

**Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Wednesday 10th March 2021**

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

1. **Apologies:** County Councillor C. Patmore (CP).
Declarations of Interest: None.
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:** JL is hoping to make some progress with this plan during spring and summer. It was suggested that we try to involve our young parishioners in some activities by focussing our objectives on realistic and achievable environmental improvements in the area.
 - 3.2 **Community Right to bid on Husthwaite pub:** The YLCA 'Good Councillors Guide to Community Business' has been received and forwarded to Councillors. It is understood that the pub is now under new ownership but the PC are aware of a new Government Community Ownership Fund initiative offering £250,000 to purchase pubs at risk of closure and will continue to monitor the situation until we are sure that the pub will remain open.
 - 3.3 **Christmas Tree support base on Village Green:** The metal cap fitted to the tree support base is slightly raised above ground-level and Councillors considered several options for reducing this trip hazard. CF will ask for quotes to turf around the base and also investigate the creation of a bespoke village signpost which can be permanently attached to the cap. The PC accepted a quote of £54 (Post £20, P&P £25, VAT £9) from Marmax Products Ltd. for a recycled plastic fence post to replace the existing post that is rotting in front of the benches and this will be installed when received. **Action: CF**
 - 3.4 **Position of Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council:** An advertisement for the position of Clerk will be placed in the April / May newsletter. **Action: CF**
 - 3.5 **HDC Making a Difference Fund:** Our application has now been submitted to the panel for consideration.
 - 3.6 **Bier House Roof:** A builder has inspected the Bier House and stated that the root cause of the problem is ivy growing between the tiles. In his opinion the tiles are still in good condition but should be removed and the roof re-latted and felted before they are replaced. In addition the top lintel in the north wall needs replacing and maybe the window too. He expected the task to take about a week to complete and he would need to erect scaffolding for safety purposes. His quote is awaited and CF will attempt to request more quotes before the next meeting. In the meantime, Farm & Land Services will be asked to remove the problematic ivy. **Action: CF**
 - 3.7 **Cemetery Cremation Plots:** The area behind the cemetery bench was considered a suitable location for the placement of memorial plaques for those who have been cremated. A numbered plan showing the location of each 2' x 2' plot has been produced and the first plaque, for an ex-parishioner, will be installed shortly.
4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings:**
 - 4.1 **Elphin View Traffic Issues:** A letter has been received from residents of this narrow cul-de-sac detailing the damage caused to property and vehicles by delivery vans attempting to turn around in the limited space available. They suggest that a No Through Road / No Turning sign be

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erected at the entrance, adjacent to the Elphin View street-sign, to dissuade drivers from entering the cul-de-sac. It was agreed to ask NYCC Highways if this is possible and, if not, to source a suitable sign that the PC could erect. **Action: CF**

- 4.2 **Kendrew Green:** Keith Gittens has informed the PC that AONB have confirmed their funding for the cutting of Kendrew Green for a further year and the PC agreed to support this cutting regime for 2021. On 30th January a vehicle crashed through the railings and drove across the grass towards Highborne Lane. The owner of the vehicle has replaced the fencing and the Police have confirmed that no further action will be taken against them.
- 4.3 **Consultation on the reorganisation of Local Government in North Yorkshire:** As the PC have not been formally asked to comment on these proposals, Councillors were encouraged to respond individually to the consultation.

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

20/01426/DCN - OS Field 8464, Highborne Lane, Husthwaite - Application for discharge of conditions for previously approved application 20/01426/OUT - The Parish Councils response was agreed at the extraordinary meeting on 18th February.

21/00115/REM - OS Field 8464, Highborne Lane, Husthwaite - Application for approval of reserved matters (considering appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following outline approval 20/01426/OUT - The Parish Councils response was agreed at the extraordinary meeting on 18th February.

21/00126/NMC - OS Field 8464, Highborne Lane, Husthwaite - Non-material amendment (changes to access arrangements from 5no to 3no access points as requested by the Local Highway Authority to previously approved application 20/01426/OUT - The Parish Council wished to see the application APPROVED as agreed at the extraordinary meeting on 18th February.

