

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21st January 2020 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), J. Don (JD), P. Fox (PF), J. Law (JL), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), Mrs J. Coulthard (Clerk).

1. Apologies: NONE

Declarations of Interest: PF declared an interest in planning application 19/02649/CAT.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the last parish council meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Fracking in North Yorkshire: PF reported that there were no new developments locally. It is understood that Kirby Misperton is being dismantled and Third Energy have announced that they are no longer intending to frack and are turning operations to greener solutions.

3.2 25 Year Environmental Plan: JL reported on a plan to work with local farmers and landowners to develop a community woodland project. There are free trees available from the Woodland Trust and recent Government initiatives support the idea. Wildflower planting on verges was also discussed with perhaps involvement from the AONB. JL will contact Paul Jackson (AONB) and obtain permission from NYCC Highways before proceeding. JL is also looking into the possibility of funding the installation of an electric car charging point in the village. **Action: JL**

3.3 Amplecarr / A19 Junction: The PC have now received the collision records for the A19 junction with Amplecarr from David Bowe, Business and Environmental Services Director at NYCC, which confirm that there have been only 3 collisions resulting in personal injury in the latest three-year period. This means that the site does not currently qualify for further investigation or intervention by the Traffic Management Team, although some improvements are being investigated by the highways area office. The PC will continue to report ALL incidents at the junction to highways, accompanied by photographs if possible, and parishioners are encouraged to do the same.

3.4 Kendrew Green Trees: The Clerk will contact Keith Gittens to check that all necessary works have been completed by NYCC. The small triangle of grass adjacent to the green has been repaired by Highways. **Action: Clerk**

3.5 The Village Website and the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations: Lawrie Hill has confirmed that Jan Janiurek has offered to take on responsibility for updating the village website. It was considered good practice to continue in a similar format as at present with each village organisation updating their own records. In addition, to save duplication of information, a link will be inserted for any village organisation having their own website. CF has notified LH that the PC would like to retain the current website address and are willing to cover any costs involved such as the 10-yearly registration payment and any hosting costs. CC recently took part in a YLCA webinar about the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations and he will contact JJ to discuss if any changes need to be made to ensure the website is accessible to the disabled. **Action: CC**

3.6 YLCA Training: JD was unable to take part in the webinar on Parish Council Duties, Powers & Policies due to work commitments.

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

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- 4.1 **Community Right to bid on Tomahawk Pub:** Hambleton District Council have written to confirm that the owner of the village pub, a registered community asset, has expressed an intention to dispose of the asset on the open market. This triggers a 6-week interim moratorium period to allow a community interest group from Hushwaite to make a written request to be treated as a potential bidder for the asset. The PC supports the formation of a Community Interest Company and JL offered to contact the Plunkett Foundation, who offer support for community ventures, for advice on the best way forward. **Action: JL**
- 4.2 **Restoration of Traditional Village Name Signs:** The Howardian Hills AONB have offered to restore three of our village name signs on Malton Street, Coxwold Road and Kendrew Green. The PC agreed that we are quite happy with the ones in situ and would rather see any monies spent on local environmental issues as previously discussed. The clerk will write to thank AONB for their offer. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Planning Matters:**
- 5.1 **The following planning applications have been received:**
19/02350/FUL - Clarence House, The Nookin, Hushwaite - Conversion of the single existing garage into a habitable accommodation and conversion of part of the existing storey into an annex as part of the main dwelling - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.
19/02649/CAT - Land at the Old Vicarage, High Street, Hushwaite - Works to Wellingtonia, Holm Oak, Sycamore and Holm Oak. - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.
20/00002/TPO - Balderance Farm, North Moor Road, Easingwold - Tree Preservation Order on Oak tree - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.
- 5.2 **The following planning applications have been approved:**
19/02008/TPO - Kilburn House, Low Street, Hushwaite - Works to a tree subject to tree preservation order 2004/13.
19/02162/APN - Sunley Woods Farm, Coxwold Road Hushwaite - Application for prior notification for the construction of a portal frame agricultural building for the storage of straw based farmyard manure.
- 5.3 Planning Enforcement have acknowledged receipt of our letter regarding the opening of the refurbished shed at Beal Cottage as a café named 'The Yorkshire Penny'.
6. **Finance Report:**
- 6.1 **Current Account:**
 Cheques / Monies Out

