

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 15 September 2009**

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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,

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Bus stops and shelter; NYCC have been contacted on this matter. The response was When we originally spoke about the stops there was a plan to change some of the services that would then use the stop on the Green. Unfortunately, the officer who was dealing with services has now left the authority and as a result the service changes have not been taken forward. I have asked our service planning team to look again at the changes, I will leave the stop in place until we are sure what is happening with the services.' **Action: Clerk**

3.2 Passing Places: No progress to report. **Action: Clerk to contact NYCC again**

3.3 Notice Board: no action taken as yet.

3.4 Websites: Mr L Hill has now formally taken on the role of managing the website from Luis Ponte. Mr Ponte has paid the necessary dues up to 2010 in the sum of £41.26. He has said that he does not require recompense and the Council is extremely grateful for this generosity.

3.5 MUGA; The Clerk and RH met the contractor on site on 4 August and detailed their reservations about the integrity of the surface. Cleveland Land Services representative expressed the view that all was well and that the surface would last for many years to come. The contractors have now been paid £63,250 for the MUGA. A further £7,782 is still to be paid.

3.6 Defibrillator; this is not yet to hand as they are problems with supply. It was agreed to put an item in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to undertake training in its use ready for its arrival. **Action: Clerk**

3.7 Insurance: Allianz Insurance has been approached regarding insurance for the MUGA. This is now in place for an additional premium of £241.93.

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

There were no matters arising between meetings

5. **Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been RECEIVED

The Mount Low Street - Proposed work to several trees

The following planning applications have been APPROVED:

The Old School House Low Street - Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

Wortley Cottage The Nookin - Alterations to form a canopy and single storey extension to form a sun room

It is also noted that certain conditions attached to the planning approval for the Alpacca Farm on Malton Street have been discharged by Hambleton District Council without reference to the Parish Council. As this is a contentious project in the AONB the PC expressed their concern at the lack of consultation. **Action: Clerk to write to HDC**

*Signed .....Date 17 November 2009*

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

21.07.09	100679	£27.92	C Fenwick re sports equipment
17.08.09	100680	£241.93	Allianz insurance re MUGA insurance
17.08.09	100681	£473.38	Burn Bros re Grass cutting
17.08.09	100682		Cheque cancelled. Value (£41.26) donated to PC
24.08.09	100683	£155.25	Mazars re external audit fee
24.08.09	100684	£38.50	B Ward re padlocks for MUGA
01.09.09	100685	£63,250.00	Cleveland Land Services. Payment for MUGA
04.09.09	100686	£10.00	Hambleton Dist Council Land Registry Fee
14.09.09	100687	£25.00	Cash - Petty cash top-up
14.09.09	100688	£9.36	P Davison - postage

£64,231.34

Cheques/Monies in

24.07.08	£50,000.0	Lottery Grant re MUGA
03.08.09	£345.00	From Recreation Fund re tennis nets
03.08.09	£122.50	S & P Smith Bier House rent
11.08.09	£5000.00	From Recreation Field a/c re MUGA costs
19.08.09	£9310.09	VAT refund
02.09.09	£1.15	NEDL Wavleave

£64,778.7

Calculated Balance at 12 September 2009 - £4849.99

Unpresented cheques total £56.08

6.2 Cemetery Fund

Monies in

Monies out

NIL

NIL

Statement Balance at 12 September 2009 - £4754.23

6.3 Recreation Fund

Monies in

Monies out

28.07.09	£8.41	Interest	
03.08.09		To HSBC A/c re tennis nets	£345.00
06.08.09	£341.76	Residual monies from old rec field a/c	
11.08.09		To HSBC a/c re MUGA payment	£5000.00
28.08.09	£4.57	Interest	

£354.74

£5345.00

Statement Balance at 12 September 2009 - £1223.01

6.4 The Council formally approved the payment of £230 for grass cutting in the recreation area.

6.5 It was formally resolved that in future all Parish Councillors would be authorised signatories for the purposes of cheques and instructions to the bank. As before, all cheques and instructions will require to be signed by any two of those authorised signatories.

