

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 17th May 2022 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick, S. Aspinall, C. Colton, District Councillor Philippa James, A. Menage, K. Gittens.

1. Annual Report from the Chair:

The annual report summarising the previous year's activities was presented by the Chair. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

2. Annual Finance Report 2021/22:

Balance B/F	£19099.91	£1307.91
Plus Precept	£7500.00	
Plus Receipts	£1016.15	£0.14
Sub Total	£27616.06	£1308.05
Less Payments	£12439.44	
Balance C/F	£15176.62	£1308.05

The year end Current A/C balance includes £11134.88 for the Cemetery Extension Fund.

3. Comments and questions from parishioners:

A. Menage asked if the Parish Council were consulted on Pre-planning applications and CF confirmed that usually they were not privy to this information.

4. Completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Registration of Financial and Personal Interests and Return of Election Expenses forms:

The 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office', 'Registration of Financial and Personal Interests' and 'Return of Election Expenses' forms were completed by all Parish Councillors present.

5. Election of Chair:

C. Colton proposed, seconded by S. Aspinall, that C. Fenwick be elected as Chair for a further year. There being no other nominations, C. Fenwick was duly elected as Chair of Husthwaite Parish Council.

6. Election of Vice-chair:

C. Fenwick proposed, seconded by S. Aspinall, that C. Colton be elected as Vice-chair to the Council. There being no other nominations, C. Colton was duly elected as Vice-chair.

7. Appointment of representatives of the Council on other organisations:

Beckwith Bequest Trustee: Carol Fenwick until April 2026

Village Hall Trustee: Craig Colton

8. Responsibilities within the Council:

Communications: Chris Nichols	Public Footpaths: Sarah Aspinall
Highways: All as necessary	Recreation Area: Carol Fenwick
Neighbourhood Watch / Police Liaison: Carol Fenwick	Risk Assessment: Craig Colton
Parish Liaison: All as necessary	Street Lighting: Carol Fenwick
Parish Plan Review: Sarah Aspinall / Chris Nichols	YLCA: All as necessary

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 2021 - APRIL 2022

At the annual meeting last year, which was held remotely due to COVID restrictions, the areas of responsibility within the council were assigned as follows: -

Ray Alexander - Village Hall Representative

Craig Colton - Vice-chair, Risk Assessor

Jane Don - Easingwold & Villages Forum

John Law - Public Footpaths

Barney Smith - Communications.

Carol Fenwick - Beckwith Trust, Neighbourhood Watch & Police Liaison, Recreation Area, Street Lighting, Chair and temporary Clerk.

In addition, it was agreed that Councillors would attend Parish Liaison and YLCA meetings in rotation and highways issues would be reported by everyone on the NYCC Highway Maintenance Parish Portal.

During the bi-monthly meeting that followed, Councillors were informed that a new recycled fence post had been installed on the Village Green, replacement defibrillator pads had been fitted to the Public Access Defibrillator, the problematic ivy had been removed from the Bier House, our Hambleton District Council Making A Difference grant application had been approved and the Plum & Partridge was under new management. Following notification from the Area 2 Project Engineer that Elphin View did not meet the criteria for new signage, the Parish Council agreed to purchase a NO TURNING BEYOND THIS POINT sign and also decided to request further quotes for repairs to the Bier House roof. After careful consideration, the tender from Pavescape Sports Services for the installation of a drain to the north of the MUGA and repainting the surface was accepted. Other items discussed were a Village Hall signpost, the new Model Councillor's Code of Conduct, the migratory route of toads on Malton Street and the annual inspection of the Recreation Area (which highlighted the need to replace some degrading timbers). The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were unanimously approved and, as our income and expenditure were under £25,000, the PC qualified for a Certificate of Exemption from audit.

At the July meeting (when we actually met in person again) we were joined by 19 villagers who wanted to express their concerns regarding the proposed development of nine dwellings on land to the rear of Cote House. The PC concurred with the main comments raised and agreed to submit an objection to the planning application. The Council regrettably accepted John Law's resignation and asked that he be thanked for his work over the last three years, especially with regards to Public Footpaths and Environmental matters. Keith Gittens informed us that the southern wildflower island in the Recreation Area had shown an increased number of species and Kendrew Green had had an extra cut by AONB. It was noted that our PAD was now registered on The Circuit and also that the defibrillator pads had been replaced again following a First Responder callout. An addition to the Village Green finger post, Bier House roof repairs, complaints regarding local bridleways and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were also discussed.

