

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th March 2012**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), P Davison (PD), C Jones (CJ).

In Attendance: B.Ward (clerk), Cllr C Patmore

1. **Apologies:** G Jones, E.Smith, R Houlston ,

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Cycle Racks: An application has been submitted to the Beckwith Trust and it will be considered at their meeting on 23rd April.

3.2 Extension of 30mph speed limit: No progress. **Action: Cllr Patmore**

3.3 Queen's Jubilee 2012: A meeting has been held and a programme of events produced. This will be published in the Newsletter. **Action: CF.**

3.4 Defibrillator: Details of how Kilburn operates have been received. It is clear that those involved face an onerous task as they not only have to be available during 'on call' times but to remain sober enough to drive. In addition, they will need training and subsequent refresher training. There is a need to investigate the costs of this training as well as any maintenance costs for the equipment. There was a strong view that the machine should be put to use but the implications need to be considered. **Action: CF**

3.5 Grit Bin, Elphin View: The Parish Council has now taken over this bin and paid for its replenishment this winter.

3.6 Highways: NYCC Highways have examined the Carlton Husthwaite road and can find no fault with the drainage. PD recently had a constructive meeting with Highways where they explained their strategy for repairs and winter salting. In addition, a letter has been sent to Highways congratulating them on the quality of repair to the road to Easingwold through Acaster Hill and asking for a similar exercise to be done on Amplecarr to the A19.

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

4.1 Village Hall: CF has received a 'user requirements' questionnaire regarding the proposed new village hall. This was discussed and completed.

4.2 Recreation Area: It was brought to notice that evidence of dog fouling had been found in the Recreation Area.. It was agreed that a warning would be published in the Newsletter to the effect that if any further fouling occurs dogs will be banned form the area.

5. **Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been received:

Walnut House The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PY Proposed felling of 3 trees

Highthorne Highthorne lane Husthwaite York YO61 4PL Application for listed building consent for internal alterations, replacement of 4 windows and insertion of French doors to kitchen

1 Castle Cottage Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QB Proposed work to trees

Highthorne Farm Highthorne Lane Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PL Alterations to existing agricultural building to form 2 holiday cottages as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 16 Feb 2012

Caribury Low Street Husthwaite York YO61 4QA Non material change - alterations to the fenestration of the elevation front courtyard extension to move approx 300mm into site to run through with existing rear well to previously approved scheme proposed single storey extension to

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existing dwelling

Holly House The Nookin Husthwaite York YO61 4PY Proposal Proposed discharge of condition 02 materials, 03 - schedule of materials, 06 - wheel washing facilities and 07 - site compound attached to application 11/02768/FUL and condition 03 - schedule of materials attached to application 11/02769/CON

Wilton Croft Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA Application for works to a tree subject to Tree Preservation Order no. 2009/06

Holly House The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PY Two storey extension to existing dwelling and construction of a detached garage/carport as amended by plan received by HDC on 9th February 2012.

The following applications have been approved:

Old Transformer Site Amplecarr: Retrospective application for the construction of an agricultural pig building

Holly House The Nookin; Application for conservation area consent to demolish domestic outbuildings and porch

Holly House The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PY Two storey extension to existing dwelling and construction of a detached garage/carport as amended by plan received by HDC on 9th February 2012.

Wesley House High Street: Revised application for alterations to existing dwelling

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1 Castle Cottage Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4Q13 Proposed work to trees

Carlbury Low Street Husthwaite York YO61 4QA Non material change - alterations to the fenestration of the elevation front courtyard extension to move approx 300mm into site to run through with existing rear well to previously approved scheme proposed single storey extension to existing dwelling

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Wilton Croft Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA Application for works to a tree subject to Tree Preservation Order no. 2009/06

The matter of the solar panels being installed on the roof of Wesley House was raised. These have not been the subject of any planning application despite being in a conservation area. HDC Planning have been informed but as yet there has been no response.

