

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th July 2022 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: 23 parishioners / members of the public, District Councillor Philippa James.

1. **Apologies:** NONE.

Declarations of Interest: NONE

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the last parish council meetings on 17 May and 29 June were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** KG reported that a number of species have flowered in the Recreation Area Wildlife Meadow this year with big patches of Greater Bird's Foot Trefoil, some Meadow Sweet and Meadow Cranesbill as well as an Orchid. In total there are approximately 25 species of broadleaved plants on the meadow as well as numerous grass species. KG confirmed that the meadow should be cut when the contractors next visit and then left to grow again until the last cut of the season. **Action: CF**

3.2 **Position of Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council:** There has been no interest shown to date, so the post will be re-advertised in the village newsletter and on the noticeboard with details of the salary. If there are no applicants before the next meeting, the PC agreed to explore the possibility of a shared Clerk with neighbouring Councils. **Action: CF**

3.3 **Bus Stop Sign at the top of The Nookin:** Mary Welch, NYCC Public & Community Transport Officer, has agreed to look into the possibility of installing a bus stop sign adjacent to the Village Hall as we requested.

3.4 **Updating the 2006 Parish Plan:** SA and CN confirmed their intention to place an article in the Newsletter asking residents who are interested in upgrading our Parish Plan into a Neighbourhood Plan to get in touch. SA has contacted HDC Planning and is investigating funding options to progress ideas such as a dedicated website or an environmental audit. **Action: SA**

3.5 **Co-option of Councillor to fill the vacant position:** The Parish Council received two expressions of interest, from Helen Pilcher and Barney Smith, for the vacant Parish Councillor position. Helen Pilcher was co-opted by majority vote and will be requested to sign the declaration of acceptance of office and complete the registration of financial and personal interests before the next meeting. **Action: CF**

3.6 **Update from North Yorkshire, Fire & Crime Commissioner meeting:** CC reported that the meeting was hosted by Zoe Metcalfe and Lindsay Butterfield, Acting Assistant Chief Constable, and covered a range of subjects including street parking, 20 mph speed limits, poaching, cross county border crimes and the Police 101 contact number. CN offered to contact Thirsk Police Station to enquire if the village have an officer allocated as a main point of contact for non-emergency issues. **Action: CN**

3.7 **Off to a Flying Start Training:** Five members of the Parish Council undertook this two-part training / refresher course which everyone found to be very useful. Some Councillors expressed an interest in the 'Broadening your Planning System Knowledge' training and CC offered to forward the PowerPoint presentation received following our attendance at this training session last year. **Action: CC**

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

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- 4.1 **Road drainage problems on Malton Street:** A complaint regarding the damage caused to property following heavy rainfall on Malton Street was forwarded to Councillor Alyson Baker, and Area 2 Highways have now agreed to investigate the problems.
- 4.2 **Health of the Lime Tree on the Village Green:** Following further concerns regarding the health of the Lime Tree on the Village Green, CF requested quotes from two arboriculturalists to undertake a detailed survey on the tree. Only one response was received and Councillors agreed to accept the quote of £180 + VAT and to act on the recommendations given in the report. **Action: CF**
5. **Planning Matters:**
- 5.1 **The following planning applications have been received:**
22/01408/FUL - Alethia House, High Street, Husthwaite - Installation of Solar PV panels on the south facing roof of the house - The Parish Council wish to see this application **APPROVED** as the installation of solar panels for the production of green energy is supported by HDC policy RM6 and the Parish Council Environmental Plan.
22/01469/OUT - Land to the south of Prospect Cottages - Outline application for 22 dwellings with all matters reserved except access - The Parish Council received numerous comments from villagers objecting to this development and agreed to recommend **REFUSAL** of the proposal, citing a number of HDC policies.
- 5.2 **The following planning applications have been approved:**
22/00689/MRC - Bank Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Variation of Condition 2 attached to Application 19/01139/FUL - Construction of detached dormer dwelling with attached garage as per amended plans received by Hambleton District Council 30 July 2019 and 16 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.
22/00993/CAT - Tenter Close, Gibbet Hill, Husthwaite - Works to fell trees in a conservation area.
22/01025/DPN - Garages 1-4 adjacent to 16 Prospect Cottages - Application to determine if prior approval is required for the proposed demolition of a single storey building containing 4no garages.
22/01416/CAT - Laurel House, Low Street, Husthwaite - Works to tree in a Conservation Area
6. **Finance Report:**
- 6.1 **Current Account:**
 Cheques / Monies Out

