Archbishop Sentamu visited Husthwaite as part of his six month pilgrimage around the diocese of York and was greeted by local parishioners, before prayers at St. Nicholas Church, and a brisk walk to Oulston Village Hall for lunch.
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Please send articles for the August/September 2016 edition to me by July 20th (this is the final date!) via email: newslink@husthwaitevillage.com or by post to Aletheia House, High Street, Husthwaite YO61 4PX or tel. 01347 868130.

Dates for your Diary

June
4  7.30pm Snake Davis Husthwaite VH
6  12-2 pm Internet Appletree Cafe and Book Exchange in VH
10 7.30pm Pop Up Pub in VH
12 11-3pm Summer Market in VH
14 OVC trip to Newby Hall
16 7.30pm Film Club in VH
19 2pm Treasure Hunt starts at VH

July
1  7.30pm Pop Up Pub in VH
4  Internet Appletree Cafe and Book Exchange in VH
12 12noon Orchard Village Club in VH
19 7.30pm Husthwaite Parish Council Meeting All Welcome
21 7.30pm Film Club

Weekly regular events at the village hall are on page 14. Please check as not all clubs meet throughout the summer.
Simon Earley  4th May 1949 - 16th March 2016
An enthusiastic scout and member of the Methodist community in Husthwaite

The news of the sudden death of Simon Earley at such a young age, came as a shock to the entire village and in a packed Methodist Chapel on the 4th April, his life was remembered at a most moving Service of Thanksgiving.

Simon and Jackie were married in 1982 and moved to Victoria Cottage in Husthwaite in 1998. They had been to North Yorkshire on holiday many times and decided that this is where they wanted to settle down. Simon could often be seen walking his black labrador, Barney, down the High Street and into the fields. A quiet unassuming man and with a dry sense of humour, he and Jackie were quickly welcomed into the life of the village and became much involved with the running of the Chapel where he was Property Steward. Simon also worked at the Post Office in Easingwold for about five years, where he made many friends.

As a youth, Simon was an enthusiastic member of the scouting movement; starting off at a very young age as a cub and rising through the ranks to become a scout leader and quartermaster. His other interests included model railway building and vintage public transport. He also became involved in the construction of the Seaton miniature tramway in Devon, laying track and putting up overhead wires.

We will all miss that familiar figure of Simon walking Barney down the High Street, but none will miss him more so than Jackie to whom we extend our very deepest love and sympathy.

G.H. Crane

Simon with Jackie at the opening of the Village Hall in 2014
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Husthwaite Village Hall Gets a Breath of Fresh Air

Big Lottery Awards for All

The new ventilation unit is now fully installed and ready to use. Just in time for our big hot summer events. The unit has an almost instant positive affect on the atmosphere in the hall and we know it will make our hall an even more pleasant environment for all users.

Once again, a Big Thank You to The Big Lottery Fund Awards for All and their continued support.

Debbie Lewis-Green
Trustee/Fundraiser

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Husthwaite Local History Society

Helmsley Archaeology Store

Following the talk last October by curator Susan Harrison from the Archaeology Store at Helmsley, a free guided tour of the centre has been arranged for Wednesday June 15th starting at 11 am and lasting about an hour - numbers are limited so if you are interested in going please let Angela know as soon as possible via aovenston@btinternet.com or phone 01347 868 347. Lifts can be arranged if necessary.

A link with the Hutchinson Family

Following a message via the history website we are now in contact with a lady who will be visiting the village early in June - she is a great great grand-daughter of Robert Hutchinson and Mary (née Slater) and is hence connected to many Husthwaite families. The Slaters were well known for setting up their agricultural engineering firm at Slaters Yard; one of the Hutchinisons married Jessie Moncaster whose family lived in the village for five generations. This branch was well known for establishing Hutchinson’s garage and Wilf “Squirrelman” Hutchinson (1936-2013), famous for producing handmade English oak furniture. (See articles in www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk and in the set of booklets Husthwaite Reminiscences spanning the 20th C).

Robert Hutchinson (1840-1917), son of Ralph and grandson of John stemmed from Newton upon Ouse; he married Mary Slater (1843-1923) in 1861. Mary’s father was John Slater, a master carpenter and implement maker from Oulston. Robert was an agricultural labourer, at one time employed at Angram Grange, and in later life was a mole catcher at Oulston. He and Mary produced 16 children between 1861 and 1889, 14 of whom were still living in 1911. Both were buried in Husthwaite. Their second son William John Hutchinson was a farm servant at Acaster Hill and later farmed at Alford House in the early 1900s. He married Emma Hare from Aldwark and their son Harold (1900-1976) married Jessie Moncaster from Husthwaite and later with his eldest sons Leslie and John Geoffrey, ran Hutchinson’s garage in the village, selling petrol and running buses to Thirsk. The bus company expanded and became a successful business in the Easingwold area. Their third son Wilfred became the well known wood craftsman trained by the Mouseman of Kilburn; Wilf’s son Trevor continues in his father’s footsteps. Robert and Mary’s youngest daughter Irene married and produced four children, two of whom still live in the village with their families.

