

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hushwaite Parish Council held on
Wednesday 28th September 2022 in Hushwaite Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Alyson Baker and one parishioner.

1. **Apologies:** H. Pilcher (working in London), District Councillor Philippa James (attending another PC meeting).

Declarations of Interest: NONE.

It was noted that Helen Pilcher has signed the required declaration of acceptance of office.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the last parish council meetings on 19 July and 17 August were approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** It was noted that AONB volunteers had completed the last cut of the season on Kendrew Green. KG confirmed that the excess grass would be raked off on Friday 30th September and neither Kendrew Green nor the Recreation Area Wildlife Area would need cutting again this year. In response to correspondence received, Councillors agreed to write to our local MP Kevin Hollinrake to both support the Local Electricity Bill and strongly oppose any future fracking plans for our area due to the unsuitable geology. **Action: CF**
 - 3.2 **Position of Clerk to Hushwaite 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. **Action: CF**
 - 3.3 **Bus Stop Sign at the top of The Nookin:** It was agreed to request an update from Mary Welch, NYCC Public & Community Transport Officer, who had agreed to look into the possibility of installing a bus stop sign adjacent to the Village Hall. **Action: CF**
 - 3.4 **Updating the 2006 Parish Plan:** SA reported that in order to progress the new plan, the PC must firstly write to Hambleton District Council requesting that the whole of our Parish be formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of creating a Neighbourhood Plan. The next step will be to identify the skills and qualities needed to produce the plan in order to recruit villagers with the necessary talents to create the document. **Action: CF / SA**
 - 3.5 **Road drainage problems on Malton Street:** Correspondence received from Area 2 Highways, District Councillor Alyson Baker and the resident, confirms that the local Highway Officer is aware of the problem and is attempting to find a mutually acceptable solution.
 - 3.6 **Report on the Lime Tree on the Village Green:** The PC have received two estimates of £1000 and £1500 for removing the Lime Tree and one quote of £700-£800 for pollarding the tree. Another arboriculturist, who believes that the tree is a significant asset to the village, suggests that we mulch over the root plate to help with water capture and use a soil improver to provide nutrients to boost the trees natural defences before considering permanent removal. The PC agreed that it was worth trying to save the tree and CC offered to obtain costings for the alternative recommendation. **Action: CC**
4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**
 - 4.1 **North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner meeting:** Another meeting with Zoe Metcalfe and new Asst Chief Constable Mike Walker will take place on Zoom on 2 November at 6:45pm. The zoom link will be forwarded to all Councillors.
 - 4.2 **Citizens Advice Rural Reach Information & Advice Bus:** Citizens Advice will be visiting Easingwold Market on Friday 30th September from 9:30 to 11:30 to provide free, independent

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and impartial information and advice. Councillors agreed to send a donation of £50 in response to a request for funding from the Hambleton Office, who confirm that they have helped 10 residents of the village in the last year.

- 4.3 **Local Parish Forum invitation:** Coxwold Parish Council have invited up to three Councillors from each of their ten neighbouring Parish Councils to meet on Wednesday 16th November to discuss sharing knowledge and experiences. This was considered an excellent opportunity for networking and CF, SA, JH and CN volunteered to attend.

- 4.4 **North Yorkshire All Partner Webinar:** Carl Les, Leader of North Yorkshire Council, has issued an invitation to an All Partner Teams Live webinar on Wednesday 5th October from 5pm until 6:30pm for us to learn how the new council is progressing. The webinar link will be forwarded to all Councillors.

5. Planning Matters:

- 5.1 **The following planning applications have been received:**

22/01402/LBC - Black Bull Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Listed Building consent for external and internal alterations - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.

22/01901/CLE - Woodhouse Grange, Raper Lane, Husthwaite - Certificate of lawfulness (existing) land used for the storage of materials and equipment of a groundworks business - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.

- 5.2 **The following planning applications have been approved:**

22/01285/MRC - Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Erection of new front porch and rear extension with alterations to existing internal layout.

22/01395/FUL - Tenter Close, Gibbet Hill, Husthwaite - Rear extension to dwellinghouse for a kitchen/dining room, guest room & porch.

22/01408/FUL - Alethia House, High Street, Husthwaite - Installation of Solar PV panels on the south facing roof of the house.

22/01728/FUL - 5 Prospect Cottages, Husthwaite - Proposed side and rear single storey extensions to dwelling.

- 5.3 **The following planning applications have been refused:**

21/01579/FUL - Land south of Spring Garth (behind Cote House), The Nookin, Husthwaite - Development of 8 dwellings, access road and associated infrastructure.

