

**Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th November 2020**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), J. Don (JD), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), R. Alexander (RA), Mrs J. Coulthard (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** J. Law (ill), County Councillor C. Patmore (attending Shipton PC meeting), District Councillor J. Mortimer (attending another Zoom meeting).

Declarations of Interest: None.

Ray Alexander has signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Chair and completed the registration of financial and personal interests which will be forwarded to Hambleton District Council.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of 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, there was no update on progress.

- 3.2 **Community Right to bid on Husthwaite pub:** The PC have heard that the property is under offer and CC will confirm this with Christies. It was agreed that as long as the pub will remain open under new ownership, there will be no need to progress the Public Works Loan option.

- 3.3 **Village assistance during Coronavirus lockdown:** The PC will continue to collect prescriptions from Millfield and Thirsk Surgeries until at least Spring 2021. Other services such as help with shopping, posting mail and regular telephone check ins are available on request. Lynn Colton keeps in regular contact with OVC members and continues to provide a weekly soup run and monthly meal with her team of volunteers.

- 3.4 **Fibre Broadband Upgrade:** BS reported that Openreach had received our upgrade application but the estimated cost to connect us with the nearest fibre highway located at North Moor, Easingwold (£900,000 to £1,000,000) means it is unlikely to get the go ahead. Following advice given by Peter Cole from HDC, BS has also made contact with Malcolm Rowe who is collating fibre speed information for our area.

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

- 4.1 **Village Christmas Tree:** It has been suggested that Husthwaite erect a Christmas Tree on the Village Green. A committee, led by Sheila Mowatt, is investigating the cost of a 20ft tree with lights and The Orchard Trust have agreed to part fund the project. The PC thought this was a good idea but will need further information regarding the size of tree, method of securing it and type of lights so that a detailed risk assessment can be undertaken, and our insurance company informed. The PC agreed to make a donation of up to £250 towards the costs.

- 4.2 **Clerk's Resignation:** Jan has unfortunately offered her resignation as Parish Clerk with effect from 11 December 2020. The Council members regretfully accepted her decision and thanked her for all her hard work over the last 5 years. It was agreed that the post would be advertised in the Newsletter and CF offered to undertake the Clerks duties until a replacement is found. Jan will hand over all PC files and inform all agencies to forward correspondence to the Chair until further notice. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Planning Matters:**

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

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20/02032/FUL - The Village Hall, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Single storey extension to the rear for use as storage and concrete retaining wall to form footpath access - As applicants the PC were not asked to comment.

20/02127/CAT - Fairfield House, High Street, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a conservation area - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

20/02128/CAT - 1 Rose Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a conservation area - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

20/02427/CAT - Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a conservation area - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:

20/01426/OUT - OS Field 8464, Highthorne Lane, Husthwaite - Outline application for the construction of five dwellings (including three bungalows) and associated highway works.

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6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

16.09.20	101006	£206.00	Clerk - July to September 2020
16.09.20	101007	£14.00	HMRC Tax CANCELLED
16.09.20	101008	£142.00	Husthwaite Village Hall Planning Application Fee
16.09.20	101009	£50.00	Donation to Citizens Advice Bureau
		£398.00	

Cheques / Monies In

.09.20	£3750.00	HDC Precept - 2 nd Instalment
.10.20	£1.15	Northern Electric Wayleave
	£3751.15	

Statement Balance at 15 October 2020 - £20153.26 (including £9644.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be authorised:

Royal British Legion - £19.25 - Wreath

NYCC County Fund - £90.00 - Elphin View Grit Bin including £15 VAT

J Coulthard - £234.00 - September to November 2020 including £14 TAX refund

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.09.20	.01	Interest
15.10.20	.01	Interest
	.02	

Statement Balance at 15 October 2020 - £1307.86

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

8. Proposed expenditure and Parish Precept for 2021/22:

The following proposed expenditure was agreed: -

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Grass Cutting	£2000
YLCA Membership	£135
Insurance	£1020
Clerk	£1320
Village Projects	£1000
Village Newsletter	£350
Cemetery Extension	£200
Petty Cash	£25
CAB Donation	£50
Street Furniture	£1000
Recreation Area	£3000
Miscellaneous Items	£200
Total Expenditure	£10300
Year End Balance	£3725
Expected Income	£844
Shortfall	£5731 + 10% = £6304

Therefore, it was agreed to request a precept of £7500

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

10. **Reports from Council Representatives:**

Easingwold & Villages Forum: The next meeting is planned for 26th November 2020.

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

Highways: JC reported that the electricity board are planning to move the electric pole adjacent to Alethia House in High Street - 2 meters away!

Neighbourhood Watch: After many years as Chair of the Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch Group, Jill Galloway is leaving the village. The PC expressed appreciation for all her efforts, keeping residents well informed and attempting to keep Husthwaite crime free.

Public Footpaths: Nothing to report.

Recreation Area: CF has requested alternative quotes for the repainting of the MUGA surface from various companies, but none have responded. It was agreed that, as the quotation from Tennis Courts Yorkshire was obtained three years ago, CF would ask for an up-to-date quote before a final decision was made. BS reported that Rhys Throup had been raising money for the Royal British Legion by running 11 laps of the MUGA for 11 days in a row - His task was completed today with the whole school in attendance supporting him, WELL DONE RHYS.

Street Lighting: Street light number 3 in Low Street has been reported as not working.

Village Hall: The village hall will remain closed until 2021 due to Coronavirus restrictions.

YLCA: No councillor attended the last meeting. The next meeting is due in February 2021.

11. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** Councillor Mortimer's update on the plan for a Unitary Authority is attached to these minutes.

12. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7:30pm on Zoom.

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