

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

**Present:** C. Fenwick (Chair), J. Don (JD), E. Smith (ES), R. Alexander (RA).

1. **Apologies:** C. Colton (working in London), B. Smith (holiday).

**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:** CF has spoken with primary school headteacher, Fiona Bennett, who has asked for support with their Queen's Green Canopy environmental project. Councillors considered the request and agreed to allocate funding for this initiative. **Action: CF**

3.2 **Village Green Finger Post:** ES is still attempting to source a cast aluminium Village Hall finger post, in the same font as existing, that can be attached to the existing signpost on the village green. **Action: ES**

3.3 **Position of Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council:** There has been no interest shown to date, so the post will be re-advertised in the next village newsletter. **Action: CF**

3.4 **HDC Making a Difference Grant:** Pavescape Sports Surfaces have installed a drain to the north of the MUGA and thoroughly cleaned the court. Unfortunately, the inclement weather prevented them undertaking the painting of the court, but this will be completed as soon as the weather improves. HDC have asked for an update on the project and CF will inform them that the MAD grant claim will be submitted as soon as the work is complete. **Action: CF**

3.5 **Bier House Roof:** Grant Roofing have now completed the work on the Bier House roof and the invoice has been paid. Now the remedial works are complete, the rental fee will be reinstated.

3.6 **New Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020:** CF & JD will look at the new document to ascertain the changes before the next meeting. **Action: CF & JD**

3.7 **Co-option of Parish Councillor:** The Parish Council have received one expression of interest for the vacant Parish Councillor position. Consequently, Julia Hampshire 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**

3.8 **CA16 20 Application - Newburgh Priory Estate, Coxwold:** Coxwold Parish Council have spoken to Newburgh Priory and have decided to apply to have Coxwold Playing Fields registered as a village green. They are planning to submit an application with accompanying letters of support in the near future and the council agreed to send a letter verifying the recreational use of the area for inter-village activities.

3.9 **Village Green Tree:** The contractors have inspected the lime tree and have advised that we should monitor its general vigour and check for dying timbers in the spring. If it should continue to decline, they advise reducing the canopy to alleviate stress and the PC agreed to have the tree inspected again in May.

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

4.1 **Briefings on the Transition to a Unitary Council:** North Yorkshire County Council have invited councillors to attend this briefing on either Wednesday 1 December or Friday 3 December.

4.2 **20's Plenty Campaign:** The PC agreed to support this initiative in principal.

4.3 **Village Christmas Tree:** Husthwaite Village Hall and Husthwaite Village Trust are planning to erect another Christmas Tree on the Village Green. The Parish Council supported the idea and agreed to contribute towards the costs but asked that the village green seats be left in situ.

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**5. Planning Matters:**

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

**21/02145/FUL** - Woodhouse Grange Farm, Raper Lane, Husthwaite - Construction of steel frame portal building for agricultural use - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

**21/02382/CAT** - Tenter Close, Gibbet Hill, Husthwaite - Works to fell trees and works to trees within a conservation area - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

**21/02604/FUL** - Kilburn House, Low Street, Husthwaite - Removal of projecting bay and construction of single storey flat roofed rear extension with rooflight, internal alterations and new external door - The Parish Council had NO OBSERVATIONS.

**5.2 The following planning applications have been decided by Planning Committee:**

**21/01017/MRC** - Former Garage, Low Street, Husthwaite - Variation of Application 18/02661/MRC -

**21/01960/FUL** - OS Field 8464, Highthorne Lane, Husthwaite - Construction of 5no. dwellings and associated infrastructure works -

**5.3 Woolpots Solar Farm:** Lightrock Power are conducting a pre-planning application consultation on this site and have asked for comments from villagers. The Parish Council supports solar farms in principal and has no objection to them being erected in our area but would like to see consideration given on the effect they may have on existing village businesses.

**6. Finance Report:**

**6.1 Current Account:**

Cheques / Monies Out

14.09.21	22.50	101026	YLCA Planning Training Webinar
14.09.21	15.57	101027	Vital Signs - Elphin View Sign
14.09.21	50.00	101028	Donation to Citizens Advice Mid North Yorkshire
3.10.21	2630.00	101029	Grant Roofing - Bier House Roof
3.10.21	19.25	101030	Royal British Legion Wreath
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2737.32</b>		

Cheques / Monies In

30.09.21	3750.00	HDC Precept - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment
5.10.21	1.15	NE Wayleave
23.11.21	25.00	Interment - Leverton
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3776.15</b>	

Statement Balance at 15 October 2021 - £22604.95 (including £10909.88 Cemetery monies)

Payments to be authorised:

Petty Cash - £25.00

Farm & Land Services - £1057.20 (including £176.20 VAT) - Grass Cutting

**6.2 Recreation Area Account:**

Cheques / Monies In

15.09.21	.01	Interest
15.10.21	.01	Interest
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Statement Balance at 15 October 2021 - £1307.98

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- 6.3 **New Bank Account:** Unfortunately, most banks are not accepting new applications for Community Accounts at the present time, but CF will investigate the possibility of opening a Natwest Community Bank Account which is available to existing customers only. **Action: CF**

6.4 **Proposed expenditure and Parish Precept for 2022/23:**

The following proposed expenditure was agreed: -

Grass Cutting	£1800
YLCA Membership	£140
Information Comm	£40
Insurance	£1050
Clerk	£1320
Village Projects	£1000
Village Newsletter	£350
Cemetery Extension	£200
Petty Cash	£25
CAB Donation	£50
Street Furniture	£1500
Recreation Area	£2000
Miscellaneous Items	£200
Total Expenditure	£9675
Year End Balance	£4495
Shortfall	£5180 + 10% = £5700

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

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

8. **Reports from Council Representatives:**

**Easingwold & Villages Community Forum:** Nothing to report.

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

**Highways:** Ditching and drainage works have recently been undertaken in Highborne Lane. Soon after, heavy rain caused an excess of water from the fields to run across the road instead of into the drain and this has been reported to NYCC.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Nothing to report.

**Public Footpaths:** Nothing to report.

**Recreation Area:** Playscheme have agreed to submit a quote for the work required in the Recreation Area. **Action: CF**

**Street Lighting:** Street light number 8 in Low Street has been reported as NOT working.

**Village Hall:** The Village Hall Committee have confirmed that they wish to purchase a new step stool to assist with regular maintenance checks and the PC agreed to fund this item. A decision on the replacement of the old wooden ladders is pending.

**YLCA:** The last meeting was held in Northallerton on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October but unfortunately, no councillors were able to attend.

9. **Reports from County & District Councillors:** Jill Mortimer has now resigned from her position as District Councillor for the Raskelf & White Horse Ward. An election will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November to select her replacement as well as a new Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire. As County Councillor Caroline Patmore was not in attendance, no report was received.

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10. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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