

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

**Present:** C. Fenwick (Chair), S. Aspinall, C. Colton, J. Hampshire, C. Nichols, E. Smith, County Councillor A. Baker. **In Attendance:** Parish Council Clerk, 1 parishioner.

1. **Apologies:** NONE.

**Declarations of Interest:** NONE.

2. **Minutes of the previous meetings:** The minutes of the last Parish Council meetings held on 26 September, 16 October and 7 November were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 **25 Year Environmental Plan:** Keith Gittens has been offered a disease-resistant Elm Tree, free of charge, which he would like to plant on Kendrew Green to replace the trees felled by NYC. The Parish Council need to apply for a permit to plant from North Yorkshire Council and agree to cover all future maintenance of the tree before he can proceed and the PC agreed to consider the idea.

3.2 **Updating the 2006 Parish Plan:** An application has been submitted to the Village Trust for funding to cover the launch event and the PC agreed to pay for the maps and hall hire costs. SA has applied for a grant of £6468 to help towards the cost of the new Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped that the monies will cover the cost of printing surveys, consultancy time, setting up an on-line consultation platform and the development of a new village website. The PC discussed the idea of developing community woodland and agreed to include it in the Parish Plan. It was suggested that the Parish Council might seek permission from local farmers to use small pockets of unused farmland as community woodland and John Law has asked Lightrock whether some of the land could be designated as community woodland should the Woolpots solar development go ahead. **Action: SA**

3.3 **Lime Tree on the Village Green:** Quotes for the felling of the Lime Tree and removal of the trunk, limbs and root have been received from JC Trees, Rennison Tree Specialists and Ryland Horticulture. The quotes will be considered once a planning application to fell the tree, which is located in a Conservation Area, is approved by NYC. **Action: CF**

3.4 **Communications Policy:** The Communications Policy is being finalised and will be circulated to all Parish Councillors for agreement. The Communications Policy will link into the Parish Plan. **Action: CN**

3.5 **Coronation Seat:** A meeting has taken place with ANOB regarding the design of the proposed Coronation Bench on Beacon Bank. Bench designs will be brought to the next PC meeting for consideration. **Action: CC**

3.6 **Asset of Community Value – Plum & Partridge:** Our Community Right to Bid nomination for the Plum & Partridge in Husthwaite has been successful and the property will be added to the Register of Assets of Community Value for a period of five years.

3.7 **Co-option for vacant Parish Councillor position:** North Yorkshire Council has received no requests for an election to fill the casual vacancy and have instructed us to co-opt a duly qualified person as soon as possible so an advertisement will be placed in the Husthwaite Newsletter. **Action: CF**

3.8 **D Day 80 Celebrations:** The Village Hall Committee has confirmed that the village will hold an event to celebrate this event.

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

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- 4.1 New Local Plan for North Yorkshire:** Parishioners who wish to be involved in consultations on a new local plan for North Yorkshire are urged to register at [The North Yorkshire Local Plan | North Yorkshire Council](#). **Action: CF**
- 4.2 Housing Strategy Consultation:** The Parish Council agreed to respond to this consultation and a link will be placed in the Village Newsletter so that all villagers can express their views if they wish. [Draft housing strategy consultation | North Yorkshire Council](#). **Action: CF**
- 4.3 Polling District Review Consultation:** CF has completed this consultation.
- 4.4 NY Council 'Let's Talk Money' Consultation:** Let's Talk Money is NYC's annual budget consultation which is open until 18 December. A link will be placed in the Village Newsletter and parishioners are encouraged to have their say on plans to save millions of pounds and ensure services are delivered as effectively as possible. [Have Your Say Today - Survey - Let's Talk Money 2023 - Let's Talk North Yorkshire \(commonplace.is\)](#) **Action: CF**
- 4.5 Self-Build & Custom Housebuilding Register Consultation:** Parish Councillors were asked to forward any comments to the chair. **Action: All**
- 5. Planning:**
- 5.1 The following planning applications have been received:**
- 23/02015/FUL** – OS Fields 7456 and 6163, Amplecarr, Husthwaite – Installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) array / solar farm with associated infrastructure on land at Woolpots. The Parish Council agreed to object to this application on grounds of its scale and location, use of BMV soil and safety concerns. The response detailed in 7 November minutes will be sent to the Planning Officer along with the questions submitted to Lightrock and the responses received. These documents will also be uploaded onto the village website for information.
- 23/02203/CAT** – Juniper House, The Nookin, Husthwaite – Works to fell a tree in a Conservation area. The Parish Council had **NO OBSERVATIONS**.
- 23/02228/FUL** – Suncliffe Beacon Farm, Malton Street, Husthwaite – 18 roof mounted domestic solar photovoltaic panels to serve domestic home fitted on barn roof. The Parish Council recommended that the application be **APPROVED** in accordance with policy RM6.
- 5.2 The following planning applications have been approved:**
- 23/01545/FUL** – The Vicarage, High Street, Husthwaite – Single storey extension to accommodate a personal gym.
- 23/01569/FUL** – Woodhouse Grange, Raper Lane, Husthwaite – Retention of storage shed. Change of use of land from agricultural to storage with associated works and infrastructure.
- 23/01715/CAT** – Lily Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite – Works to fell 6 Ash trees and 1 Plum tree and works to 3 additional trees in a Conservation area.
- 5.3 The following planning application has been withdrawn:**
- 22/01901/CLE** – Woodhouse Grange, Raper Lane, Husthwaite – Certificate of lawfulness (existing) land used for the storage of materials and equipment of a groundworks business.
- 5.4 The following planning appeal has been dismissed:**
- 21/01579/FUL** – Land south of Spring Garth (behind Cote House), The Nookin, Husthwaite – Development of 8 dwellings, access road and associated infrastructure.
- 5.5 Letters received re Highburton development 21/01960 & Carlbury application 22/00966/FUL** will be forwarded to County Councillor A Baker.
- 6. Finance Report:**

