

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

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

In Attendance: District Councillor Philippa James.

1. Apologies: NONE

Declarations of Interest: JH declared an interest in planning application 22/02348/CAT.

It was noted that Helen Pilcher has completed the Registration of Financial and Personal Interests form and a copy will be sent to the Monitoring Officer at HDC. **Action: CF**

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the last parish council meeting on 28 September were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 25 Year Environmental Plan: MP Kevin Hollinrake has replied to our letter confirming both his support for the Local Electricity Bill and also his support for increased gas exploration in the North Sea and onshore where it is safe to do so. Luckily the new Prime Minister has confirmed that the Government is re-imposing the effective moratorium on fracking in England.

3.2 Position of Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council: The post will be re-advertised with salary details in the next village newsletter and on the noticeboard. Councillors agreed to explore the option of asking neighbouring clerks if they would be interested in the position when we attend the Local Parish Forum in Coxwold Village Hall. **Action: CF**

3.3 Bus Stop Sign at the top of The Nookin: Mary Welch, NYCC Public & Community Transport Officer, is still looking into the possibility of installing a bus stop sign adjacent to the Village Hall.

3.4 Updating the 2006 Parish Plan: James Campbell has confirmed that our application for the Parish of Husthwaite to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of creating a Neighbourhood Plan will be presented to Cabinet on 10th January 2023 and the decision should be confirmed at Full Council on 17th January.

3.5 Road drainage problems on Malton Street: Paul Crosby, NYCC Area 2 Project Engineer, has contacted the resident and an adjacent landowner regarding a proposed drainage improvement scheme to prevent surface water from Malton Street running onto the property.

3.6 Lime Tree on the Village Green: Greg Milburn has confirmed that mulch is available at a cost of £36 per tonne bag and approximately 8 to 10 bags would be needed to give a good coverage. Councillors agreed to try this method and CC will contact Greg to ascertain when the mulch should be applied to the root plate. **Action: CC**

3.7 Communications Policy: CN reported that the Local Councils & Communications Strategies online event that he attended was very interesting and stated that two-way communications were critical. CN will circulate the relevant Powerpoint Presentation to all councillors and also summarise the comments on the proposed Communications document received from councillors before the next meeting. Councillors agreed to the development of a new village website, working in conjunction with the Village Hall, with a dedicated section for the PC. **Action: CN**

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

4.1 High Voltage Upgrade Works - Low Street: Northern Powergrid are proposing to replace a high voltage underground cable in Low Street with a modern equivalent in order to boost local supplies and, to avoid digging through the grounds of the Primary School, they would like to run their cable along the side of the Recreation Area entrance track. Councillors agreed to the

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proposed works but suggested asking for a permanent easement before signing the Wayleave Agreement. **Action: CF**

4.2 Civility & Respect – Model Councillors / Officers Protocol: Councillors agreed to discuss the adoption of this protocol when we have interest in the Clerks position.

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

22/02094/CAT – Methodist Chapel, High Street, Husthwaite – Works to remove a tree in a Conservation Area – The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.

22/02348/CAT – Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite – Works to fell and works to trees in a Conservation Area – The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

22/01792/FUL – Plot 5, OS Field 8464, Highborne Lane, Husthwaite – Construction of a swimming pool.

22/01846/FUL – Field House, The Nookin, Husthwaite – Single storey extension to rear of property.

5.3 The following planning applications have been refused: NONE.

5.4 The planning application for OS Field 2700, Woolpots Solar Farm (21/03042/FUL) is due to be considered by planning committee. The next scheduled meeting is on 22 December with a site visit occurring a few days beforehand. Invitations to attend are usually short notice but Councillors agreed that it was important to send a representative to both the site visit and the planning committee meeting. SA offered to summarise the PC comments for the meeting as speakers only get five minutes to express their views to the committee. **Action: SA**
The PC has received notification of a complaint made to HDC regarding a drainage problem on Highborne Lane which is causing large amounts of water to run across the highway from the new development.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

28.09.22	720.00	101052	Farm & Land Services (inc. £120.00 VAT)
28.09.22	50.00	101053	Citizens Advice North Yorkshire - Annual Donation
6.10.22	9.00	-	Bank Charges 15.08.22 – 14.09.22
TOTAL	779.00		

Cheques / Monies In

30.09.22	3750.00	HDC Precept – 2 nd Instalment
TOTAL	3750.00	

Statement Balance at 15 October 2022 – **£12426.27**

Payments to be agreed:

Image Playgrounds – Recreation Area Repairs – £2271.00 (including £378.50 VAT)
£1231.50 from CIL

C Nichols – Local Councils & Communication Strategies online event – £38.93

Husthwaite PCC – Royal British Legion Wreath – £20.00

Farm & Land Services – Grass Cutting – £360.00 (including £60.00 VAT)

Balance after agreed payments – £9686.34

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Cemetery Extension Fund:

Cheques / Monies In

15.10.22	3.21	Interest
	3.21	

Statement Balance at 15 October 2022 - **£11167.07**

6.2 SAAA External Auditor: It has been confirmed that the external auditor for Husthwaite Parish Council for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27 is PKF Littlejohn LLP.

