

**Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Hushwaite Parish Council held on
Wednesday 5th May 2021**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), J. Don (JD), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), R. Alexander (RA). **Also in Attendance:** P Hewitson

1. **Apologies:** J. Law (working), District Councillor J. Mortimer.

Declarations of Interest: None.

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** As JL was not in attendance, no update was available.

3.2 **Community Right to bid on Hushwaite pub:** It has been confirmed that the Plum & Partridge is under new management and should be open in May/June after minor works are completed.

3.3 **Village Green:** The recycled plastic fence post has now been installed and Jeremy Walker has kindly turfed the area around the tree support base at no cost to the PC, so the trip hazard is now removed. As it was not considered possible to erect a signpost at this location, ES offered to research adding an extra finger to the existing signpost for the Village Hall. **Action: ES**

3.4 **Position of Clerk to Hushwaite Parish Council:** There has been no interest shown to date, so CF will ask for the position to be re-advertised in the June/July newsletter. **Action: CF**

3.5 **HDC Making a Difference Grant:** Our application for funding was considered by elected members who agreed to award £2192 towards the cleaning and repainting of the Multi Use Games Area. As all projects must be completed by 30 April 2022, it was agreed to accept the quote from Pavescape Sports Surfaces and ask them to undertake the work at their earliest convenience. **Action: CF**

3.6 **Bier House Roof:** Farm & Land Services have removed most of the problematic ivy from the Bier House but unfortunately the builder who inspected the roof has not yet submitted a price for the remedial works. CC managed to obtain an estimate from Grant Roofing but, due to the costs involved, at least one other quote is required. **Action: CF**

3.7 **Elphin View Traffic Issues:** The Area 2 Project Engineer has informed us that the site does not meet the criteria for the provision of new signage but has confirmed there is no problem with the Parish Council obtaining their own sign. It was therefore agreed to purchase a No Through Road / No Turning Beyond This Point sign which can be erected near to the Elphin View street-sign at the entrance to the cul-de-sac. **Action: CF**

4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**

4.1 **New Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020:** NALC have endorsed this new code but have recommended that councillors undertake training in the new model before formal adoption, therefore the PC will wait until YLCA offer some training sessions.

4.2 **Hushwaite Community Hub CIC:** JL has submitted the required Confirmation Statement for Hushwaite Community Hub CIC and paid the annual £15 fee to extend the registration.

4.3 **Migratory route of toads on Malton Street:** A concerned resident contacted the PC about erecting signs to slow traffic at night near to The Old Lodge on Malton Street. As this migratory route for toads is located in the AONB, the PC will forward the request to Paul Jackson who will be most likely to assist. **Action: CF**

4.4 **'Please take your litter home' signs:** The HDC Waste & Street Scene Manager offered these signs to display on land adjacent to roads where they can be seen by passing motorists but, after discussion, the PC decided not to add unnecessary signage to the countryside.

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5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

21/00836/OUT - Land to the South of Prospect Cottages, Husthwaite - Outline application with some matters reserved for five dwellings - The Parish Council agreed to resend the comments made on application 18/02100/REM which are still relevant to this site.

21/00886/MRC - OS Field 8464, Highthorne Lane, Husthwaite - Variation of Conditions attached to Planning Application Reference 20/01426/OUT - The Parish Council wished to see the application APPROVED and will reiterate our comments for Landscaping & Road Construction

21/01017/MRC - Former Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Variation of Application Reference Number 18/02661/MRC- Variation of Conditions attached to Planning Consent 16/01987/OUT- Outline application (considering appearance, access, layout and scale) for the demolition of buildings and the construction of 3 dwellings as amended by details received by Hambleton District Council on 25th May 2017 - The Parish Council wished to see the application REFUSED because much discussion took place to reach a mutually agreeable compromise on the initial application and this has been disregarded. Furthermore, by moving Plot 1 nearer to Cleveland House, the PC are concerned that emergency vehicles will be unable to access Plots 2 & 3 through the reduced entranceway.

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

20/00016/TPO2 - Land to the south of Highthorne Lane - Tree Preservation Order 2020/16

21/00271/LBC - The Cottage, Highthorne, Husthwaite - Listed Building Consent for internal alterations, replacement doors and windows, formation of new window to proposed WC, enlarging an opening on the northern elevation to install double door to access the new garden terrace.

21/00323/FUL - Hillcrest House, Elphin View, Husthwaite - Single storey extension to the rear of the property.

21/00421/CAT - Honeysuckle Cottage, 4 The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

5.3 Ombudsman Investigation: PH reported that the approval of planning application 20/0146/OUT is under investigation and the PC agreed to request an update from District Councillor Mortimer

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

06.04.21	101018	£54.00	Marmax Products (including £9.00 VAT)
06.04.21	101019	£137.00	YLCA Membership
06.04.21	101020	£40.00	Information Commissioner
06.04.21	101021	£47.94	The Defib Store (including £7.99 VAT)
		£278.94	

Cheques / Monies In

18.04.21	£800.00	Cemetery Plots x 2 - CHAMBERS
26.04.21	£40.00	Interment - MONCASTER
30.04.21	£3750.00	HDC Precept
04.05.21	£75.00	Erection of Lawn Memorial - MONCASTER
	£4665.00	

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Statement Balance at 15 April 2021 - £19099.91 (including £9919.88 Cemetery monies)

Balance at 5 May 2021 - £23485.97 (including £10834.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be authorised:

Play Inspection Company - £81.00 including £13.50 VAT

Came & Company Insurance - £1009.20

Husthwaite Newsletter - £350.00

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.03.21	.01	Interest
15.04.21	.01	Interest
	.02	

Statement Balance at 15 April 2021 - £1307.92

6.3 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21: The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted, and the Annual Governance Statement was agreed and approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

6.4 Accounting Statements 2020/21: The Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances and Bank Reconciliation were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

6.5 Certification of Exemption from External Audit 2020/21: As Husthwaite Parish Council is classed as a smaller authority with a gross annual income and expenditure under £25,000 and we meet the qualifying criteria set out in the Certificate of Exemption, it was agreed that there is no requirement for us to have a limited assurance review.

6.6 Approval of Publication of Documents required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations: It was confirmed that the Certificate of Exemption, Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances, Bank Reconciliation and Notice of Public Rights will be published on the Parish Council section of Husthwaite website as required. The Exercise of Public Rights will take place between Monday 7th June and Friday 16th July 2021. **Action: CF**

7. Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council: None

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: Nothing to report.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The last meeting was cancelled due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Highways: There has been another serious accident at the A19/C96 junction so NYCC Highways will be informed. The PC will request a visit from the gully sucker and report potholes in Low Street and adjacent to the bus shelter in High Street. **Action: CF**

Neighbourhood Watch: A new Neighbourhood Alert messaging service is now in operation.

Public Footpaths: No update on requested works has been received from NYCC paths.

Recreation Area: Farm & Land Services have cut back the brash from around the edge of the area as requested. The recent Annual Inspection highlighted the beginnings of rot in the Basket Swing uprights as a moderate risk so CF will request quotes to replace these parts. **Action: CF**

Street Lighting: A new streetlight has been erected next to column number 17 in Highborne Lane and is now awaiting connection by the electricity board.

Village Hall: The Village Hall will remain closed until the 21st June. The new defibrillator pads have now been installed and the PAD is serviceable.

YLCA: The next meeting will take place remotely on Wednesday 16th June 2021.

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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 Wednesday 21st July 2021 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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