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**6.1 Current Account:**

**Cheques / Monies Out**

6.10.23	8.00	-	Bank Charges 15 Aug - 14 Sep
15.10.23	22.25	101072	Royal British Legion Wreath
5.11.23	12.00	-	Bank Charges 15 Sep - 14 Oct
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42.25</b>		

**Cheques / Monies In**

29.09.23	4000.00	North Yorkshire Council Precept - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4000.00</b>		

Statement Balance on 15 October 2023 - **£16995.27**

Balance as at 14 November 2023 - £16950.39.

**Payments to be agreed:**

North Yorkshire Council - Neighbourhood Plan maps - £18.72 (including 3.12 VAT)

Citizens Advice Bureau - Annual donation - £50

Village Hall Hire for Neighbourhood Plan Launch - £105

Repair to Cemetery Gate

L Grain - Clerks wages.

**6.2 Cemetery Extension Fund:**

**Cheques / Monies In**

15.10.23	18.45	Interest
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18.45</b>	

Statement Balance on 15 October 2023 - **£11588.18**

- 6.3** CF confirmed that details of monies spent that were received from the Community Infrastructure Levy have been sent to The Local Plans Team at North Yorkshire Council in order that they may publish the information.

**7. Proposed expenditure and Parish Precept for 2023/24:**

The following proposed expenditure was agreed:

Grass Cutting £2000

Recreation Area £2000

Clerk £1320

Insurance £1100

Village Projects £1500

Street Furniture £2500

Neighbourhood Plan £500

Newsletter £400

Miscellaneous £250

Cemetery Extension £200

Bank Charges £150

YLCA Subscription £143

CAB Donation £50

Information Comm £40

Petty Cash £25

Total Expenditure £12178

Therefore, taking into account the expected year-end balance, proposed income and necessary reserves, it was agreed to request a precept of £8000 for 2024/25. **Action: CF**

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8. Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council:
- 8.1 **North Yorkshire Council Hackney Carriage Zone:** In accordance with schedule 14 to the Local Government Act 1972, North Yorkshire Council passed a resolution on 17 October 2023 to remove all hackney carriage zones within the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council and to apply all provisions of the hackney carriage licensing regime across the entire administrative area of North Yorkshire Council with effect from 30 November 2023.
- 8.2 **Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) webinar:** The Chair will circulate a link to the webinar on 21<sup>st</sup> November to all Parish Councillors. **Action: CF**
9. **Reports from Council Representatives:**
- Bier House:** Water ingress problems are on-going. **Action: CC**
- Communications:**
- Highways:** A broken drain on High Street has been reported to the Highways Department and this will be repaired as soon as parts are available. Cllr Baker asked for details and will follow up with NYC. The roads in the village have been swept by the Highways Department. The Parish Council was not informed that this would be taking place and have asked to be told before the next sweep takes place. A car was damaged by a tree overhanging the road near to Elphin View. The tree has now been cut back. **Action: CF**
- Local Parish Forum:** The next meeting will be held on 29 November 2023 in Carlton Husthwaite.
- Neighbourhood Watch:**
- Police:** The Police have asked that driver's park carefully in the village so as not to cause an obstruction. The information will be included in the next Newsletter. **Action: CF**
- The Police are keen to offer information on fraud awareness and property marking. Police contact details to be passed to the Chair for future use. **Action: CN**
- Public Footpaths:** Several footpaths have been reported to NYC as being in a poor condition. The PC was informed that the ANOB has a budget to help with the up-keep of footpaths and a link will be passed to JH for enquiries to be made. **Action: JH**
- Recreation Area:** An information request from Crayke was answered by CF. The bicycle rack in the recreation area has been vandalised and it was agreed not to replace it.
- Street Lighting:** All street lights are working at present.
- Village Hall:**
- Village Railings:** Quotes have been requested but no responses have been received to date.
- Village Website:** Quotes for the development of a new website from three companies will be brought to the Parish Council for consideration. **Action: CN**
- YLCA:**
10. **Report from County Councillor:** Cllr Baker asked that faults on the roads be reported via the portal on the NYC website [Potholes and road condition issues | North Yorkshire Council](#) rather than via the PC. She informed the PC of road works that will be taking place around the village and surrounding areas.
11. **Date & Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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