

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 16th November 2010**

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

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

1. Apologies:, Cllr C Patmore

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

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Passing Places: There has been no action to date and no indication of a start date..

3.2 Condition of roads: Following correspondence from the Parish Council, N Yorks Highways have responded in a somewhat negative fashion that takes the matter no further forward. In light of the frustrations felt by the Council and members of the community RH will contact David Bow at NYCC and the Clerk will write to Cllr G Dadd who is responsible for Highways.

3.3 Painting of Railings: As the railings on East View are not yet painted it is considered better to leave the work until the better weather in spring.

3.4 Remedial Work to MUGA: Much of this is now complete but a small amount still awaits attention. No further payment will be made until all remedial work is complete.

3.5 Recreation Area Safety Inspection: This has now been completed and there is no remedial action necessary

3.6 Concessionary Fares Scheme: The Council have been advised that there is to be no change to the current scheme.

4. Matters Arising Between Meetings.

Mrs A Ovenston has compiled details of all the burials in the cemetery using the Parish records as a base. She wishes to publish the detail on the History Society website. The Parish Council agreed to this request.

5. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following planning applications have been received:

Providence Hill Farm Amplecarr Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PN Installation of a wind turbine (18M mast)

Providence Hill Farm Husthwaite York YO61 4PN Proposed environmental impact assessment for construction of an 11 KW Gaia wind turbine.

The Old School Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA Proposed felling of tree

The following applications have been approved:

Husthwaite Church Of England VC Primary School Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA - Retention of prefabricated Elliott unit 1662

Fern Cottage Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA - Proposed two storey side extension to existing dwelling, alterations to the rear extension and construction of a detached garage.

The Old School Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA Proposed felling of tree

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

| | | | |
|----------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 17.09.10 | 100714 | £270.00 | Husthwaite Village Hall - Newsletter |
| 19.10.10 | 100715 | £599.25 | Marmax Products (Seats) |

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| 21.10.10 | 100716 | £36062.87 | Husthwaite Recreation Area |
| 21.10.10 | 100717 | £425.00 | Brian Manders (painting railings) |
| 09.11.10 | 100718 | £168.00 | Husthwaite Recreation Area |
| 09.11.10 | 100719 | £506.67 | Burn Bros (Grass cutting) |
| 09.11.10 | 100720 | £16.50 | Royal British Legion (Poppy wreath) |

£38048.29

Cheques/Monies in

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|----------|-----------|---|
| 01.10.10 | £500.00 | Beckwith Trust grant |
| 20.10.10 | £510.00 | Anonymous donations for seats |
| 21.10.10 | £36062.87 | From Rec Area S/Life a/c re play area |
| 28.10.10 | £168.00 | From Rec Area S/Life a/c re litter bins |

£37240.87

Calculated Statement balance at 15 November 2010 - £5693.81

6.2 Cemetery Fund

Monies in

NIL

Statement balance at 15 November 2010 - £5126.32

Monies out

NIL

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

| | | | |
|----------|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 19.10.10 | 100001 | £64.04 | P Davison re seat base materials |
| 19.10.10 | 100002 | | Spoiled cheque |
| 19.10.10 | 100003 | £346.73 | Marmax Products re seat |
| 22.10.10 | 100004 | £36062.87 | S J Danby Ltd (Playscheme) |
| 09.11.10 | 100005 | £25.00 | Returned cheque fee |
| 09.11.10 | 100006 | £167.95 | Glasdon UK Ltd (litter bins) |

£36666.59

Monies In

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| 21.10.10 | £36062.87 | From PC HSBC a/c |
| 28.10.10 | £168.00 | From PC HSBC a/c |

£36230.87

Calculated Statement balance at 15 November 2010 £19.38

Standard Life a/c

Monies in

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|----------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 15.09.10 | £29153.22 | From PC HSBC a/c re Leader grant |
| 28.09.10 | £29.03 | Interest |
| 21.10.10 | | To PC HSBC a/c |
| 28.10.10 | | To PC HSBC a/c |
| 28.10.10 | £25.62 | Interest |

£29207.87

Monies out

£36062.87
£168.00

£36230.87

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Statement Balance at 15 November 2010 - £679.17

6.4 The following accounts were approved for payment:

H Houlston & Son re Recreation Area grass cutting £293.75

Playsafety Ltd re Recreation Area safety inspection £88.13

7 Review of Pay and Conditions of Clerk

It was agreed that in the present financial climate the remuneration will not be increased for 2011/2012. No change to conditions

8 Expenditure for the Year 2010 - 2011

It is anticipated that the 2010/11 year end balance will be £885.17. Income for the year 2010/11 is estimated at £246.15 and expenditure is forecast at £7587.50. Although this means a very tight budget for the year it was proposed that the Precept for the year be maintained at £7000.00 for the sixth year in row. (see attached). This was agreed unanimously.

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

9.1 Insurance - a recent article in 'The Playing Field' indicated that a joint scheme is available which may prove financially advantageous **Action: Clerk to investigate and report back.**

10 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies.

10.1 Beckwith Trust - no report.

10.2 Village Hall - no Committee meeting but notes of intended actions received

10.3 YLCA - Es reported on the recent meeting at which it was announced that Sheena Spence has been appointed chief Executive. Other items of interest were: YLCA is lobbying new MP's to ensure they are 'Parish aware'; Parish Council elections will be held 5th May 2011; YLCA are recommending that election costs be covered by general taxation; there will be no Parish referendums on expenditure; the Standards Committee is to be abolished; by law Parish Councils may only pay for services by cheque.

