

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held
on Tuesday 17 May 2007**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), R.Houlston (RH), R. Woodhead (RW), E.Smith, (ES), P Davison (PD),
L. Ponte (LP), A. Nixon (AN).

In Attendance: B.Ward (clerk), Cllr P Featherstone (HDC) Cllr C.Patmore (NYCC)

There were two members of the public present

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Kerbstones, High Street: NYCC Highways have still not scheduled the replacement of kerbstones.
Action: Clerk to write to NYCC Highways expressing concern

3.2 Bus stops and shelter. NYCC have indicated that bus stops will be provided but that the village does not accumulate enough 'points' to justify a shelter. **Action: Clerk to write expressing disappointment and pressing for a reversal of decision on the shelter.** (Cllr Patmore will also raise the matter with the appropriate body).

3.3 Village Green seat replacement: Confirmation now received that the timber is from a renewable source and that the manufacturer supplies Lincoln City Council. **Action - Clerk order two seats.**

3.4 School Traffic: The Headteacher has indicated his willingness to be involved in the group provided that meetings are not too frequent. **Action: P.Davison to progress with Headteacher.**

3.5 Public Footpaths: The duckboards have not yet been repaired. In addition the path behind the cemetery and from The Nookin to Gibbet Hill need clearing. **Action: Clerk to contact relevant authority to expedite work.**

3.6 Parish Plan: Easingwold and Villages Forum would like a presentation on the Parish Plan at their AGM. N Yorks Playing Field Association would also like a presentation. PD agreed to do these presentations.

The Parish Council formally adopted the Parish Plan and it was agreed that for the next 12 months the implementation plan would be developed and discussed at a separate meeting to be held in alternate months to the Parish Council meeting. PD would chair these meetings.

3.7 Bus service to Thirsk: A new service to Thirsk commenced on 30 April 2007 and it has been well received and used by the community. Thanks were offered to Cllr Featherstone for his efforts in getting this service up and running.

3.8 Dog Fouling: New notices have been put up along the cemetery fence and CF asked if leaflets could be made available. Cllr Featherstone agreed to progress.

4 **Model Code of Conduct.**

4.1 The Standards Board for England has introduced a new Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils and a copy was distributed to each Councillor. Following the recommendations of the Standards Board the Parish Council RESOLVED to adopt the Model Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2). This results in certain alterations being necessary to Standing Orders and these will be incorporated and adopted at the July meeting.

5 **Planning/Planning Policy:**

Woolpots Farm has been discarded by HDC due the length of time elapsed since the application

The retrospective application for new entrance and gates at The Old Lodge has been declined but is going to appeal.

The following planning applications have been approved by HDC:

Village Hall - alteration and extensions.

Walnut House - felling of trees.

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There is no decision yet on

Beal Close - Alterations and extensions

Rear of 7 East View - revised plans to new build.

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

26.03.07	100594	£10.00	Rev Duck (Interment fees)
26.03.07	100595	£1180.00	F B Ward (Clerk's salary)
27.03.07	100596	£25.10	Richard Wood (Newsletter)
29.03.07	100597	£987.00	Dolphin Print (re printing of Parish Plan)
31.03.07	100598	£210.00	M Wride (catering at Parish Plan function)
12.04.07	100599	£22.96	P Davison (re Parish Plan expenses)
12.04.07	100600	£96.00	YLCA Subscription
12.04.07	100601	£65.00	YLCA Assoc of Burial Auth subscription
15.05.07	100602	£25.00	Petty cash top up
15.05.07	100603	£12.50	Playing Field Assocn Subs
15.05.07	100604	£433.93	Mazars Audit fee

Total £3067.49

Cheques/Monies in

26.03.07	£5.00	N.Medd - Interment fee re Chaloner
20.04.07	£3500.00	Precept first instalment
15.05.07	£5.00	N.Medd - Interment fee re Stebbings

Total £3510.00

Bank statement 15.04.07 £3211.81

6.2 Cemetery Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
27.03.07	£5.00	N.Medd - Interment fee re Chaloner	
01.05.07	£134.31	Annual Interest	
15.05.07	£5.00	N.Medd - Interment fee re Stebbings	
	£144.31		

Bank statement 15.05.07 £4013.40

6.3 Recreation Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
29.03.07	£16.34	Interest	
29.04.07	£17.53	Interest	
	£33.87		

Bank statement 15.05.07 £4598.75

6.4 The Council formally approved the annual accounts and agreed that they should be submitted for audit. The necessary documents were signed by the Chair and Clerk.

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7. **Circulated Items**

The only item was the LDF which will be discussed at a later meeting.

8. **Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies.**

- 8.1 Village Hall - one award for £4000 has been received but that application to the Lottery has failed. It will however, be resubmitted. The Committee is awaiting results from other applications. Concern was expressed that, with a new Council, financial support may be curtailed but this was not the case. It was agreed that the £1000 allocated in PC funds for the amenity area be passed to the Village Hall Committee on the condition that it is only used for that purpose and meanwhile is held in an interest bearing account. **Action: Clerk to send cheque with covering letter detailing conditions.**
- 8.2 Beckwith Trust - the Trust recently approved six applications for grant.
- 8.3 Neighbourhood Watch - at a recent meeting the local police were represented and gave information on recent police activity in the village. It was reported that the Easingwold district was now up to full strength including 2 PCSO's.
- 8.4 District/Parish Liaison - ES and PD attended the last meeting. There were three areas of focus namely the Local Government Review, The LDF and Quality Parish Council Status. PD believed that Husthwaite PC already met most of the criteria and that it should consider 'taking the plunge'.

9. **Reports from County/District Councillors.**

Cllr. Patmore congratulated all on their election including Cllr Featherstone. She advised that NYCC had received top marks in the current audit showing that NYCC is handling its affairs well. The Unitary authority proposals are still under discussion but it was noted that, if it proceeds, not just the District Councils would disappear. NYCC will also go and be replaced by the new unitary authority.

Cllr Featherstone said Hambleton has the third lowest Council Tax in the country and when combined with the Parish Precepts, the second lowest. He also advised that Hambleton was moving towards provision of containers for the recycling of tins and plastic in addition to the current paper, garden waste and general waste. More detail will appear in the Hambleton Newsletter.

Discussion followed on the problem of fly tipping. LP suggested that, as it is an offence, the police should be advised on all occasions, as they may be able to identify the culprit from the waste.

10. **AOB:**

- Affordable Housing - communication has been received from the Rural Housing enabler about doing a secondary housing survey in the parish. It was suggested that the Enabler be asked to obtain information from Broadacres about their current waiting list and allocation procedures. **Action: Clerk to respond to Housing Enabler accordingly.**
- A letter has been received from Mrs Leverton about use of the Village Green for an open air service on June 10th. This was agreed. **Action: Clerk to respond to Mrs Leverton**

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm, Tuesday 17th July 2007. Venue the Village Hall, Husthwaite.

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