

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th March 2023 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), S. Aspinall, C. Colton, J. Hampshire, E. Smith.

In Attendance: District Councillor Philippa James, Parish Council Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** C. Nichols (attending Governor's Meeting), H. Pilcher (ill), County Councillor A. Baker.

Declarations of Interest: NONE

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the last parish council meeting on 17 January were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** CF has informed Farm & Land Services of the decision to continue the grass cutting regime on Kendrew Green and also in the single wildflower island to the rear of the MUGA in the Recreation Area (which will be marked out before grass cutting commences). In addition, they have been requested to leave the Cemetery banking uncut until the Primroses have finished flowering.

3.2 **Appointment of Clerk:** Following a successful meeting with Councillors, Lindsey Grain agreed to accept the position of Parish Council Clerk on a trial basis for three meetings. Councillors encouraged Lindsey to attend a YLCA Induction event which will be funded by the PC.

3.3 **Bus Stop Sign at the top of The Nookin:** No response has been received from Mary Welch, NYCC Public & Community Transport Officer, regarding the installation of a bus stop sign adjacent to the Village Hall and PJ offered to chase. **Action: PJ / AB**

3.4 **Updating the 2006 Parish Plan:** Our application for the Parish of Husthwaite to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of creating a Neighbourhood Plan was approved by Full Council on 17th January 2023. SA had attended the Neighbourhood Area Planning webinar and reported that Locality funding for the creation of new plans has now ended but it is hoped the government will extend the scheme in the new financial year. In addition, Howardian Hills AONB are looking to set up a help group for villages who are intending to start the process. SA is hoping to organise a launch event in the Village Hall on a Saturday morning to gauge interest and encourage participation. **Action: SA**

3.5 **Road drainage problems on Malton Street:** Paul Crosby, NYCC Area 2 Project Engineer, has confirmed that a solution designed to alleviate the surface water issues on Malton Street will be undertaken in the new financial year.

3.6 **Lime Tree on the Village Green:** Following discussion with the plant pathologist at the Yorkshire Arboretum, Keith Gittens suggested that we apply to get the Silver Lime tested through Forest Research to confirm the species of Phytophthora before any treatment is commenced and Councillors accepted this suggestion. **Action: CF / KG**

3.7 **Communications Policy:** CN will circulate the Local Councils & Communications Strategies PowerPoint presentation to all councillors and summarise Councillor's comments on the proposed communications document. It was also agreed to investigate the creation of dedicated Parish Council e-mail addresses for each councillor. **Action: CN**

3.8 **High Voltage Upgrade Works - Low Street:** The signed Capitalised Wayleave Agreement has been forwarded to Northern Power Grid but no information regarding when works will commence has been received.

3.9 **Civility & Respect - Model Councillors / Officers Protocol:** It was agreed to adopt this protocol at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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- 3.10 Commonwealth War Graves Commission- Request to install signs:** CF has submitted an application form to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for the erection of a sign on the cemetery wall to inform the public that there are two war graves situated there.
- 4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:**
- 4.1 Draft Parish Charter Consultation:** Councillors welcomed the new North Yorkshire Council Parish Charter which will define the relationship and understanding between the two tiers of local government. The PC agreed to the principles set out in the draft charter and hope that they will encourage collaborative working.
- 4.2 NYCC Climate Change Strategy Consultation:** Villagers are encouraged to complete the Climate Change Survey <https://letstalkny.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/climate> which will be available until the middle of April. In addition, the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission have invited us to join a Zoom meeting on 23 March to discuss the Regional Climate Action Plan.
- 4.3 Replacement of Defibrillator Pads:** The defibrillator pads will life expire on 28th March and CF has ordered a replacement set to ensure the defibrillator remains serviceable. **Action: CF**
- 4.4 King Charles III Coronation:** JH informed the PC that an event is being planned to celebrate King Charles III Coronation over the weekend 6th to 8th May. Councillors agreed to purchase a Coronation Mug for those aged under 18 residing in the Parish and an advert will be placed in the newsletter asking for names of those interested in receiving a mug to contact the PC.
- 5. Planning Matters:**
- 5.1 The following planning applications have been received:**
- 22/00966/FUL** - Carlbury, Low Street, Husthwaite - Demolition of existing garage / store outbuilding and construction of new garage / annex extension - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.
- 23/00075/FUL** - 1 Castle Cottage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Demolition of single storey rear extension, construction of single storey replacement rear extension, replacement windows and internal alterations. Installation of two roof windows into existing roof slope - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.
- 23/00287/FUL** - Stonewold, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Erection of a rear elevation oak framed conservatory replacing existing conservatory - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.
- 23/00319/OUT** - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages, Husthwaite - Outline application with some matters reserved for 4no dwellings - The Parish Council agreed to submit comments regarding drainage, residents parking & amenities, access & transport, sustainable energy sources, housing size & tenure, effects on the Conservation Area and the need for a detailed Construction Management Plan.
- 23/00438/MPN** - Flower O'May, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a flexible use within Shops, Financial and Professional services, Restaurants and Cafes, Business, Storage or Distribution, Hotels or Assembly or Leisure - The Parish Council have **NO OBJECTONS** to the application as long as access to public footpaths and bridleways is maintained at all times. Furthermore, the Parish Council would like to see passing places installed along the long access lane / bridleway if there is to be a significant increase in two-way traffic visiting the site.

