

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 15th March 2022 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: Sarah Aspinall, Brian & Hazel Clark, Ian Harper, Philip Hewitson, Richard & Alison Menage, Chris Nichols.

1. Apologies: E. Smith (COVID +).

Councillor Jane Don has unfortunately offered her resignation as a Parish Councillor. Councillors regretfully accepted her decision and asked that she be thanked for all her work on the Council over the last 4 years. The Clerk will inform HDC of her resignation.

Declarations of Interest: BS declared a personal interest in the Woolpots Solar Farm planning application and JH declared a prejudicial interest in the Bank Cottage planning application.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the last parish council meetings on 18 January and 10 February were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 25 Year Environmental Plan: NYCC received the Inspectors Report with approved modifications on 4 February and adopted the new Minerals and Waste Joint Plan at full council on 16 February.

3.2 Village Green Finger Post: The new cast aluminium finger post with 'VILLAGE HALL' text has now been fitted to the Village Green signpost.

3.3 Position of Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council: CF has received a request for further information about the position and has agreed to meet the interested person to discuss the matter. The post will continue to be advertised in the village newsletter until a formal application is received. **Action: CF**

3.4 HDC Making a Difference Grant: Pavescape Sports Surfaces washed the surface the MUGA again last weekend and are hoping to undertake the painting of the court on Saturday 19 March. CF confirmed that she had applied to roll forward the MAD grant but stated that the claim would be submitted as soon as the work is complete. **Action: CF**

3.5 Village Green Tree: The grass cutting contractors have removed the deadwood from the Lime Tree and resurrected the concrete bollard as requested.

3.6 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: The Village Hall Committee will host a meeting at 10am on Saturday 26th March to kickstart discussions for Jubilee celebrations in Husthwaite. It is hoped that members of all village organisations will form a Jubilee Committee to organise events over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June and JH offered to represent the PC. The PC has already agreed to fund a commemorative item for all village children.

3.7 Cost-effective Speed Management: Two quotes have been received from Truvelo (£3025 + VAT for an amber LED display and £3845 + VAT for a red, yellow and green LED display with installation extra) but, as expected, both are out of the Parish Councils price range.

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

4.1 Parish Council Elections: The next scheduled elections were due to take place in May 2023, but the Government has proposed to align parish elections with those of the new unitary council. Therefore, when the Structural Changes Order is enacted by Parliament in March 2022, the electoral process will begin and a Publication of Notice of Election will be published on the Parish Council noticeboard. Candidates will then have until 4pm on Tuesday 5 April to submit their Nomination Papers to Hambleton District Council and Polling Day will be on Thursday 5

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May. If you wish to stand as a candidate for Husthwaite Parish Council, nomination forms may be collected from the Parish Council Clerk / Chair by appointment husthwaitepc@hotmail.co.uk.

- 4.2 **Bus Stop Sign:** Parishioners have reported problems with bus drivers refusing to pick up and drop off passengers at the stop adjacent to the Village Hall. They have requested a Bus Stop sign be placed at this location and this request will be forwarded to NYCC. **Action: CF**
- 4.3 **Updated Parish Plan:** PH suggested organising a workshop event at the village hall to gauge interest in producing an update to the Husthwaite Parish Plan. Councillors supported the idea and proposed waiting until after the elections so that a dedicated member of the Parish Council could lead the project. It was also pointed out that funding for the plan would have to be found as the precept for 2022/23 had already been submitted and finalised.
- 4.4 **North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner meeting:** Parish Councils have been invited to attend a Zoom meeting on 26th May and may submit questions in advance. **Action: CC**
5. **Planning Matters:**
The Inspectors report on the examination of the new Hambleton Local Plan was received on 16 February and it was adopted by full council on 22 February.
An e-mail has been received from a parishioner thanking the PC for such a robust and factually accurate response to planning application 21/01579/FUL.
- 5.1 **The following planning applications have been received:**
22/00007/CAT - Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to fell 1 no Apple tree in a conservation area - The applicants have declared an intention to take grafts from the tree and replant them in the same garden so the Parish Council had No Objections to the application.
22/00357/CAT - Colton House, High Street, Husthwaite - Works to fell tree in a conservation area - The Parish Council had No Observations on the application.
- 5.2 **The following planning applications have been approved:**
21/01017/MRC - Former Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Variation of application 18/02661/MRC.
21/02934/FUL - Cash Stores, High Street, Husthwaite - Proposed alterations and renovations to the existing dwelling.
- 5.3 **The following planning applications have been refused:**
22/00091/FUL - Field House, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Single storey extension to rear of dwelling to form disabled access bedroom and wet room.
- 5.4 **Registration of new property**
Plot 1 Highborne Lane - Little Wood, Plot 2 Highborne Lane - Robins Hedge, Plot 3 Highborne Lane - Greenacres, Plot 4 Highborne Lane - Wren House, Plot 5 Highborne Lane - Horse Banks, Barn at Baxby Manor - The Cider Mill
- 5.5 **Woolpots Solar Farm:**
Parishioners in attendance voiced their concern that, in view of the large number of comments opposed to this planning application on the HDC planning website, the Parish Council had not submitted an objection. After discussions regarding the scale, safety aspects and the impact on the AONB, councillors agreed to request a consultation extension so that a village survey could be undertaken to ascertain the view of the majority of the parish. **Action: ALL**
6. **Finance Report:**
- 6.1 **Current Account:**

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5.01.22	13.00	-	Bank Charges 15.11.21 - 14.12.21
5.02.22	13.00	-	Bank Charges 15.12.21 - 14.01.22
24.02.22	432.00	101036	Leander Architectural (including £72.00 VAT)
TOTAL	458.00		

Cheques / Monies In

	NONE	
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Statement Balance at 15 February 2022 - £21104.22

Balance at 18 January 2022 - £20672.22 (including £10934.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be agreed /noted:

February Bank Charges - £9.00

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

17.01.22	.01	Interest
15.02.22	.01	Interest
	.02	

Statement Balance at 15 February 2022 - £1308.02

It was noted that the money in this account was earmarked for the MUGA repainting so, after the Pavescape invoice is settled, councillors agreed to rename the account Cemetery Extension Fund and transfer £10934.88 from the current account to keep it separate. **Action: CF**

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: Notification has been received that Malton Street will be closed for 5 hours on 25th March. Councillors have received complaints regarding the parking of vehicles in the street and villagers are reminded that it is now illegal to park with car wheels on the pavement. In addition, villagers were urged to use their off-road parking places if possible to keep the road clear.

Neighbourhood Watch: The new initiative to prevent burglary is 'Think **WIDEN**' - use **Window** locks, set timers for **Interior** lights, lock all **Doors**, use **Exterior** security lighting and inform Neighbours if you are away from home.

Public Footpaths: The tree has still not been removed from Beacon Banks Bridleway 10.70/7/1 so CF will inform NYCC footpaths. **Action: CF**

Recreation Area: Playscheme have responded by stating that we should get the manufacturer to repair the equipment so CF will contact Image Playgrounds. 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: RA reported that all user groups had now restarted and the next market would take place on 24th April. He confirmed that the Village Hall still intended to purchase a small

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ladder to replace the unsafe wooden one, and the PC confirmed they were still happy to fund this.

Bier House: A piece of guttering has fallen from the Bier House in the recent winds and CC will ask local contractors if they can replace it. **Action: CC**

YLCA: No councillor was available to attend the last meeting.

9. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** PJ informed councillors of a new RASKELF AND WHITE HORSE BUSINESS HUB on Facebook to promote businesses within the ward.
10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 in the Village Hall after the Annual Meeting.

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