

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), P. Fox (PF), E. Smith (ES), B. Smith (BS), P. Escreet

In Attendance: B. Ward (clerk),

1. **Apologies:** A. Gambles (working)
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Co-option of Councillors:** CF welcomed Mr Escreet and Mr Smith to the meeting and advised that they had both volunteered to join the Council. It was unanimously agreed that both Mr Escreet and Mr Smith be co-opted onto the Council with immediate effect
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways: There has been no visible action on Elphin Bridge as it still appears to be in a poor condition. **Action: Cllr Patmore**
 - 4.2 Defibrillator: CF has contacted the trainers and they have been asked to provide 3 alternative dates for training. Interested parties will then be contacted to determine a date which suits the majority. **Action:CF.**
 - 4.3 Footpaths: The landslip on the footpath to the rear of the cemetery and play area has now been repaired and a post and rail fence erected in the affected area to improve safety.
 - 4.4 Recreation Area Trees: the affected tree has now been removed thanks to Mr B Smith.
 - 4.5 Recreation Area surplus bricks: The bricks were removed prior to the opening event.
 - 4.6 Outdoor Fitness Equipment: the equipment has now been installed and is popular with residents. The grant to cover the costs of a celebration of our achievement was forthcoming. The 'Grand Opening' was done on Saturday 2nd November, the cutting of the ribbon being done by Ms Anne McIntosh MP. Mrs Linda Davison also spoke of her sadness that Peter, the architect of the whole scheme, was not there to see it completed, a sentiment echoed by all. Despite rather gloomy weather the event was very successful and those present had an enjoyable time.
 - 4.7 Recreation Area Grass Cutting: The contractor has agreed to cut the grass around the vehicle turning area on a monthly basis during next summer.
 - 4.8 Parish Liaison meetings: Despite a request that these meetings be held in the locality the first meeting was held in Northallerton. The PC were unable to be represented.
 - 4.9 Broadband: There is local evidence of high speed broadband being installed and it may be available from January 2014. However, it is uncertain which broadband providers will have access. There will be a presentation on high speed broadband in the Village Hall on 18th February 2014.
 - 4.10 East View seat: Will be repaired in the spring
 - 4.11 Cemetery: The advice received is to leave until after the winter before taking remedial action. **Action CF /BW**
 - 4.12 Footpaths Map: M Graham was contact He replied that, whilst much work had been done, a map had not been produced. He expressed concern that it might infringe Ordnance Survey copyright. It is understood the Coxwold has produce a map and contact will be made to see how that was achieved. **Action: Clerk**
 - 4.13 Bus Services: The Council has written to Cllr Metcalfe of NYCC, on behalf of the residents, expressing the concerns arising from the proposed cuts. A reply has been received confirming that the views expressed will be considered in the decision making process. A copy of our letter will be sent to Philip Lawson who is making representations on behalf of the village.

Signed..... Date 21st January 2014

5 Matters Arising Between Meetings.

5.1 Village Hall Trust Deed: a new Trust Deed has been produced together with additional material regarding the extra land purchased. PF undertook to scrutinise the document to ensure that signing it would not compromise the Parish Council. **Action: PF/CF**

5.2 Standing Orders and Finance Regulations: copies of the revised Standing Orders and Finance Regulations were handed to each member for perusal. They will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following applications have been received:

Holly House The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PY
Erection of detached garage and carport with first floor room.

The following planning applications have been approved.

The Orchard Inn Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA
Alterations and extensions to public house (including 9 letting rooms)

This application had caused considerable adverse comment from both the parish Council and other residents. It was felt that the comments had not been sufficiently addressed during the approval process which had been conducted, it appeared, with unseemly haste. It was determined that a formal complaint would be made to Hambleton District. **Action: Clerk**

7. Finance:

7.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

18.09.13	100818	£240.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit)
15.10.13	100819	£1949.10	Fresh Air fitness (final payment for gym)
16.10.13	100820	£17.00	Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreath)
02.11.13	100821	£110.00	B Boreo (food for rec area opening)
02.11.13	100822	£150.00	D Slater (entertainer at rec opening)
09.11.13	100823	£816.00	Burn Bros (Grass cutting)
13.11.13	100824	£27.14	L Davison (replacement for cheque 100810 -
13.11.13	100825	£1250.00	Husthwaite Village Hall (grant & newsletter)
18.11.13	100826	£64.00	Society of Local Council Clerks (subscription)

£4623.24

Cheques/Monies in

30.09.13	£50.00	Dales of Thirsk (memorial fee re Muncaster)
15.10.13	£15.00	War Graves Commission
	£65.00	

Cheques 100813 (£20.00) 100823 (£816) 100824 (£27.14) 100825 (£1250) 100826 (£64) unrepresented

Statement balance 18.11.2013 - £13104.54 (Note this balance includes the Cemetery Fund monies - £7774.88 and an element of grants for the recreation area).

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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)	

Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out	No transactions
Statement Balance at 18.11.2013 - £12.96	

HSBC Deposit a/c

	Monies in	Monies out
15.10.13	£0.02	Interest
15.11.13	£0.02	Interest
	£0.04	

Statement balance at 18.11.2013 - £389.50

7.2 Payments Approved: To C Fenwick £196.04 for the cost of foodstuffs and prizes and to E Smith £31.00 for bouquets for the Recreation Area opening. A payment of £300.00 to B Watt for the hire and erection of the marquee was also approved.

8 To Review the Pay and Conditions of Service of the Clerk

It was agreed to leave the conditions of service unchanged and to increase the salary to £1450 p.a. for the year 2014/15.

9 To consider the proposed expenditure of the Parish and set a precept for 2014/15

It is anticipated that the 2013/14 year end balance will be £1122.92. Income for the year 2014/15 is estimated at £1.15 and expenditure is forecast at £7780.00. This means a very tight budget for the year as additional expenditure continues to be incurred to maintain the recreation area to a high standard. It was proposed that the precept for the financial year 2014/15 be maintained at its current level of £7500.00. This was agreed unanimously.

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

10.1 Nothing to discuss.

11 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

11.1 Village Hall: the new hall continues to be on track for completion on 6th January 2014.

11.2 Beckwith Trust: a grant of £1000.00 has been given to the Village Hall for IT equipment.

11.3 The following events have been organised: 13th December - Carol singing around the village; 22nd December - Christmas service in the Methodist Chapel.

There were no further reports

12 Reports from County/District Councillors.

No reports from NYCC or HDC

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13 AOB:

13.1 Mr L Hill has raised the matter of the speed and manner of driving of Stephenson's buses around the area, having had a near accident with one of them. He also expressed concern about the speed at which tractors are driven (downhill) around the village. It was agreed to contact the police to ascertain if any speed sensing equipment could be installed to monitor the situation. **Action: Clerk**

13.2 The recreation committee's application to Skipton Building Society's Grass Roots Giving initiative has been successful. There will therefore be £500.00 towards volley ball and other equipment for use in the recreation area.

14 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 21st January 2014. Venue: Husthwaite Village Hall

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