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

17.01.12	100764	£100.00	Hambleton District Council election costs
23.01.12	100765	£134.00	Orchard Inn re training room and refreshments
04.03.12	100766	£90.00	NYCC re grit bin replenishment
18.03.12	100767	£16.60	P Davison (Recreation area expenses)

£340.60

Cheques/Monies in

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13.02.12 £122.50 Bier House rent

 £122.50

Statement balance at 15 March 2012 £4687.44

Cheque 100767 unpresented

6.2 Cemetery Fund

Monies in

Monies out

No transactions

Statement Balance at 20 March 2012 - £5772.21

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

No transactions

Monies In

No transactions

Statement Balance at 20 March 2012 - £12.96

Standard Life a/c

Monies in

Monies out

27.01.12 £0.92 Interest

28.02.12 £0.92 Interest

 £1.84

Statement Balance at 20 March 2012 - £989.11

Approved:

Final payment of £2501 to Image Playgrounds once the invoice is received

payment of £1400 Clerk's salary,

Playsafety Ltd for safety training £1338.00 to (only after the claim for the Sustainability Grant of £1249 is received)

donation of £200 towards fireworks for Jubilee celebrations,

purchase of medallions & small trophies for Jubilee celebrations (approx £60)

Purchase of picnic table @ £385.19 + VAT

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

10.1 Jubilee Beacon: The lighting of a Beacon is not yet planned as no site has been determined. There are also insurance implications to be considered.

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

8.1 Easingwold and Villages Forum: Next meeting 22nd March and PD is unable to attend.

8.2 Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee are well into the detail of the design and business plan for the new hall ready for the next phase of the funding bid.

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8.3 Neighbourhood Watch: Advised certain signs which may appear on gate posts or footpaths indicating the vulnerability or otherwise of properties for theft..

8.4 Recreation Area - PD advised that the application to 'Awards for All' for the sum of £10,000 towards the provision of a pavilion/store has been successful. In addition, the application to the George A Moore Foundation for £600 for a picnic table was 50% successful, £300 having been awarded. A copy of PD's report is attached.

8.5 Hambleton Play Partnership: The provision of Section 106 grants, payable by property developers (private and commercial) was discussed. Moneys paid by developers are held by the planning authority and can be claimed by the Parish in which development occurs. Agreed to submit a claim in respect of the proposed new build at Holly House. **Action: Clerk**

In addition the future of the Play Rangers was discussed. It seems that their funding is to be withdrawn. It was suggested that they should put together packages of activity that could be marketed to Parish Council's and others at competitive rates.

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Patmore presented a comprehensive report on both Hambleton District and North Yorks Councils and a copy is attached to these minutes.

10 AOB:

None

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.00pm, Tuesday 15th May 2012. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

'AWARDS FOR ALL' - in Husthwaite

The phased development of recreation facilities in Husthwaite has moved further ahead in the last few days with the award of a massive National Lottery grant of £10,000 from the 'Awards for All' scheme. This will be used to build a much-needed pavilion and store during the next few months.

A small pavilion is planned to accommodate sports items used by such groups as Ladies' Tennis and Netball that meet regularly. It will also provide short-term shelter in the event of rain showers and give a focus for social activities to be arranged from time to time.

The Recreation Area Committee and the Parish Council are delighted with this award and Carol Fenwick, Chair of Husthwaite Parish Council, claims that 'This project will provide the finishing touch to the development of this leisure facility to which there is open and free access to residents in Husthwaite as well as visitors'.

The funding award allows for the construction of the building in brick, with a tiled, pitched roof, together with high quality doors and windows. Very generous contributions by three local companies - David Armitage (York Handmade Brick Company), Graham Douthwaite (Builder) and Mervyn Duffield (Doors, guttering & windows) have helped to make this project possible. To them all we are truly grateful.

Peter Davison

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM HDC MARCH 2012

- Council Tax in Hambleton will remain at the same level as last year. A zero increase.
- Chief Executive's permanent leave of absence on full pay. As your District Councillor I have been told no more than you have read in the local newspapers. This has caused a lot of speculation in Council and outside. It is causing low morale and uncertainty amongst the staff at HDC and this is not good for the running of day to day business. As soon as I have more facts they will be passed on to all my parishes.
- Several of the senior officers on HDC are also regretfully facing redundancy. I have been made aware of this by the Leader, but no further facts have been given except to say that it is due to the sharing of services with Richmondshire. All my parish councils will have the facts as soon as I do.
- Reduction in the number of district councillors on Hambleton District Council. The Leader of HDC decided to highlight this in the manifesto that we fought the last local election on (2011). He felt there should be a 50% cut in the number of councillors, 44 down to 22, as a cost cutting measure.