Before the September meeting Councillors attended a YLCA 'Broadening Planning Knowledge' webinar which everyone found very useful. At the meeting, it was reported that the resurfacing of Highthorne Lane had been completed, Elphin View 'No turning beyond this point' sign had been erected, Pavescape Sports Services had started the installation of a drain to the north of the MUGA and HDC had

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received insufficient requests from electors for an election to fill the vacant Councillor position. After much research, Elaine had requested a quote for a cast aluminum finger with lettering to match the existing finger post and following careful consideration, the tender from Grant Roofing for repairs to the Bier House roof was accepted. A Land Application by Newburgh Priory Estate, the Modification Consultation on the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, the Village Green Tree and the advertisement of our vacant councilor position were also discussed.

At the November meeting, Councillors were informed that Grant Roofing had finished the Bier House roof repairs, Pavescape Sports Services had completed the drain installation and MUGA court cleaning, Farm & Land Services had inspected the Lime Tree on the Village Green and ditching and drainage works had been undertaken on Highborne Lane. Only one expression of interest for the vacant Parish Councillor position had been received so Julia Hampshire was co-opted by majority vote. Councillors agreed to support the Primary School with their Queen's Green Canopy project, fund the purchase of new ladders for the Village Hall and contribute to the cost of erecting a Christmas Tree on the Village Green. Furthermore, as Coxwold Parish Council had decided to apply to register Coxwold Playing Fields as a Village Green, we decided to send a supporting letter verifying the historic use of the area for inter-village recreational activities. Other items discussed were the new Unitary Council, new bank charges, 20's Plenty Campaign, a pre-planning consultation from Lightrock for Woolpots Solar Farm and the resignation of our District Councillor. This is also the meeting at which we set the precept for the following year and it was unanimously decided to maintain a precept of £7500, allowing for expenditure on the Village Newsletter, Cemetery extension and village projects, as well as regular expenditure for grass cutting, insurance, Clerks wages and Recreation Area upkeep.

At the meeting in January we were joined by our new District Councillor, Philippa James and our new Parish Councillor, Julia, who duly signed her acceptance of office. Councillors agreed to adopt the new Model Councillor Code of Conduct and, after careful consideration, accepted the quote from Leander Architectural for a cast aluminium finger to suit the existing Village Green signpost with 'VILLAGE HALL' text and split collar fixing. Keith Gittens reported that AONB had confirmed their intention to continue the cutting regime on Kendrew Green and we agreed to ask Farm & Land Services to deadwood the Lime tree and resurrect the concrete bollard which had been disturbed by a large vehicle. The funding of a commemorative Platinum Jubilee item for village children, solar powered speed indication signs, a fallen tree on Beacon Banks and the North Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership Consultation on Bus Service Improvements were also discussed.

During February we held an extraordinary meeting to discuss various planning applications and were also invited to a Public Meeting arranged by villagers concerned about the Woolpots Solar Farm development. Following this increased interest, at the meeting in March, Councillors agreed to conduct a survey of village residents asking their opinion on the proposed solar farm. It was reported that North Yorkshire County Council had adopted the new Minerals & Waste Joint Plan, Hambleton District Council had adopted the new Hambleton Local Plan, the new VILLAGE HALL sign had been erected on the Village Green finger post and Pavescape Sports Services had cleaned the MUGA surface again before the new paint was applied. The Council regrettably accepted Jane Don's resignation and asked that she be thanked for her work over the last four years. Other items discussed were the upcoming Parish Council elections, LED speed display signs, an extra bus stop sign and updating the Parish Plan.

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Another extraordinary meeting in April to discuss further planning applications completed our council meetings this year, during which we have been asked to comment on 27 planning applications, ranging from works to trees to the construction of new dwellings. The Parish Council objected to five of these applications and requested conditions on a number of others, with Hambleton District Council approving thirteen, refusing one and still considering the others.

Over the past year Councillors have attended meetings of the Beckwith Trust, Husthwaite Village Hall, Jubilee Celebrations and Yorkshire Local Councils Associations and we have hopefully kept parishioners aware of the activities in which we have been involved with regular articles in the Husthwaite Newsletter.

I would like to end my report, as usual, by thanking my fellow Councillors for their hard work over the last year and I would like to give a special mention to our retiring Councillors, Ray Alexander and Barney Smith who have served the community well during their tenure. I would also like to welcome our two new Parish Councillors, Sarah Aspinall and Chris Nichols, (I hope that they enjoy being on the Council as much as I have over the last twenty years) and our new County Councillor, Alyson Baker.

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