

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 26th September 2023 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: Parish Council Clerk, 1 parishioner.

1. **Apologies:** S. Aspinall (family emergency), C. Colton (holiday), County Councillor A. Baker (family bereavement). **Declarations of Interest:** NONE.
2. **Minutes of the previous meetings:** The minutes of the last Parish Council meetings held on 18 July and 15 August were approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** Keith Gittens advised that both Kendrew Green and the Wildflower meadow to the rear of the recreation area can now be cut regularly until the end of the season. **Action: CF**
 - 3.2 **Updating the 2006 Parish Plan:** The launch event held in September was positive with 62 interested attendees over the two days. A questionnaire will now be drafted asking parishioners how they see the future of our village. **Action: SA**
 - 3.3 **Lime Tree on the Village Green:** Forest Research has confirmed that the tests on the tree samples were inconclusive but recommend that the tree be felled. New samples will be sent in an effort to determine the type of tree that may be planted as a replacement. CF will request quotes from qualified persons for the felling of the Lime Tree. **Action: KG / CF**
 - 3.4 **Communications Policy:** This is now ready for circulation prior to being adopted by the PC. **Action: CN**
 - 3.5 **Coronation Seat:** It has been agreed that a bespoke bench will be installed on Beacon Banks after foliage is cleared to improve the viewpoints during the winter months. A meeting will be held with the AONB and other interested parties to decide on the type of bench. **Action: CC**
 - 3.6 **Asset of Community Value - Plum & Partridge, Husthwaite:** CF has submitted an application to re-register The Plum and Partridge as an Asset of Community Value.
 - 3.7 **Review of North Yorkshire Council Subsidised Local Bus Services:** NY Integrated Passenger Transport have acknowledged receipt of our comments regarding Service 59 and will advise us of the outcome of the renewal process nearer to the start of the new contracts.
 - 3.8 **Co-option of Parish Councillor to fill the casual vacancy:** No applications for the vacant post have been received. **Action: CF**
4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**
 - 4.1 **Lightrock / Econergy Community Benefit Fund:** Chris Sowerbutts has written to ask our opinion on who should manage the proposed Community Benefit Fund should the Woolpots Solar Farm planning application be approved. The PC agreed that IF planning permission is given then the fund should either be run by the Parish Council or the well-established Husthwaite Village Trust (with the addition of a Parish Councillor trustee) who have experience in supporting projects that benefit the local community. **Action: CF**
 - 4.2 **Draft Designation Development Plan Consultation:** Councillors were asked to forward any comments to the chair who will collate responses and forward to NYC. **Action: CF**
 - 4.3 **D Day 80 Celebrations - 6 June 2024:** JH offered to raise the subject with the Village Hall Committee to see if they were interested in holding a celebration event. **Action: JH**

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5. Planning:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

23/01715/CAT - Lily Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to fell 6 Ash trees and 1 Plum tree and works to 3 additional trees in a Conservation Area. The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS**.

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

22/01715/FUL - Springfield Farm, North Moor, Easingwold - Demolition of existing two bedroomed bungalow and its replacement with four bedroomed two storey house and detached garage.

23/01162/FUL - The Old Lodge, Malton Street, Husthwaite - Application for formation of 25m x 42m equestrian riding area / ménage for domestic use.

23/01400/FUL - Rokeby, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling.

23/01471/MRC - The Vicarage, High Street, Husthwaite - Modification of condition 2 (plans) from previously approved application 20/00862/FUL.

23/01490/FUL - Woolpots Farm, Woolpots Lane, Husthwaite - Construction of a roof over a cattle feed area.

23/01702/CAT - Golden Garth, Low Street, Husthwaite - Works to fell a tree in a Conservation Area.

5.3 The following planning appeal has been dismissed:

22/01469/OUT - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages - Outline application for 22 dwellings with all matters reserved except access.

5.4 The following planning appeal is still ongoing:

21/01579/FUL - Land south of Spring Garth - Development of 8 dwellings, access road and associated infrastructure.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

6.07.23	13.00	-	Bank Charges 15 May - 14 Jun
5.08.23	10.00	-	Bank Charges 15 Jun - 14 Jul
5.09.23	8.00	-	Bank Charges 15 Jul - 14 Aug
9.09.23	10.63	101069	C. Fenwick (Petrol & Recreation Area Sign)
9.09.23	1549.20	101070	Image Playgrounds (inc. £258.20 VAT)
9.09.23	900.00	101071	Farm @ Land Services (inc. £150.00 VAT)
TOTAL	2490.83		

Cheques / Monies In

.09.23 45.00 Interment - IVE

TOTAL 45.00

Statement Balance on 15 September 2023 - **£15407.47**

Balance as at 26 September 2023 - £12992.64.

Payments to be agreed:

L Grain - Clerks wages.

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6.2 Cemetery Extension Fund:

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15.7.23 14.77 Interest

15.8.23 16.94 Interest

15.9.23 18.17 Interest

49.88

Statement Balance on 15 September 2023 - **£11569.73**

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

7.1 New approach to managing speed limits in North Yorkshire: Although NYC do not propose to adopt a default 20mph speed limit, they will undertake a series of speed limit reviews across the county to identify potential improvements based on their speed management strategy.

7.2 Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project: The information will be passed to Jan Coulthard for inclusion in the Husthwaite Newsletter. **Action: CF**

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Bier House: No further action to date.

Communications: SA has circulated the August planning up-date.

Highways: Spray Injection Patching works were completed in Low Street and High Street on 8th September. There is a collapsed drain adjacent to Prospect Cottages which is awaiting remedial works. It was agreed that we should request a visit from the road sweeper and also that we should inform residents prior to the day if possible.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Police: Police officers attended the Neighbourhood Plan launch event and are keen to hold a property marking event in the future. Councillors were encouraged to complete the NY Priority Survey which has been circulated by email. **Action: All Parish Councillors**

Public Footpaths: The crop in the field at the back of the church has been harvested and the footpath should be reinstated by the farmer. The poor condition of the path along the old railway line to Coxwold will be reported to NYC. **Action: JH**

Recreation Area: Image Playgrounds have completed the repairs to the Monkey Bars.

Street Lighting: Nothing to report

Village Hall: Nothing to report

Village Railings: The railings around the Village Green and those on Kendrew Green and East View Green are in need of repainting so quotes will be requested. **Action: CF**

Village Website: An application for funding is to be made for the redesign of the village website and for ongoing maintenance. Two companies have been approached to provide a quote so far and the PC agreed to add the annual maintenance fee to the village precept. **Action: CN**

YLCA: The next meeting will take place on 18th October on Zoom.

9. Report from County Councillor: There was no report given.

10. Date & Time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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