Signed .....Date 17 November 2009

6.6 It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised by means of a third party mandate, to obtain information from the bank regarding the state of the account.

6.7 The Clerk reported that Mazars, the external auditors, have approved the 2008/9 accounts without reservation.

**7. Circulated Items**

Nothing to discuss under this item..

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

8.1 Easingwold & Villages Forum - the most recent meeting discussed matters around Rural Action Yorkshire and the proposed 'one-stop-shop in Easingwold. This provision is being limited by the availability of suitable premises and finance. The next meeting, on 22 September, will be in Husthwaite Village Hall where Mr Cameron Smith will be promoting the benefits of the 'Orchard Village' project.

8.2 Hambleton Play Partnership - discussed the Playbuilder Project year 2 bid procedure. It seems that the grants are focussed on the market towns and that Easingwold is not likely to be involved this time round. It is therefore pointless Husthwaite making any proposal. Aldwark play area was flagged up as a model of a fitness trail and PD will endeavour to visit. It also came to light that Balfour Beatty annually offer support to local communities. PD flagged up our needs in the recreation area, particularly in relation to the access road and this was favourably received. The meeting also provided a 'check list' which will be used in evaluating future funding bids.

8.3 Parish Plan - see attached Newsletter items regarding the MUGA.

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

Cllr. Featherstone reported on the Howardian Hills Moving Forward Group. He also reminded the meeting that grants for improvement of home insulation are available to the over 60's via the 'Go Warm Hambleton' scheme.

Finally he advised that the unemployment level in Hambleton District stands at 4.8%, well below the national average.

**10 AOB:**

10.1 Grants: The Council's application for a Community Project is being viewed favourably by HDC and it is hoped to result in a £5,000 grant.

10.2 PD is to meet Nikki Smith of Hambleton Play Partnership to discuss the possibility of a bid for funds

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm, **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009.** Venue: **The Village Hall.**

## FUN & GAMES ALL ROUND

Since the Multi-use Games Area was officially opened on 10th July, it has become the focal point for sport particularly football, netball and tennis. Bouncing of balls, shouts of delight and frustration and other sounds which accompany sporting activities have all added another facet to village life.

The six-week programme of coaching and organised play based at the Games Area during the school holidays has been a huge success. It was well supported with up to 19 attending some sessions and greatly appreciated by everyone, not least the parents of those participating in the Monday morning sessions. The total number of attendances on these occasions reached almost 100. The Parish Council is particularly grateful to Will Mowatt (football), Vikki Nixon (netball) and Pauline and Howard Brown (tennis) for giving so generously of their time, sharing their expertise and generally inspiring the children and young people to enjoy sport.

Throughout this period, many have said what a wonderful asset it is to the village to have such a games area available on free and open access to both villagers and visitors. Those visiting this area for the first time have been greatly impressed with the quality of provision, with some exclaiming 'Wow!' Others have commented along the lines of, 'It's great', 'Very good fun', 'Great to meet with lots of other people' and 'It's fantastic to have these facilities here in the village!' In response to an article in the previous Hushwaite Newsletter, it is very pleasing to report that 2 sporting groups have already been formed and now meet regularly.

They are:

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| NETBALL       | Every Sunday morning<br>10.00 - 11.00 a.m.<br>Suitable for Year 6 children up to adults<br>Contact is Vikki Nixon (Tel. 868740) |
| LADIES TENNIS | Every Tuesday afternoon<br>From 1.30 p.m. till cup-of-tea-time<br>Contact is Bunny Wentworth (Tel. 868377)                      |

Both of these groups, recorded in action in the accompanying photographs, would welcome enquiries from others wishing to join in.

Hopefully, other groups will emerge in due course at which point, if the Parish Council is informed, publicity will be arranged.

As we move into Autumn, the Parish Council will embark on another round of bidding to secure grants for further development of the Recreation Area. The next priority is the space for young children's play (aged 3-8 years) and, hopefully this will emerge in the Spring of next year.

Peter Davison