

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th January 2016 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), P. Escreet (PE), P. Fox (PF), A. Gambles (AG), B. Smith (BS), J. Coulthard (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** E. Smith (ill), Cllr. C Patmore (on holiday).

Declarations of Interest: The Clerk declared an interest in the grass cutting tenders as her son-in-law had submitted a quote.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Parish Plan Actions Spreadsheet Review: The updated spreadsheet was approved and will be uploaded onto the Parish Council section of the website. Craig confirmed that he would review the spreadsheet, summarise the actions taken for the newsletter and website and look at whether any remaining items were able to be acted upon. **Action: BS / CC**

3.2 Relocation of Cemetery Bench: Still awaiting quote from Chris Slater for relocation of the bench within the cemetery.

3.3 Enforcement of Planning Laws: A comprehensive reply to our request for a review of formal complaint C124 has been received from Mark Harbottle. The letter informs us that Hambleton District Council has now served an enforcement notice in respect of the extension to the agricultural building. The Clerk will monitor the progress of the enforcement notice. **Action: Clerk**

3.4 Commons Act 2006 Registered Land - Kendrew Green: The Land Registry has confirmed that no-one owns Kendrew Green and Peter Fox has submitted the application, including witness testimonies and the requested photographic evidence of use of the Green for recreational activities by the village. We await a response from the Commons Registration Officer.

3.5 Bus Service Review: NYCC have advised us that, following the recent review of supported local bus services, the Helmsley to York Service (31X) will continue to operate Monday to Saturday with a revised timetable. The only noticeable amendment is the withdrawal of the last bus from Helmsley to York but it was acknowledged that the new timetable is a great improvement to the three days a week service originally offered.

3.6 Fracking in North Yorkshire: The ministerial response, received via our MP, confirms the need for further assessment of licence block SE 57, however the licence for this block has now been offered for fracking exploration after the House of Commons vote approving shale gas exploration. CC is to monitor if and when this licence is to be taken up by a fracking company. **Action: CC**

The letter supporting C. Stratton's detailed policy document 'Gas and oil production North Yorkshire - How it could be made to work for local communities' has been acknowledged by David Bowe and Rob Smith who informed us that our comments will be taken into consideration when developing the new Minerals and Waste Joint Plan.

Peter Fox offered to raise the issues surrounding fracking at the next Easingwold and Villages Forum in the hope that other local villages will be interested in joining a working group to assist with co-ordinating a plan for this area. It was reported that very few people attended the recent fracking meeting in Easingwold, possibly due to lack of publicity, and we assume many are unaware of the consequences should fracking occur in our area. **Action: PF**

CC is to visit the Kirkby Misperton and Knapton Power Generation sites for a presentation by Third Energy.

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3.7 Grass Cutting Tenders: From the five companies approached, three submitted quotes for the grass cutting contract in Husthwaite for the period 2016 - 2018. Following close examination of the tenders it was agreed to offer the contract to Farm & Land Services Ltd. who, it was considered, offered the best value for money. **Action: CF**

3.8 Recreation Area Access Road overhanging trees: Still awaiting quote from Chris Slater to trim the trees to the east of the recreation area access road.

3.9 Transparency Code - Uploading of information onto the website: Barney Smith has now taken over responsibility for updating the Parish Council section of the Husthwaite website and has uploaded all recent minutes. He asked Councillors to review their personal statements and update them if necessary. **Action: All**

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

4.1 Minerals and Waste Joint Plan Preferred Options Consultation: Following discussions with Chris Stratton of Oulston, a unified response was sent highlighting our concerns with the proposed Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. Acknowledgement of our comments has been received.

4.2 Changes to the External Audit Regime: The Parish Council decided to automatically opt into the new Sector Led Body audit regime and will accept an external auditor appointed by them.

4.3 Hambleton Local Plan Public Consultation: The New Local Plan for Hambleton concerns development up to 2035. It includes issues regarding Economic Growth, Housing Growth, Managing our Environment, Improving Transport and Creating Better Places. Its objectives are:-

To support sustainable patterns of development across and beyond Hambleton

To promote sustainable and resilient economic growth and infrastructure improvements

To provide a scale and mix of housing to meet the diverse needs of the entire community

To improve access between homes, jobs and facilities and support choice as to how people travel

To protect and enhance the qualities and heritage of our settlements, countryside and wildlife

To sustain towns and villages as healthy, inclusive and vibrant hubs for local communities

The consultation invites comments on the number and location of future housing in Hambleton so parishioners will be encouraged to respond to the options before the closing date on **19th February 2016**. Hard copies of the form can be obtained from Easingwold Library and the Council Offices, or alternatively the questionnaire can be completed online at hambleton.gov.uk/localplan. An article in the newsletter will recommend that villagers look really hard at what is proposed for the next 20 years in this area and to have their say by responding to the consultation. **Action: Clerk**