12.11.19	100989	£220.00	Clerk - September to November
12.11.19	100990	£50.00	Citizens Advice Bureau (Letter of Thanks received)
		£270.00	

Cheques / Monies In

2.12.19	£20.00	Interment (Clark)
	£20.00	

Statement Balance at 15 January 2020 - £17342.37 (including £9444.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be authorised:

NYCC - £90.00 including £15 VAT - Elphin View Grit Bin

Farm & Land Services - £408.00 including £68 VAT - Grass Cutting & Moss Treatment

YLCA - £15.00 - Webinar Training

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J Coulthard - £220.00 - November 2019 to January 2020

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.11.19	.22	Interest
15.12.19	.21	Interest
15.01.20	.22	Interest
	.65	

Statement Balance at 15 January 2020 - £1306.85

- 6.3 Grass Cutting 2020 and 2021:** Farm & Land Services have offered to extend the grass cutting contract for a further two years at a cost of £136 per cut for 2020 and £144 per cut for 2021. As this is only slightly more per cut than the current contract, and still a lot cheaper than the other quotes received four years ago, it was agreed to accept their offer and extend the contract until October 2021 with the proviso that the contractor be asked to leave a maximum of three weeks between cuts during the growing season. **Action: CF**

7. Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council:

Home Office Consultation on Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised

Encampments: The PC agreed that, having taken the tenor of the meeting, CF should complete the survey on their behalf. **Action: CF**

Support for the Local Electricity Bill: Although the passing of such a law would ensure the sale of locally produced electricity to local people, JL suggested that this would be costly and that communities would benefit more by buying electricity from organisations like the Co-op who support local community projects.

My Neighbourhood Plan Policy Drafting: As the PC are not intending to create a Neighbourhood Plan in the near future, this online workshop offer from MNP was not taken up.

Complaints re Bird Scarer: The matter of excessive noise caused by a bird scarer near to the village was discussed and it was thought that no action could be taken by the PC.

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF reported that complaints continue about poor broadband speeds in the area and a survey was suggested, but it was thought better to approach BT who already have the required information.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: No notification of next meeting received.

Highways: The street-sign opposite the village hall has now been replaced and the gulley sucker has unblocked the drains on Kays Bank. The Amplecarr will be closed on Thursday 23rd January.

Neighbourhood Watch: A suspicious incident occurred at the beginning of December when two men were seen operating a drone over St Nicholas Church. It is thought that they were assessing the value of lead on the roof and neighbours have been requested to report any suspicious activity directly to the police.

Public Footpaths: The broken public footpath sign on Gibbet Hill has been reported to NYCC PROW Maintenance. JL reported that the response to his request for help with path maintenance had been good, with 8 volunteers, and the PC was heartened to hear of the number of public-spirited parishioners. JL will survey the paths and prioritise work which will begin when the weather improves. Parishioners are asked to **KEEP TO THE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS** and reminded not to walk in fields where no official path exists. **Action: JL**

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Recreation Area: CF will ask Farm & Land Services to cut and remove the shrub growth from around the perimeter of the Recreation Area. CF will also request quotes from three sources for the repainting of the MUGA surface. **Action: CF**

Street Lighting: Light number 20 on Gibbet Hill has been reported again as NOT working.

Village Hall: Planned events include Film Club on 24th January, Burns Supper on 25th January, Coffee & Chat on 1st February, Apple Tree Café on 2nd February, Pop-up-Pub on 7th February and Wind in the Willows Play from 26th to 29th February. The Village Hall Committee have reported that the roof on the Bier House is leaking and CF offered to obtain quotes for repair. **Action: CF**

YLCA: The next meeting will take place on 26th February at 7pm in Galtres Centre.

9. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** As no councillors were in attendance, no reports were given.
10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2020 at 7:30pm in Husthwaite Village Hall.

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