21/00143/CAT - Tenter Close, Gibbet Hill, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a Conservation Area - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

21/00271/LBC - The Cottage, Highborne, Husthwaite - Listed Building Consent for internal alterations, replacement doors and windows, formation of new window to proposed WC and enlarging an opening on the northern elevation to install double door to access the new garden terrace - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

21/00323/FUL - Hillcrest House, Elphin View, Husthwaite - Single storey extension to the rear of the property - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

21/00421/CAT - Honeysuckle Cottage, 4 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:

20/02128/CAT - 1 Rose Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

21/00143/CAT - Tenter Close, Gibbet Hill, Husthwaite - Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

5.3 Registration of New Property:

The new property between Spring Garth and Sleepy Willows has been named The Old Garden.

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6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account:

Cheques / Monies Out

13.01.21	101016	£110.00	J Coulthard - Clerk - November to December 2020
13.01.21	101017	£50.00	Expenses
		£160.00	

Cheques / Monies In

24.02.21	£75.00	Cremation Plot & Installation of Memorial Plaque - Cadd
	£75.00	

Statement Balance at 15 February 2021 - £19054.91 (including £9644.88 Cemetery monies)

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Payments to be authorised: NONE

6.2 Recreation Area Account:

Cheques / Monies In

15.01.21	.01	Interest
15.02.21	.01	Interest
	.02	

Statement Balance at 15 February 2021 - £1307.90

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

8. Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: Nothing to report.

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

Highways: CP reported the state of Highborne Lane and Woolpots Lane to Area 2 Highways.

Neighbourhood Watch: A new Community Champions initiative has been launched by the Neighbourhood Watch Association. A poster asking for volunteers who are willing to learn new skills, raise awareness of crime prevention and promote Neighbourhood Watch in the community will be displayed in the PC noticeboard.

Public Footpaths: The footpath between the Recreation Area and the Nookin is still flooded in parts, this has been reported to NYCC but no action has been taken to date. On a recent inspection of the Recreation Area, it was noted that some trees from the banking adjacent to PROW 10.70/1/1 have either fallen into the stream or are now leaning precariously across the stream onto trees that are situated on the Recreation Area perimeter. According to NYCC, the trees are the responsibility of the landowner to the south of the PROW and they suggest that a land registry search will confirm ownership. CF will enquire locally about who is responsible and will assess what maintenance is required to make the area safe and ensure the stream is not blocked.

Recreation Area: Tennis Courts Yorkshire have now ceased trading but a quote of £3300 + VAT for the cleaning and repainting of the MUGA surface has been obtained from Pavescape Sports Surfaces. In addition, they have quoted £1250 + VAT for the installation of a land drain to the north of the MUGA to prevent water from the school fields running across the court. If our application to HDC MAD fund is successful, the work will be completed in the summer.

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Farm & Land Services will be asked to cut and remove the shrub growth from around the perimeter of the Recreation Area and clear the moss from the cemetery paths. The PC agreed to leave two wildflower meadow islands in the Woodland & Wildlife Area as last year.

Street Lighting: Streetlight number 17 in Highborne Lane is faulty beyond repair and a new column has been ordered and will be installed within 6-8 weeks.

Village Hall: The village hall will remain closed until at least 21st June when Coronavirus restrictions are lifted. The defibrillator pads are now out of date so CF will order replacements.

Action: CF

YLCA: CF attended the remote meeting on 17th February 2021 at which there was only 10 attendees. Presentations were given by Simon Wright from NYCC Resilience & Emergencies Team and Tim Townsend from the Ready for Anything volunteer scheme. Other items discussed were Councillor & Clerk online training and the YLCA Internal Audit Checklist.

9. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** As no Councillors were in attendance, no reports were given.

The Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner elections will take place on Thursday 6th May.

The 2021 Census for England & Wales will take place on Sunday 21st March 2021.

10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday 5th May 2021 after the **Annual Meeting** which is scheduled for 7:00pm.

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