

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th January 2010**

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

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

There were no parishioners present

1. **Apologies:** R. Woodhead, E.Smith Cllr P Featherstone

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Bus stops and shelter; Despite repeated requests for an update there has been no response from NYCC. **Action: Clerk**

3.2 Defibrillator; still a very slow response from the village to the request for volunteers.

3.3 Bank Mandates: the bank did not action the first mandate. A new one has been sent which it is hoped will resolve the matter.

3.4 Condition of roads: NYCC Highways have been contacted frequently about the deteriorating state of the roads in the area but without an effective response. Will now be contacted regarding the serious potholes that have appeared and need immediate action to avoid damage to vehicles or even injury to persons. **Action: Clerk**

Also agreed that Parish Councillors would examine the road to the A19 and then write to NYCC regarding necessary upgrades/improvements.

3.5 Public footpaths; the ranger has been contacted and he has examined the path concerned. It is his belief that the gate in the footpath at the rear of the church is out of line and he is endeavouring to contact landowners to correct the situation.

3.6 Television Documentary: nothing further heard to date.

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

Easingwold Service Centre Transportation Strategy: the questionnaire form NYCC Highways and Transportation was discussed and completed. The priority was a turning lane on the A19. the possible changes in Easingwold were also considered and a response given.

5. **Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been received

BlackBull Cottage The Nookin Husthwaite York YO61 4PY Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling (Consultation Period Ongoing)

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Manor House High Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PX Change of use of agricultural building to the processing/bottling of fruit juice and cider (Consultation Period Ongoing)

Baldrence Farm North Moor Road Easingwold York YO61 3QE Alteration and extension to existing dwelling (Decision Made - Permitted)

The following planning applications have been approved

The Mount Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA Proposed felling of Ash tree

Oakfield High Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PX Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling as previously approved under reference 2/04/071/0153

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Ashmount & Damson Garth High Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PX Proposed works to trees

The following planning applications have been refused

Land Adjacent To Wilton Croft Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA Demolition of existing garage and construction of a dwelling and new vehicular access

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

19.11.09	100693		Cheque dishonoured see re-issue 100697
19.11.09	100694	£50.00	Citizens Advice Bureau donation
23.11.09	100695	£116.73	V L Nixon re netball bibs
27.11.09	100696	£61.00	Society of Local council Clerks subs
04.12.09	100697	£6006.58	Cleveland Land service re MUGA
		£6234.31	

Cheques/Monies in

19.11.09	£5223.11	From Recreation Account re MUGA
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Balance at 15 January 2010 - £5937.37

6.2 Cemetery Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
03.12.09	£25.00	Memorial fee re Cooper	
21.12.09	£50.00	Memorial fee re Bowman	
	£75.00		NIL
		Statement Balance at 15 January 2010 - £4829.23	

6.3 Recreation Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
19.11.09		To HSBC a/c re MUGA	£5223.11
27.11.09	£12.90	Interest	
24.12.09	£8.47	Interest	
	£21.37		£5223.11
		Statement Balance at 15 January 2010 - £6124.34	

Some discussion followed on the naming of the bank account held by the Recreation Area as this can be critical when applying for grants. It was agreed that it should be named Recreation Area Account and that a new current account should also be opened for this fund. **Action: Chair**

7. Circulated Items

There were no circulated items for discussion

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies.

8.1 Easingwold & Villages Forum - A workshop, hosted by Rural Action Yorkshire, is to be held early this year for those villages wishing to write a VDS.

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Easingwold Memorial Park has received a grant of £43k to purchase play equipment.

The Coxwold Project - work under to undertake a variety of improvements possibly including a wildlife area along the Coxwold/Husthwaite railway cutting

8.2 Hambleton Play Partnership - no response has been received from Balfour Beatty regarding the provision of an improved surface for the Recreation Area access road. It is thought that they may be looking for a project nearer to Northallerton.

8.3 Recreation Area - It has come to notice that Hambleton District Council employ rangers who are available to organise events and activities for children and young people and that they would be happy to assist during the summer. **Action: Recreation committee**

See also the Newsletter item attached below.

8.4 The potential need for CRB checks on volunteers working with children in the MUGA was discussed. More guidance will be sought to ensure compliance with the law. **Action: Clerk**

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

No reports.

10 AOB:

10.1 PCSO Nigel Warby of the N Yorks Police 'Safer Neighbourhood Team' has been in contact with a view to attending a future Parish council meeting.

10.2 The Parish Council has been offered a donation (anonymously) of £200 towards seating in the Recreation Area for which sincere thanks were expressed. There is also the possibility of obtaining a grant for installation of a base for the seating.

10.3 The condition of the railings around the Village Green was discussed and it was agreed to ask for some community assistance in the form of a volunteer working party on Wednesday 17th February at 10am. **Action: Clerk to put entry in the Newsletter calling for volunteers**

10.4 Grass Cutting - the grass cutting contract is due for renewal and quotations are to be sought. **Action Clerk**

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm, **Tuesday 16th March 2010.** Venue: **The Village Hall.**

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ADVENTURE/FITNESS TRAIL OR SKI-SLOPE?

At the time of writing this report, the village is covered in a generous blanket of snow and bears a close resemblance to winter alpine ski-ing resorts. The recreation area is similarly affected with snow covering the sloping contours from east to west, suggesting that provision for ski-ing might warrant some consideration! (Just a passing thought).

Although recent weather has taken its toll on regular use of the games area, off-site, the Recreation Committee has been working steadily, preparing for the next phases of development. These activities may be summarised as follows:

- **SECURING ESTIMATES** After initial contact with 6 companies, appropriately detailed estimates have been received from 4 of these for the next 2 priorities - the Young Children's Play Area and the Adventure/Fitness Trail. In each case, the costs are in the region of £25K plus VAT.
- **SELECTING A CONTRACTOR** The companies in contention are all fairly local and come with good recommendations. They are Streetscape (Selby), Playscheme (Elvington), Image (Sheriff Hutton) and Ludus (Tollerton). By the time this Newsletter is published, a team of representatives from the Recreation Committee will have visited each of these firms and sites they have developed to evaluate suitability against a set of agreed criteria. Even with this process, the final choice will not be easy.
- **SEEKING FUNDING** Clearly, with 2 projects of this size, it is necessary to seek grants from appropriate sources. In the case of the Young Children's Play Area, we hope to secure support from the Leader Project through their Basic Service Priorities No. 5. This is concerned with supporting local development of small-scale recreational infrastructure and community sport, such as play facilities and provision for young people. The other bid in preparation, for the Adventure/Fitness Trail, is to the Big Lottery Fund in relation to their programme of Changing Spaces. This initiative aims to help local community groups to create spaces which include play areas. Watch this space!

Since the December Newsletter, it is very pleasing to report that Mark Gambles has agreed to join the Recreation Area Committee. He brings valuable expertise as well as a welcome link with the village Youth Club.

Finally, in response to comments, particularly from adults in the village, we plan to include a small picnic/seating area in the Spring/Summer timescale of development. We have already received a very kind offer of funding for a seat from a member of the community who wishes to remain anonymous. Hopefully, efforts to secure support from Broadacres Community Development Fund for further seating will prove to be successful.

The year 20 10 looks set to be very busy!

Peter Davison