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5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

21/01017/DCN - Former Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Discharge of conditions attached to Planning Consent 21/01017/MRC - Variation of application 18/02661/MRC - Variation of conditions attached to Planning Consent 16/01987/OUT - Outline application for the demolition of buildings and the construction of 3 dwellings.

22/01402/LBC - Black Bull Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Listed building consent for repair and replacement of roof, removal and reapplication of render, installation of 2no roof lights to rear outshut, formation of French drain, removal and replacement of first floor ceiling, various repair works.

22/02806/FUL - Cote House, The Nookin - Demolition of existing garage and rear barns, construction of two storey and single storey side extension and rebuilding of existing rear two storey and single storey wing.

22/02847/FUL - Beal Close, Gibbet Hill - Single storey side extension, alterations to two existing openings to form doors and four conservation roof lights to sitting room.

22/02897/CAT - Golden Garth, Low Street - Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

5.3 The following planning applications have been refused:

21/03042/FUL - OS Field 2700, Carlton Husthwaite - Application for installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) array / solar farm with associated infrastructure - as amended (additional and revised plans, visualisations and other documents received by HDC on 27/6/22 and 22/11/22)

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

5.1.23	12.00	-	Bank Charges 15.11.22 - 14.12.22
5.2.23	9.00	-	Bank Charges 15.12.22 - 14.1.23
TOTAL	21.00		

Cheques / Monies In

16.1.23	4306.50	HDC CIL Contribution 21/01960/FUL
TOTAL	4306.50	

Statement Balance on 15 February 2023 - **£13861.84**

Payments to be agreed:

Village Hall - Filter Coffee Machine - £150.00

Transfer to Cemetery Extension Fund - £275.00 (£200 Annual Allocation + £75 Memorial)

YLCA - Neighbourhood Planning Webinar - £25

Petty Cash - £25

6.2 Cemetery Extension Fund:

Cheques / Monies In

15.1.23	8.07	Interest
15.2.23	9.85	Interest
	17.92	

Statement Balance on 15 February 2023 - **£11195.47**

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

NONE.

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8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Bier House: CC intends to ask the builders who are constructing the extension to the rear of the Village Hall if they could quote for remedial works to prevent water penetration. **Action: CC**

Communications: SA continues to produce a monthly Planning Update, detailing the planning applications received, commented on and decisions reached by HDC which is published on the village website and now to be circulated by Mailchimp with kind permission of the Village Hall.

Highways: No response has been received from Area2 Highways regarding our request for road resurfacing in the village. Claire Spink, HDC Engineering Officer, has confirmed that new street nameplates for Gibbet Hill and Gibbet Hill / Malton Street have been ordered to replace the broken ones. In addition, NYCC have acknowledged receipt of the complaint regarding damaged road signs on The Nookin and Gibbet Hill.

Neighbourhood Watch: Parishioners are reminded to keep vehicle keys out of site and desirable equipment such as quad bikes locked away when not in use.

Police: It was suggested that we invite the local police to undertake bike marking at the Neighbourhood Plan launch event.

Public Footpaths:

Recreation Area: The land-drain that runs under the access track has been cleared and the annual inspection is due to be completed soon.

Street Lighting: All streetlights were confirmed as working on 10th March.

Village Hall: The Village Hall have recently held two very successful events - the Burns Supper and Treasure Island. CC reported that the extension was well underway, and he is still investigating options for the installation of EV Charging Points.

Village Website: PJ offered to put us in contact with a Parish Web Designer to discuss options for the village website, so that we can obtain estimates and start applying for grants.

YLCA: No councillor was available to attend the last meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 28th June.

9. Reports from County & District Councillors:

Councillors thanked Pippa James for her help and support during her tenure as District Councillor and expressed their sorrow that the post was being disestablished. Pippa informed the meeting that Heritage England had refused to add The White Horse to its list of nationally protected sites and the Forestry Commission had agreed to write an article for inclusion in the White Horse book. She also notified us of plans to light up the White Horse for the Coronation.

10. Date & Time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 in the Village Hall after the Annual Meeting.

Councillors agreed to ask if Councillor Gareth Dadd was available to attend the meeting to give a presentation on the new North Yorkshire Unitary Council and the York & North Yorkshire Devolution Deal. **Action: CF**

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