

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 12th April 2022 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), R. Alexander (RA), J. Hampshire (JH), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES).

In Attendance: S. Aspinall, E. Crawshaw, P. Hewitson, S. Hunter, E. Walton.

1. **Apologies:** Craig Colton (on holiday).

Declarations of Interest: BS declared a personal interest and ES a prejudicial interest in the Woolpots Solar Farm planning application and JH declared a prejudicial interest in the Bank Cottage TPO.

2. **Planning Matters:**

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

22/00006/TPO2 - Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Tree Preservation on an Apple Tree.

22/00638/CAT - St Nicholas Church, High Street, Husthwaite - Works to fell a tree in a Conservation Area.

22/00658/CAT - Walnut House, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to fell trees in a Conservation Area.

22/00689/MRC - Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Variation of Condition 2 attached (relating to the approved plans and a request to change porch design and add dormer window) to Application 19/01139/FUL - Construction of detached dormer dwelling with attached garage as per amended plans received by Hambleton District Council 30th July 2019 and 16th August 2019.

22/00782/FUL - 2 West Terrace, Low Street, Husthwaite - Proposed alterations and two-storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling.

22/00808/FUL - Field House, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Proposed single storey extension to dwelling to provide disabled access bedroom and wet room.

- 2.2 The Parish Council agreed the following responses:

22/00006/TPO2 - Considering the applicants have already had grafts taken from this rare species apple tree, which will be ready for planting in the next 6-8 weeks, the Parish Council respectfully request that only a TEMPORARY Tree Preservation Order is placed on the tree until the grafts are established.

22/00638/CAT - The Parish Council wish to see this application APPROVED as the tree is beyond repair following damage sustained during the recent storms.

22/00658/CAT - The Parish Council have NO OBSERVATIONS on this application.

22/00689/MRC - The Parish Council have NO OBSERVATIONS on this application.

22/00782/FUL - The Parish Council wish to see this application APPROVED as the extension is to the rear of the dwelling and neighbouring properties have had similar work completed.

22/00808/FUL - The Parish Council wish to see this application APPROVED as the extension will not affect the street scene and will enable the resident, who has progressive mobility problems, to remain in their own home.

3. **Woolpots Solar Farm - Your Opinion Counts survey:**

The Parish Council delivered the survey to all 180 dwellings in Husthwaite and received 96 responses representing a total of 188 electors out of a possible 340 (55%). The results showed: 36 support of the development of the Solar Farm (10.6% of electors / 19.15% of responses) 20 are neither in favour nor against the development (5.9% of electors / 10.64% of responses) 132 object to the development of the Solar Farm (38.8% of electors / 70.21% of responses)

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As agreed, the Parish Council agreed to submit further comments to Hambleton District Council which represent the majority of the responses received.

21/03042/FUL – The Parish Council wish to see this application REFUSED.

Following notification from our District Councillor of the consultation extension period for this proposal, Husthwaite Parish Council conducted a survey of village residents to ask their opinion on the planning application. The vast majority of those who responded to our questionnaire DO NOT SUPPORT the development of Woolpots Solar Farm. The main areas of concern are the cumulative impact of this new development alongside the 200+ acres already in situ at Boscar Grange Solar Farm and the detrimental impact on the views from the Howardian Hills Area Of Natural Beauty, the North York Moors National Park and Husthwaite Conservation Area. Residents are also against the erection of an additional substation compound with Battery Energy Storage System which they consider to be visually intrusive on the entrance to our village and an industrialisation of the rural landscape. In addition, there are serious fears about the safety of the BESS after reports of uncontrollable fires in other lithium-ion battery storage facilities. Villagers are also concerned about the loss of BMV agricultural land and would welcome an independent survey of the land in question before this application is considered by the planning committee. Furthermore, Husthwaite is a popular tourist area and villagers are worried that this development will adversely impact the village and be damaging to local businesses. Many residents are in favour of small-scale green energy production but do not support this large-scale development where the topography is considered totally unsuitable. Finally, the Parish Council supports the recommendation of the CAA Airfield Advisory Team regarding a new Glint and Glare Study to assess the impact of the proposed solar farm on Baxby Aerodrome.

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