17.05.22	142.80	101042	Husthwaite Village Hall Ladders
17.05.22	1085.54	101043	AJ Gallagher Insurance
17.05.22	600.00	101044	Husthwaite CE Primary - Fencing Donation from CIL
28.05.22	95.00	101045	Grant Roofing - Bier House Guttering
28.05.22	60.00	101046	M & C Barker - Recreation Area Repairs
5.06.22	8.00	-	Bank Charges 15.04.22 - 14.05.22
17.06.22	9852.00	-	Transfer of Cemetery Monies into separate account

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30.06.22	116.40	101047	E-Bay - Platinum Jubilee Bookmarks
6.07.22	12.00	-	Bank Charges 15.05.22 - 14.06.22
TOTAL	11971.74		

Cheques / Monies In

20.06.22	30.00	Interment Fee - Raper
TOTAL	30.00	

Statement Balance at 15 July 2022 - £13661.07

Payments to be agreed:

Farm & Land Services - Grass Cutting - £906.00 (including £151.00 VAT)

Husthwaite Newsletter - Annual Donation - £400.00

YLCA - Off to a Flying Start Webinar Training - £66.80

Image Playgrounds - Recreation Area Equipment Repairs - £2271.00 (including £378.50 VAT)

6.2 Cemetery Extension Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.06.22	.06	Interest
17.06.22	9852.00	Transfer of Cemetery Monies from Current Account
15.07.22	.43	Interest
	9852.49	

Statement Balance at 15 July 2022 - £11160.65

6.3 New Bank Account: CF will continue to research free banking options for the PC. **Action: CF**

7. Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council: NONE

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Bier House: The loose guttering has been refitted by Grant Roofing.

Communications: The use of the Husthwaite Newsletter, Husthwaite Village Website and Parish Council Noticeboard will continue and CN will prepare a Draft Communication Plan to add clarity to the way in which the PC communicates information to our Parishioners. Additionally, CN offered to liaise with the Newsletter Editor with a view to aligning the newsletter distribution with Parish Council meetings so the PC minutes could be included. **Action: CN**

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

Highways: The leak in the middle of the road on The Nookin and also on Low Street was discussed and it was agreed to inform Yorkshire Water about the problem in the first instance. It was also suggested that we ask Highways to resurface High Street as the road is damaged in various places especially near to the bus stop and post box. **Action: CF**

Neighbourhood Watch: Phishing scams are still a serious problem according to Action Fraud. Suspected scams can be reported by forwarding suspicious e-mails to report@phishing.gov.uk, suspicious texts to 7726 or by contacting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Public Footpaths: Julia Hampshire offered to take on responsibility for Public Footpaths and will contact John Law to obtain the list of willing volunteers who offered to assist with the upkeep of the paths. **Action: JH**

Recreation Area: Image Playgrounds have confirmed that they will undertake the repairs to the Balance Beam and Basket Swing and have requested a 50% deposit prior to scheduling the works. A 'NO MOTOR VEHICLES ALLOWED' sign has been ordered for the entrance. **Action: CF**

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Street Lighting: Street light number 8 in Low Street is beyond repair and a new pole bracket and lantern have been ordered by HDC.

Village Hall:

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:** Philippa informed councillors that new information had been received pertaining to the Woolpots Solar Farm application, which was now being considered by Tim Wood and Ian Nesbitt. With regards to the development to the rear of Cote House, further information had been requested by the Archaeological Society and also regarding access and visibility splays.
10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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