10.4 Easingwold & Villages Forum - meeting w/c 22nd November. Noted that £2000 revenue funding

10.5 Recreation Area - PD advised that the litter bins, fencing and seats have now been installed and PD, CF & BW would hold keys. In 2011 PD will be investigating grants for the provision of a storage facility on site. A full report on the Recreation Area is attached.

11. Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Featherstone advised that;

the conveniences in Thirsk market are to close and the building will be used for the TIC; The Heriot Centre is likely to become a charitable trust; HDC had had a good audit; HDC admin costs, IT costs and communication costs are being reduced; the sustainability of CCTV in the District is being reviewed; pest control could be put to the private sector and that car park charges will not be increased.

12 AOB:

The Parish Council agreed to a request to put suitable Christmas themed decorations, in the form of stars, on the Village Green.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 18th January 2011. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

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| | Paid 09/10 | Paid 10/11 | To pay | Budget 11/12 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Grass cutting | 1420.00 | 1520.01 | | 1520.00 |
| YLCA Membership | 103.00 | 120.00 | | 125.00 |
| YRCC Membership | 35.00 | 35.00 | | 35.00 |
| Local Council Clerks | 61.00 | | 65.00 | 70.00 |
| Playing Fields | 12.50 | 12.50 | | 12.50 |
| Insurance | 727.30 | 831.06 | | 1000.00 |
| External Audit | 155.25 | 470.00 | | 470.00 |
| Clerks wages | 1365.0 | | 1405.00 | 1405.00 |
| Village Hall | 1000.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00* |
| Cemetery | 500.00 | | 500.00 | * |
| Petty Cash | 25.00 | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| CAB | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Donations | | | | 50.00 |
| Newsletter | 270.00 | 270.00 | | 300.00 |
| Cemetery/Recreation Area | 86.81 | | 231.62 | |
| Railings/seats | | 644.98 | 410.00 | |
| Parish Plan | 9.36 | | | |
| Elections | | | | 500.00* |
| VAT | 56.25 | 89.25 | | |
| Misc | 66.50 | 16.50 | | 25.00 |
| | 5942.97 | 4509.30 | 3186.62 | 6087.50 |
| Recreation Area | 1500.00 | | 1500.00 | 1500.00 |
| | 7442.97 | 9195.92 | | 7587.50 |
| B/F | 1618.41 | 2583.96 | | 885.17 |
| Bank Interest | | | | |
| Precept | 7000.00 | 7000.00 | | 7000.00 |
| Refunds (VAT etc) | 1162.37 | | 250.98 | |
| Bier House rent | 245.00 | 122.50 | 122.50 | 245.00 |
| NEDL Wayleave | 1.15 | 1.15 | | 1.15 |
| | 10026.93 | 10081.09 | | 8131.32 |
| | | | Precept req,d +10% | 6456.00 |
| | | | Rounded | 7102.00 |
| | | | | 7000.00 |

*If no election this money will be split equally between Cemetery and Village Hall

BRIDGING THE GAP - MORE FUN & GAMES

In the summer of 2009, the opening of the Multi-Use Games Area heralded a breakthrough in provision for sport and recreation in Husthwaite. Although this facility has been well used by young people and adults alike, nonetheless, the Parish Council and Recreation Area Committee have been conscious of a gap in providing for younger children. Thankfully, this has now been addressed.

Fortunately, Saturday 6th November was a bright sunny day - so appropriate for the official opening of the Young Children's Play Area by Mike Horrocks, manager of the LEADER Programme, North Yorks Moors Coast & Hills, which has provided the majority of the funding (£29,543) for this much-needed amenity. Financial support and advice have also been provided by both North Yorkshire County Council and Hambleton District Council, the latter being represented at the opening by Councillor & Mrs. Percy Featherstone and Lisa Wilson (Recreation & Leisure).

At the official opening, thanks were expressed to Broadacres Housing Association who funded the purchase of a seat and litter bins, Beckwith Trust for funding towards the new fence, two village families who each kindly donated a scat and the Parish Council who also contributed financial support. In all, this second phase of the development, for which the contractor was Playscheme of Elvington, represents an investment of around £43,000.

Prior to 'Cutting the Tape', Mike Horrocks paid tribute to what he perceived to be a lively and forward-looking spirit in Husthwaite. As well as making reference to the Recreation Area, he also commended the Orchard Project and encouraged the community to continue moving forward, enriching the quality of life for everyone.

This special occasion was also enhanced by light refreshments, which included delicious home-made biscuits, provided by members of the Parish and Methodist Churches of the village.

The highlight of the morning was the moment when the gate was officially opened and children charged into the area to explore the new facilities. These include a mix of traditional play items suitable for swinging, sliding, rocking and rotating, together with a tunnel, large smooth boulders, stepping trails and slopes which promote imaginative play. An impact-absorbing rubber surface made from recycled tyres should help to minimise the effects of the inevitable trips and falls.

The attendance of around 60 children and adults gave a clear indication of how the community values this new asset.

Looking ahead, the Recreation Area Committee hopes to bridge another gap next year by providing an Adventure Play Area & Fitness Trail suitable for older children and adults. A bid for around £35,000 is currently being evaluated under the 'Changing Spaces - Community Spaces' initiative. We are hoping for good news by Christmas so that the work on this final phase can begin in the Spring of 2011.

Peter Davison