At full council at the end of February we were advised that this reduction was considered too steep and the cabinet had agreed to a reduction of 16 taking the number of councillors down to 28. This will mean adding the villages of Crayke, Brandsby, Farlington, Yearsley, and Stillington to this Ward. Lovely villages, but a lot more work for the district councillor.

In the future we are hoping to attract younger and more active people to this role, but by enlarging the responsibilities of a district councillor how will we do this? Younger people will be trying to earn a living for their family in the day time, and then attending PC meetings in the evenings, what time will they have for their families?

Personally I believe this to be a mistake for our villages. I do believe however that the 2 district councillors representing the market towns could be reduced by half for two reasons. The first being that they probably only have one town council to attend in a month and secondly, it is confusing for the people they represent to have two councillors, which one do they take their difficulties to? A conundrum!

However it is not HDC who will decide the number of councillors in the future, but the Boundary Commission and they are prepared to listen to what the electorate have to say on this matter.

If you have views on this matter then please write to the Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ.

- Finally I have been asked to tell you by Sgt. Harrison of Thirsk Police that if you would like her or one of her colleagues to attend your PC meeting and talk about the crime in your area, she or they would be pleased to do this, but would request that you give them plenty of notice.

Caroline Patmore. 19 March 2012

REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

Council Tax 2012/13

At Full Council on 21 February it was agreed that NYCC would accept the Government grant that would give them the equivalent of a 2.5% rise in Council Tax. This is for one year only and concern has been expressed by the Leader of the Council that it may lead to difficulties in the next and subsequent years. Nevertheless it is excellent news for the people of North Yorkshire. Zero Increase.

Charging for Care of Disabled and Elderly People

It was brought to the notice of the County Area Committee for Hambleton earlier this month, that the charges for vulnerable people needing care in the community or in Extra Care Housing have been changed. Although with the help of a few local people I have tried to get to the bottom of these it is proving hard to get an accurate picture of exactly what these people are having to pay. However it seems that if you have savings of less than £23,000 there is no charge at all, but if you have more then you are expected to pay £20.40 per hour, £10.20 per half hour, and £6.90 for a quarter of an hour for personal care. Of course £6.90 x 4 = £27.60. So if you require assistance for four short periods in the day you will be charged £27.60 rather than £20.40! If you require assistance during the night for less than a quarter of an hour you will be charged £8.10p.

These charges are being phased in, but all private clients will have to pay them by the autumn. We were assured that there are no charges made for travel or travel time, so the rates are the same across the board, even if there is a carer on the premises you live in.

This is causing deep concern as it is feared that people needing assistance to get down from a first floor apartment to the ground floor in an Extra Care Housing facility, even if it takes only 5 minutes, will be charged at the quarter hour rate. To make a cup of tea will cost them £6.90!

Standards Board for England

This is the body that complaints about someone in public life, an MP, a county, district or parish councillor are taken to. It is to cease in July in it's National form. In North Yorkshire all the local authorities are to get together to look at what should be put in its place. It is agreed that a local system is needed, and it is hoped that by the next Full Council meeting in June we will know what or who will take over this work.

Public Health Grant in North Yorkshire

All Counties in England and Wales are allocated a grant to spend on NHS per head of population in their specific area. In this County we have been allocated the sum of £26 per head. It is however very interesting to note that in a County area just north of here, their grant is £107 per head! We are considered, I believe, wealthier and healthier.

Changes to Business Rates and Benefit System

Business rates have always been collected by the District and Borough Councils and then sent in total to the Government of the day who then reallocated them back to authorities in the form of a grant which was either more than the total income of the Business Rate collected or less, depending on a formula known to them. In North Yorkshire we made a net gain under this system, in other words the Government grant was more than we collected from Business Rates. Now they are to be collected by District & Borough Councils as before and the Government will give each Authority a figure that is their Business Rate Grant, and if the Business Rates are more than this figure the difference is passed to the Government, and if the difference is less than this figure, then the Government will top it up.

The District and Borough Councils are to deal with the benefit system as before, but are required to make 10% savings on these. If they fail to hit the target, then the County Council will have to make up the savings.

Caroline Patmore County Councillor for the Stillington Division.