

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 18th January 2022 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), B. Smith (BS), R. Alexander (RA), J. Hampshire (JH), District Councillor Philippa James (PJ).

1. **Apologies:** C. Colton, J. Don (unwell), E. Smith.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Julia Hampshire has signed the declaration of acceptance of office and completed the registration of financial and personal interests which will be forwarded to Hambleton District Council.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the last parish council meeting on 18 November were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- 3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** CF will contact Fiona Bennett to discuss the estimated costs for their Queen's Green Canopy environmental project. Keith Gittens confirmed that AONB have agreed to continue the cutting regime on Kendrew Green and noted that no response has been received from NYCC regarding the dying elm on the green. He asked that we continue to leave a single wildflower island to the rear of the MUGA in the Recreation Area and confirmed that he would organise the removal of arisings after the mowing of this area in July. CF reported that the grass cutting contractors had noted approximately 50 different species in the old part of the cemetery and Keith would be informed. BS apprised Councillors of discussions that had taken place between Lightrock Power and Peter Bell (NYCC School Carbon Reduction Officer) regarding the provision of solar panels or an alternative heating source for the Primary School as part of their community contribution following an application for a solar farm in our parish.
- 3.2 **Village Green Finger Post:** ES has obtained a quote of £360 + VAT for a cast aluminium finger, 150 x 700mm, to suit the existing post with 'VILLAGE HALL' text and split collar fixing from Leander Architectural. Councillors agreed to the expenditure and ES was requested to place the order. **Action: ES**
- 3.3 **Position of Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council:** There has been no interest shown to date, so the post will be re-advertised in the next village newsletter. **Action: CF**
- 3.4 **HDC Making a Difference Grant:** Pavescape Sports Surfaces have provided an update on progress at the MUGA and have confirmed that the painting will be completed as soon as the weather improves. HDC have been informed and CF has confirmed that the MAD grant claim will be submitted as soon as the work is complete. PJ asked to be updated if there was any delay with the remaining work. **Action: CF**
- 3.5 **New Model Councillor Code of Conduct:** Councillors unanimously voted to adopt the 2020 Model Councillor Code of Conduct with immediate effect.
- 3.6 **Village Green Tree:** The grass cutting contractors will be requested to remove the deadwood from the Lime Tree so any degradation will be noticeable. In addition, the tree will be inspected again in May and the canopy reduced to alleviate stress if it continues to decline. It was noted that a vehicle had disturbed the concrete bollard on the High Street / Nookin corner of the Village Green and councillors agreed to ask Farm & Land Services to resurrect it. **Action: CF**
- 3.7 **20's Plenty:** At their most recent meeting the County Council executive turned down the opportunity to adopt a default 20 mph policy and opted for a targeted policy instead. 20s Plenty for North Yorkshire have confirmed that they will continue to campaign for a change in policy.
4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**

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- 4.1 **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** Jubilee celebrations will take place over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June and councillors supported the suggestion of forming a Jubilee Committee to organise village events. In addition, the PC agreed to fund a commemorative item for all village children.
- 4.2 **Cost-effective Speed Management:** The PC agreed to request an estimate for the solar powered speed indication device offered by Truvelo. **Action: CF**
- 4.3 **North Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership Consultation on Bus Service Improvements:** All councillors were encouraged to respond to this consultation before 7th February deadline.

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been approved:

21/01960/FUL - OS Field 8464, Hightorne Lane, Husthwaite - Construction of 5no. dwellings (including 1no self-build) and associated infrastructure works.

21/02382/CAT - Tenter Close, Gibbet Hill, Husthwaite - Works to fell trees and works to trees within a conservation area.

21/02604/FUL - Kilburn House, Low Street, Husthwaite - Removal of projecting bay and construction of single storey flat roofed rear extension with rooflight, internal alterations and new external door.

5.2 The following planning applications have been withdrawn:

21/00836/OUT - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages, Husthwaite - Outline application with some matters reserved for five dwellings.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

21.10.21	25.00	101031	Petty Cash
21.10.21	1057.20	101032	Farm & Land Services (including £176.20 VAT)
24.12.21	220.80	101033	Farm & Land Services (including £36.80 VAT)
24.12.21	90.00	101034	NYCC Grit Bin (including £15.00 VAT)
24.12.21	39.98	101035	Husthwaite Village Hall - Handrail Stepladder
TOTAL	1432.98		

Cheques / Monies In

20.12.21	25.00	Interment - Barker
TOTAL	25.00	

Statement Balance at 15 December 2021 - £21466.02

Balance at 18 January 2022 - £21130.22 (including £10934.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be agreed /noted:

Leander Architectural - £432.00 - Finger Post (including £72.00 VAT)

December Bank Charges - £13.00

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.11.21	.01	Interest
15.12.21	.01	Interest
	.02	

Statement Balance at 15 December 2021 - £1308.00

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- 6.3 **New Bank Account:** CF will progress the application form to open a Natwest Community Bank Account which is available to existing customers only. **Action: CF**
7. **Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council:** NONE
8. **Reports from Council Representatives:**
Easingwold & Villages Community Forum: Nothing to report.
HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The last meeting was cancelled due to Coronavirus restrictions.
Highways: The Amplecarr will be closed from 0930 until 1530 on 31st January to enable BT to carry out periodic pole tests on telephone poles.
Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.
Public Footpaths: The fallen tree on footpath 10.70/7/1 (Beacon Banks) has been reported to NYCC (Ref CAMS 71175). CAMS reference 70201 and 70202 from the reported Bridleway issues have now been closed after inspection by NYCC paths.
Recreation Area: The quote from Playscheme for the work required in the Recreation Area is still awaited. Complaints concerning the riding of a trials motorcycle in the Recreation Area were discussed and the PC agreed to erect a 'NO MOTOR VEHICLES ALLOWED' sign at the entrance. **Action: CF**
Street Lighting: Street light number 8 in Low Street is beyond repair and a new pole bracket and lantern have been ordered by HDC.
Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee has purchased a new step stool with handrail to assist with regular maintenance checks. A decision on the replacement of the old wooden ladders is pending. RA reported that the Christmas Market had been very successful, although smaller than normal due to COVID precautions.
YLCA: The next meeting will be held on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 16th February.
9. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** PJ confirmed that NYCC are working with District Councils on the transition to a new unitary council for North Yorkshire which will be in place from 1 April 2023.
10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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