

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hushwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 17th January 2023 in Hushwaite Village Hall**

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), S. Aspinall (until 8pm), J. Hampshire, C. Nichols (until 8pm), H. Pilcher, E. Smith.

In Attendance: District Councillor Philippa James, County Councillor A Baker and 3 parishioners.

1. **Apologies:** C. Colton (working in London).

Declarations of Interest: ES declared an interest in planning applications 22/02640/FUL and 22/02641/LBC.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the last parish council meetings on 15 November, 1 and 12 December were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** Keith Gittens reported that AONB have agreed to continue the cutting regime on Kendrew Green, NYCC have felled the dying elm and that he is looking at options to replace it with a disease-resistant variant. He asked that we continue to leave a single wildflower island to the rear of the MUGA in the Recreation Area (which he will mark out before the grass cutting season) and confirmed that he would organise the removal of arisings after the mowing of this area in July / August. Furthermore, he requested that the banking in the Cemetery be left uncut until the Primroses have finished flowering and councillors agreed to inform the grass cutting contractor of this decision. **Action: CF**

3.2 **Position of Clerk to Hushwaite Parish Council:** The PC have received two applications for the position of Parish Clerk. Therefore, it was agreed to invite both applicants for an informal chat about the role with Councillors before making any offer of employment. **Action: CF**

3.3 **Bus Stop Sign at the top of The Nookin:** Mary Welch, NYCC Public & Community Transport Officer, has apologised for the delay and hastened a response from colleagues regarding the installation of a bus stop sign adjacent to the Village Hall.

3.4 **Updating the 2006 Parish Plan:** Cllr James reported that our application for the Parish of Hushwaite to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of creating a Neighbourhood Plan was approved by Cabinet on 10th January 2023 and the final decision should be confirmed at Full Council today.

3.5 **Road drainage problems on Malton Street:** No further information has been received from Paul Crosby, NYCC Area 2 Project Engineer, regarding a proposed drainage improvement scheme to prevent surface water from Malton Street running onto a property.

3.6 **Lime Tree on the Village Green:** Greg Milburn has confirmed that the mulch should be applied to the Lime Tree root plate in the spring. Keith Gittens offered to request advice from a work colleague about the prognosis of a Silver Lime with Phytophthora before any treatment commenced and Councillors accepted this suggestion. **Action: CC / KG**

3.7 **Communications Policy:** CN will circulate the Local Councils & Communications Strategies Powerpoint presentation to all councillors and summarise Councillor's comments on the proposed communications document before the next meeting. **Action: CN**

3.8 **High Voltage Upgrade Works - Low Street:** Northern Powergrid have now offered a Capitalised Wayleave Agreement to run their cable along the side of the Recreation Area entrance track, which pays a one-off lump sum payment of £50 but cannot be terminated during the first 10 years. The owners of the land, Hambleton District Council, have granted consent for us to enter into the agreement as long as Northern Powergrid ensure all necessary consents / licences are obtained before works commence and the land is made good when the works have

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been completed. These instructions will be forwarded to Northern Powergrid with the signed Agreement and a copy will be sent to HDC. **Action: CF**

3.9 Civility & Respect – Model Councillors / Officers Protocol: Councillors agreed to discuss the adoption of this protocol when the Clerks position has been filled.

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

4.1 Parking on The Nookin: Complaints regarding buses being unable to traverse the Nookin due to inconsiderate parking near roadworks were discussed. CF advised that any problems with obstructive parking should be reported directly to North Yorkshire Police and councillors hoped that villagers would be mindful of Emergency Vehicle Access when parking on the highway.

4.2 Parish UK Network – Request for information: Councillors discussed the request and agreed that the current arrangement of publicising our details on the Hambleton District Council website (which will hopefully be transferred to North Yorkshire Council in April) were sufficient for our needs.

4.3 Commonwealth War Graves Commission- Request to install signs: Following discussion, Councillors agreed to submit an application form to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to erect a sign on the wall of the cemetery to inform the public that there are two war graves situated there. **Action: CF**

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

22/02640/FUL - Baxby Manor & Farm Buildings, Bell Lane - Application for change of use of redundant barns to accommodation with associated facilities. Conservation works to Baxby Manor to include removal of cement-based mortar and inappropriate repairs to stonework, repair of windows on front elevation and replacement of windows on other elevations. - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.

22/02641/LBC - Baxby Manor & Farm Buildings, Bell Lane - Listed Building application for change of use - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.

22/02806/FUL - Cote House, The Nookin - Demolition of existing garage and rear outbuildings, replace with double storey and single storey side extension. Replacement of windows on first floor and a new rear access door - The Parish Council have **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application in its current form with only a single-storey extension adjacent to the boundary.

22/02847/FUL - Beal Close, Gibbet Hill - Single storey side extension, alterations to two existing openings to form doors and four conservation roof lights to sitting room - The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS** on this application.

22/02897/CAT - Golden Garth, Low Street - 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:

22/00844/FUL - Spring Garth, High Street, Husthwaite - Change of use of existing garage block to form 2-bedroom holiday accommodation.

22/02094/CAT - Methodist Chapel, High Street, Husthwaite - Works to remove a tree in a Conservation Area.

22/02348/CAT - Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to fell and works to trees in a Conservation Area.