7. Pay and Conditions of Clerk: It was agreed that the pay and conditions of the Clerk would remain unchanged for the following year.

8. Proposed expenditure and Parish Precept for 2023/24:

The following proposed expenditure was agreed:

Grass Cutting	£2000
Recreation Area	£1500
Clerk	£1320
Insurance	£1150
Village Projects	£1000
Street Furniture	£1000
Neighbourhood Plan	£500
Newsletter	£400
Miscellaneous	£250
Cemetery Extension	£200
Bank Charges	£150
YLCA Subscription	£143
CAB Donation	£50
Information Comm	£40
Petty Cash	<u>£25</u>
Total Expenditure	£9728

Therefore, taking into account the expected year-end balance, proposed income and necessary reserves, it was agreed to request a precept of **£8000** for 2023/24. **Action: CF**

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

9.1 North Yorkshire Council – Online Briefing: Councillors have been invited to the third online briefing on 28th/30th November which will update on the progress being made to establish the new unitary council for North Yorkshire. **Action: All**

9.2 Devolution for York & North Yorkshire – Consultation: Parishioners are being invited to take part in a consultation to gather views on how the proposed deal for York & North Yorkshire will be implemented. The consultation <https://ynydevolution.commonplace.is> will run until 16 December.

9.3 Let's Talk Money – Consultation: The third phase of Let's Talk North Yorkshire, a consultation encouraging people to confirm which services are most important to them is available online <https://letstalkny.commonplace.is> and will run until 23 December.

9.4 PSGA Ordnance Survey – Virtual Event: Ordnance Survey are running a virtual event on Tuesday 22nd November aimed at demonstrating how the PGSA can support the work of Parish and Community Councils and the options available for using mapping data.

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- 9.5 Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licencing Policy – Consultation:** A consultation on the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licencing Policy is available online www.northyorks.gov.uk/taxi-consultation and will be open until 19th January.
- 9.6 Hambleton District Council Business Awards 2023:** Nominations for individuals and businesses in the area are invited for the last Hambleton Business Awards in 2023. Information including categories available can be found at <https://hambleton.gov.uk/businessawards> and the closing date for nominations is 31st December.
- 9.7 Go Compare – Guide to preparing for a flood and protecting your property:** Councillors declined the offer to publish the guide from Go Compare.
- 9.8 NYPF&CC – Trust & Confidence Survey:** Commissioner Zoe has launched an online survey to gauge the level of trust and confidence in North Yorkshire Police <https://bit.ly/TrustConfidence>. A more comprehensive Perception survey will run in early 2023.
- 10. Reports from Council Representatives:**

Bier House: Following investigation, it is thought that the water ingress may be caused by defective pointing. CC offered to ask the builders who are constructing the extension to the rear of the Village Hall if they could quote for the remedial works. **Action: CC**

Communications: SA proposed that the PC should publish a monthly Planning Update, detailing the planning applications received, commented on and decisions reached by HDC. Councillors approved the draft version and CF will forward the relevant information to SA. **Action: SA**

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

Highways: Thirsk Highway Area Office have invited Councillors to attend Parish Workshops in November to discuss the Parish Portal system and any local Hot Topics. As no reply has been received from Cllr Baker regarding the road conditions in Low Street and High Street, CF will forward them to Deborah Fellows for comment. The Nookin will be closed on 22nd and 23rd November to allow BT to recover and renew overhead lines on an existing telegraph pole.

Neighbourhood Watch: North Yorkshire Police have offered to deliver a presentation to help keep the vulnerable safe from cybercrime and the details have been passed to Primetime.

Police: JH offered to attend the revised Zoom meeting with NYPF&CC and the Assistant Chief Constable on Tuesday 29th November. CN will remind PCSO Johnathan Harrison that we are expecting him to attend the January meeting to discuss local issues. **Action: JH / CN**

Public Footpaths: JH has walked three of the local footpaths, one of which is overgrown that she has offered to cut back with the strimmer.

Recreation Area: Image Playgrounds have completed the repairs to the Balance Beam and installed the new Basket Swing.

Street Lighting: Streetlight 1 near to the Cemetery has been reported as faulty and a hood will be fitted to streetlight 10 adjacent to Black Bull Cottage to prevent light pollution from the new LED lighting.

Village Hall: CC confirmed that work on the Village Hall extension would be starting soon and also that it was planned to hold an Open Gardens event in June 2023. The Village Hall committee has obtained an estimate of £2500 for the installation of two electric car charging points and the PC agreed to investigate if they had a Statutory Duty to provide these before agreeing to any donation.

Village Website: Lawrie Hill has offered to cost options for a new Village Website.

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YLCA: No Councillor was available to attend the last meeting on 19th October 2022.

11. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** PJ reported that there were concerns about the impact of planning application 22/01469/OUT - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages on the Husthwaite Conservation Area and noted that there had only been six objections to the proposal from the village. With regards to planning decisions under the new unitary North Yorkshire Council, PJ confirmed that there would be a reduction in planning committee members from each area and indicated that most decisions would be made by the planning officer.
12. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. Provisional dates for future meetings were agreed as Tuesday 14th March 2023 and Tuesday 16th May 2023. **Action: CC**

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