- 5.4 The planning application for OS Field 2700, Woolpots Solar Farm (21/03042/FUL) is due to be considered by planning committee later this year. The next meetings are scheduled for 27 October and 24 November with site visits 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 to express the views of the community.

The PC has received notification from a resident of a site visit to the Highborne Lane development by HDC planning and environmental health team and Councillors are pleased that the enforcement team are monitoring the build.

6. Finance Report:

- 6.1 **Current Account:**

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Cheques / Monies Out

19.07.22	906.00	101048	Farm & Land Services (inc. £151.00 VAT)
19.07.22	400.00	101049	Husthwaite Newsletter
19.07.22	66.80	101050	YLCA - Off to a Flying Start Webinar Training
19.07.22	2271.00	101051	Image Playgrounds - RA Repairs (inc. £378.50 VAT)
5.08.22	14.00	-	Bank Charges 15.06.22 - 14.07.22
5.09.22	13.00	-	Bank Charges 15.07.22 - 14.08.22
TOTAL	3670.80		

Cheques / Monies In

20.09.22	75.00	Erection of Memorial - Leverton
TOTAL	75.00	

Statement Balance at 15 September 2022 - £9330.27

Payments to be agreed:

Farm & Land Services - Grass Cutting - £720.00 (including £120 + VAT)

Citizens Advice North Yorkshire - Annual Donation - £50.00

A letter of thanks from Husthwaite CE Primary School for the donation from CIL towards the new fencing and another from Husthwaite Newsletter have been received.

6.2 Cemetery Extension Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.08.22	1.30	Interest
15.09.22	1.91	Interest
	3.21	

Statement Balance at 15 September 2022 - £11163.86

- 6.3 SAAA External Auditor:** Councillors agreed that Husthwaite Parish Council should remain opted into the central procurement of external auditors and SAAA will be notified. **Action: CF**

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

CN expressed an interest in attending the Local Councils & Communication Strategies online event on 26th October and the PC approved the £38.90 expenditure. **Action: CN**

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Bier House: CC will investigate the origins of a puddle in the middle of the floor to see if further water ingress can be prevented. **Action: CC**

Communications: CN distributed a communications discussion paper and invited Councillors to comment on the proposals before the next meeting. CN hopes to develop this into a formal Communications Policy following discussions on the consultation. **Action: All**

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

Highways: Yorkshire Water investigated the leaks on The Nookin and on Low Street and confirmed that they are not caused by leaking water pipes. Gibbet Hill will be closed on 10th October for Northern Powergrid to trim overhanging trees.

Neighbourhood Watch: The new 'Are You OK' campaign focuses on the effects of street harassment and North Yorkshire Police have received a number of reports regarding scams asking residents to apply for the £400 energy rebate which it has been confirmed will be applied directly by energy companies.

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Police: CN informed the Council that our Safer Neighbourhood Team contact was PCSO Johnathan Harrison who has offered to attend future meetings to discuss local issues. Councillors agreed to invite him to attend the January meeting. **Action: CN**

Public Footpaths: JH stated that she intended to walk the public footpaths and make note of the improvements required. **Action: JH**

Recreation Area: Image Playgrounds removed the defective equipment on Monday 26 September and will complete repairs to the Balance Beam and install the new Basket Swing next week.

Street Lighting: The streetlights in Low Street have now been replaced with new LED lighting.

Village Hall: CC confirmed that the Village Hall Committee were considering the installation of Electric Charging Points and asked if the PC would be willing to give a donation towards this project. Councillors agreed to discuss the matter at the November meeting when setting the following years precept if the Village Hall were able to provide estimated costings.

Village Website: CN confirmed that Lawrie Hill was supportive of the idea to create a new, more user-friendly village website where all stakeholders could update their own areas. Funding options for this project will be prioritised as an interactive website is crucial for development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

YLCA: The next meeting will be on 19th October 2022, CF will circulate details when they are received. **Action: CF**

9. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** AB informed Councillors of the 'Let's Talk' campaign - a chance for residents to have their say about the new Unitary Council - and asked if we could promote it within the parish. She also reported that there is a need for long- and short-term Foster Carers in the County and encouraged the promotion of school uniform recycling to assist those who are struggling financially. With regards to highways, the extensive maintenance programme on Sutton Bank is due to be completed on time and the opening of North Northallerton bridge has been delayed. AB confirmed that she would approach Area 2 Highways to request remedial works if we provided photographs of the deteriorating road surface in Low Street and High Street. **Action: CF**
10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

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