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22/02760/FUL - Old Granary, Flower O'May, The Nookin - Change of use of ground floor agricultural building to create ancillary living accommodation.

22/02777/CAT - The Outwoods, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to fell and works to trees in a Conservation Area.

5.3 The following planning applications have been refused:

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

5.4 The planning application for OS Field 2700, Woolpots Solar Farm (21/03042/FUL) is due to be considered by planning committee on Thursday 19th January and the planning officer has recommended refusal. CN attended the site visit on Monday 16th when the committee visited Carlton Husthwaite, the proposed entrance to Woolpots North, Beacon Banks, the Husthwaite electricity sub-station and Boscar solar farm. CN and Kevin Harrison from Carlton Husthwaite have composed a joint 10-minute presentation covering landscape, safety, tourism / business and shortfalls which they will present to the committee on Thursday.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

3.11.22	2271.00	101054	Image Playgrounds (inc. £378.50 VAT)
3.11.22	38.93	101055	Eventbrite - NALC Training
3.11.22	20.00	101056	Royal British Legion Wreath
3.11.22	360.00	101057	Farm & Land Services (inc. £60.00 VAT)
5.11.22	11.00	-	Bank Charges 15.09.22 - 14.10.22
6.12.22	9.00	-	Bank Charges 15.10.22 - 14.11.22
12.12.22	90.00	101058	NYCC Grit Bin (inc. £15.00 VAT)
TOTAL	2799.93		

Cheques / Monies In

	NIL	
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Statement Balance at 15 December 2022 - **£9576.34**

Payments to be agreed:

Village Hall - Filter Coffee Machine - £150.00

Transfer to Cemetery Extension Fund - £275.00 (£200 Annual Allocation + £75 Memorial)

Cemetery Extension Fund:

Cheques / Monies In

15.11.22	4.60	Interest
15.12.22	5.88	Interest
	10.48	

Statement Balance at 15 December 2022 - **£11177.55**

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

7.1 Invitation to submit expression of interests for piloting double devolution: Councillors agreed that the management of all services and assets should be undertaken by North Yorkshire Council and would in all probability cost more if they were devolved to town and parish councils.

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

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Bier House: CC offered to ask the builders who are constructing the extension to the rear of the Village Hall if they could quote for remedial works to prevent water penetration. **Action: CC**

Communications: SA has produced a monthly Planning Update, detailing the planning applications received, commented on and decisions reached by HDC which is published on the village website.

Highways: Claire Spink, HDC Engineering Officer, has confirmed that new street nameplates for Gibbet Hill and Gibbet Hill / Malton Street have been ordered to replace the broken ones. In addition, NYCC have acknowledged receipt of the complaint regarding damaged road signs on The Nookin and Gibbet Hill.

Neighbourhood Watch: Think **WIDEN** - use **W**indow locks, set timers for **I**nterior lights, lock all **D**oors, use **E**xterior security lighting and inform **N**eighbours if you are away from home.

Police: We were joined at the meeting by PCSO Tess Scrivener and PCSO Liam ? who informed us that there had been a total of 33 reported incidents in the White Horse area during the last 6 months (7 x ASB, 1 x Auto Crime, 1 x Burglary (ASB), 7 x Theft, 6 x Drugs, 6 x Wildlife, 5 x Other). The National Drink/Drive campaign during December had resulted in 112 arrests across North Yorkshire including 12 from Hambleton. The Police's main areas of concern are Fraud, Theft and Door Crime (including Distraction Burglary, Peddlers, Bogus Workmen). Villagers are reminded to check identities of callers, lock doors and windows, keep vehicle keys out of site and report ALL incidents on 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress.

Public Footpaths: JH has walked some of the local footpaths, one of which is overgrown with brambles which need to be cut back. Due to recent wet weather, the field entrance to some of the footpaths are sunken and very boggy so JH will report these to NY Paths.

Recreation Area: The land-drain that runs under the access track is blocked again and requires clearing with drain rods. **Action: CF**

Street Lighting: All streetlights were confirmed as working on 10th January.

Village Hall: Information regarding a Warm Places Grant Fund has been passed to the Village Hall Committee. CC is still investigating options for the installation of EV Charging Points.

Village Website:

YLCA: Councillors asked that the subject of 'Who is Responsible for Maintaining NY Public Footpaths' is included on the agenda for the Zoom meeting on Wednesday 15th February.

9. Reports from County & District Councillors:

PJ reported that District & County Councillors will be holding a Local Councillors Surgery in the Galtres Centre on Friday 27th January from 10am till 12pm.

AB informed the meeting that the cost of the Green Bin collection is to rise to £43.50 annually across North Yorkshire. In addition, the council has agreed to harmonise new Unitary Council Tax levels over 2 years, but Council Tax bills are still likely to increase by £100 this year. NY Councillors are due to meet next week to agree new Hackney Charges from April 2023 and the NYP,F&CC has produced advice on how to avoid fires in the home.

10. Date & Time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. Provisional date for Annual meeting is Tuesday 16th May 2023.

Councillors agreed to ask if Councillor Gareth Dadd was available to attend one of these meetings to give a presentation on the new North Yorkshire Unitary Council and the York & North Yorkshire Devolution Deal. **Action: CF**

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