to this proposal. However, the application has now been WITHDRAWN.

The following planning applications have been approved.

Holly House The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PY

Erection of detached garage and carport with first floor room.

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

19.11.13	100827	£196.04	C Fenwick (food & prizes for Rec Area
19.11.13	100828	£31.10	E Smith (bouquets for Rec Area opening)
09.12.13	100829	£25.00	Came & Co (insurance for gym equipment)

£252.04

Cheques/Monies in

23.12.13	£900.00	Groundworks Ltd - grant for rec area opening
01.10.13	£3750.00	Precept 2 nd instalment
	£4650.00	

Statement balance 20.01.14 - £11595.36 (Note this balance includes the Cemetery Fund monies - £7774.88 and an element of grants for the recreation area).

Cemetery Fund (HSBC)

Monies in

Monies out

No transactions

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

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Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies In		
03.12.13	£50.00	Donation from Mrs C Skinner
10.01.14	£500.00	Grant from Skipton Building

£550.00

Statement Balance at 20.01.14 - £562.96

HSBC Deposit a/c

	Monies in	Monies out
15.12.13	£0.02	Interest
15.01.14	£0.02	Interest

£0.04

Statement balance at 20.01.14 £389.54

6.2 Payments Approved: To Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00 as a donation (see minute 7.1)

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

7.1 Citizens Advice Bureau: a request has been received for a donation to assist CAB in their works. It was agreed to send a donation of £50.00.

7.2 Switch Local: Yorkshire Energy has launched 'Switch Local' in an effort to save householders and small businesses save money on energy bills. Agreed that information would be forwarded for inclusion in the Newsletter.

7.3 Precept: Although the Parish Council has kept the precept requirement (the amount the PC requires to spend) at the same level as last year it seems that so far as HDC is concerned it is an increase! This is because last year HDC included a grant of £343 which is not available this year.

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

8.1 Village Hall: the new village hall is now complete and has been handed over by the builders. There remains some 'snagging' work to be done but this is in hand.

8.2 Parish Liaison Meeting: the next meeting is on 5 June but again it is far from local, being in Northallerton.

8.3 Easingwold & Villages Forum: the next meeting is on 27 February.

There were no further reports

9 Reports from County/District Councillors.

No reports from NYCC or HDC

10 AOB:

10.1 BS reported that in conversations locally he gains the impression that residents are not aware of what the Parish Council does and how it operates. He suggested an update of the website and perhaps use of social media such as Facebook and/or Twitter. BS will follow up and report back at the next meeting. **Action: BS**

- 10.2 Temporary Closure of Low Street and Amplecarr: The road from the village green right through to the A19 is scheduled for closure between 3 February and 5 March. The diversion will be via Acaster Hill. It was noted that this route would require gritting during icy weather on the same basis as Low St & Amplecarr. **Action: Clerk to contact Highways N Yorkshire.**
- 10.3 CF reported that there are 25 blocked drains in the village. **Action: Clerk to ask Highways N Yorkshire to remedy.**
- 10.4 Street Name Signage: ES advised that confusion was being caused as Elphin View was not clearly signed. As there are properties with similar/same house names in Elphin View and elsewhere in the village mail was being wrongly delivered. **Action: Clerk to request Highways N Yorkshire to provide adequate signage.**
- 10.5 Water Leaks: PF reported that there is a continuing problem with a water leak on East View. This causes a serious hazard in freezing weather. There is also an apparent leak in Low Street, just above the school which again causes problem when it freezes. **Action: Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water**
- 10.6 Public footpath along old railway line from Elphin Bridge to Coxwold: the PC have received a request to join volunteers to help clear the footpath in March but it was thought advisable to contact Andrew Hall, Footpaths Officer at NYCC first.

12 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 18th March 2014. Venue: Husthwaite Village Hall