A copy of the consultation questionnaire completed by the Parish Council will be placed on the PC webpage so villagers can read our comments, especially regarding the proposed huge quantity and distribution of new housing stock in Easingwold and surrounding villages. Hopefully they will be encouraged to respond to the consultation by either supporting our views or expressing their own opinion on the proposals. **Action: CF / BS**

4.4 The Orchard Inn: The Parish Council has been informed that the pub may have changed hands. Since this is a registered community asset, it was agreed to write to the new owner to ask about their proposals for the property and the likelihood of its opening. **Action: Clerk**

4.5 Speeding Traffic: The Parish Council has received correspondence from a resident in Low Street about alleged speeding traffic. Since a recent survey concluded that speeds were not excessive, no action is expected by any statutory body. It was confirmed that the local authority

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sets speed limits and erects appropriate signage in our area and law prohibits unauthorised signs to be erected on street furniture or in the highway. The signs seen by the complainant in another village are clearly erected on private property and we assume householders are within their rights to display them. Therefore the PC concluded that it could take no further action. Reports of tractors driving at speeds unsuitable for the road conditions on Kays Bank and Malton Street will be referred to NY Police. **Action: CF**

4.6 Emergency Planning: Though flooding is unlikely to be a major problem in the village, electricity cuts, severe weather or other emergency might cause problems for the elderly, disabled or those living alone. Therefore it was suggested that the clerk contact Robin Walton to ask the Orchard Village Club for helpful suggestions to ameliorate any likely problems. **Action: Clerk**

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 The following planning applications have been received: NONE.

5.2 The following planning applications have been approved: NONE.

15.3 Consultation on the following planning applications is ongoing:

The Orchard Inn, Low Street, Husthwaite - Proposed discharge of conditions 04, scheme of refrigeration, 06, scheme of ventilation and extraction, and 13, details of barrier and warning signs.

The Orchard Inn, Low Street, Husthwaite - Variation of conditions 2, 4, and 6 of planning application 13/01724/FUL as amended by e-mail.

Black Bull Cottage, The Nookin, Husthwaite - Proposed single storey dwelling and garage on land adjacent to Black Bull Cottage.

High Leys Farm, Malton Street - installation of PV panels.

Lists House, Husthwaite - Alterations and improvements to dwelling. Demolition of outbuildings. Construction of a new rear porch, new caravan garage, car garage and car port, with associated sauna / spa extension. New entrance gates and garden walls.

Red House Farm, Husthwaite - Alterations and two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension.

6. Finance Report:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out

17.11.15	100881	£500.00	Husthwaite Village Hall 2 nd Instalment
17.11.15	100882	£160.00	Jan Coulthard - Sept 2015 to Nov 2015
17.11.15	100883	£40.00	HMRC TAX - Sept 2015 to Nov 2015
13.01.16		£921.60	Transfer to Recreation Area Account
		£1621.60	

Cheques/Monies in

NIL

Statement balance at 31 December 2015 - £13690.94

Account balance at 19 January 2016 - £12769.34 (including £8454.88 Cemetery monies)

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Payments to be Authorised:

J. Coulthard - £160 - November 2015 to January 2016

HMRC TAX - £40 - November 2015 to January 2016

6.2 Recreation Area Account

Cheques/Monies in

15.09.15	.02	September Interest
15.10.15	.02	October Interest
15.11.15	.02	November Interest
13.01.16	£921.60	Transfer from Parish Council Account (£911.40 +£10.20)
	£921.66	

Statement Balance at 15 November 2015 - £379.78.

Account balance at 19 January 2016 - £1301.42

7. Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council:

There were no matters of interest in the circulated items.

8. Reports from Council's Representatives:

Village Hall: The village hall committee are holding an open afternoon on Sunday 31st January to encourage villagers to have their say on the new five year business plan.

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF reported on a new Volunteering booklet that has been produced by VSA which explains the volunteering opportunities available in the Hambleton area. Copies can be obtained by telephoning 01609 780458, or emailing volunteer centre@ndvsa.co.uk

Highways: The large pothole adjacent to the bus shelter, the flooding on the road to the A19 and the blocked drain at the bottom of Kays Bank causing water to run across the road and down High Street have all been reported.

Street Lighting: All street lights are operational.

Neighbourhood Watch: The Police have reported an increase in the theft of 4x4 vehicles in the area. Owners are advised to keep these vehicles in a locked garage.

Nuisance telephone calls are often based on the phone number given when ordering goods on-line, which is then sold on. In future if you give your telephone number as 0333 88 88 88 88 instead, it will divert the caller to a blocking company called Truecall1136 and you will not receive as many nuisance calls.

9. Reports from County/District Councillor Caroline Patmore:

As Cllr C Patmore was not in attendance, no report was given.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March, 2016 at 7.30p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall

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