Margaret Hutchinson, a twin born to Robert and Mary in 1867, was a domestic servant who married Allen Spencer Palmer, a butcher from Oxfordshire (it isn’t yet known how they came to meet). She gave birth to a son Allen Alban Palmer in Bicester who when married to Flora Murphy, produced a daughter Margaret Webb with whom the contact was made via the website. Margaret is particularly interested in her ancestors from the Husthwaite area and finding out more about the large family of her great great grandparents Robert and Mary Hutchinson and may be contacted via Angela Ovenston (aovenston@btinternet.com or 01347 868 347).
Robert (born and Mary (née Slater) Hutchinson (great great grandparents of Margaret Webb). They had 16 children born in Husthwaite. (From Wilf Hutchinson’s collection).

The wedding of Margaret Hutchinson (daughter of Robert and Mary born 1867, Husthwaite) and Allen Spencer Palmer at Hethe (near Bicester), Oxfordshire on 22nd July 1897. Most of the people in the photo are from the Palmer family. (By kind permission of Margaret Webb, their grand-daughter)

Angela Ovenston
A Quacking Good Holiday.

I had never been to Cornwall,  
So we packed the caravan,  
And travelled down to Veryan,  
Where our holiday began.

The site was so well cared for,  
And the layout very nice.  
The staff were kind and helpful,  
Always giving good advice.

We were charmed by quaint thatched cottages,  
And found a village Inn;  
Just perfect for an evening meal,  
With welcoming smiles within.

We had some daily visitors  
All hoping to be fed...  
Six mallards from the fishing lake.  
We threw them bits of bread.

The Warden on his lawnmower said  
“I’ve only counted five.  
We sometimes get a fox round here,  
I hope it’s still alive.”

I was filled with guilt and horror,  
Pure coincidence of course.  
The previous night we’d feasted well  
On duck with orange sauce.

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The Apple Tree Café

The café was set up to provide a social place to gather within the community, along with the Book Exchange. It has been running for a year and a half and any profit made goes towards funding community events. Sadly the number of customers is dwindling, to the point where the future of the café has to be reviewed. This will take place following the July café.

Please support us in June & July if you would like to see the café continue to open. It takes approximately 27 hours to organise, cater and serve at each café and this is only sustainable if we have your support and custom. If you are unable to make either date, please e-mail me on the address below to register your interest. If you have any comments, good or bad, about the cafe as it stands, I would really appreciate hearing them, so if you feel it needs to change please let me know.

A huge thank you those of you who support us every month, it is always great to see you but it would be lovely to see a few new faces too! **Come and join us at The Apple Tree Cafe on its usual day and time slot of Monday lunchtime, 12 till 2! The next two cafes will take place on 6th June and 4th July.**

All of our food is homemade and at each café we have two options of hot food, including a soup, a choice of sandwiches (made to order) and a selection of freshly baked cakes. We also offer at least one gluten free option.

At the café we are trialling making the laptops available for anyone who would like to use them. There will be help on hand for anyone needing it!

Running alongside the cafe will be the Book Exchange so you can come and borrow the books of your choice whilst enjoying a tasty lunch. And don’t forget to catch up with your friends, old and new! I look forward to receiving any comments that you may have or even better to seeing you in June and July with a few of your friends.

Thank you, 

Lynn Colton ([the.coltons@hotmail.com](mailto:the.coltons@hotmail.com) or 01347 868092)

HUSTHWAITE DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Are you a keen gardener or lover of plants/flowers?

If so our friendly Club always welcomes new members and visitors to our monthly meetings.

These are held in Husthwaite Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7.30 p.m. from September to the following April, followed by occasional summer garden visits. Annual Membership is only £10!

Our programme is a varied mixture of carefully chosen speakers, and will be available in the autumn. Why not join us on **June 22nd** on a visit to **Thornton Hall**, a colourful 3 acre garden near Darlington, between noon and 4 p.m.? 

Admission costs £6 each

Delicious home-made food is also available, and there are plants for sale. As we try to share transport that need not be a problem.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Jean Stubley for further details ------

e-mail: - [jeanstubley@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanstubley@hotmail.com) or telephone 01347 869063
Wildflowers of Kendrew Green

As you will be aware from my article in last month’s newsletter, Kendrew Green holds two large elm trees and a small colony of a locally rare butterfly the White-letter Hairstreak.

In discussion with the PC it was agreed to manage the green in a way that would enhance the surrounding environment and potentially provide the butterfly with a supplemental source of nectar. As a result of this part of the green has not been mown but left to grow in the manner of a traditional hay meadow. The plan is to see if many wild flowers developed that would be a good source of nectar for the butterfly and of course benefit other pollinators.

The results so far are very promising as up to now I have recorded over 30 plant species on the green. It has been pleasantly surprising to see how many flowering plants have survived the past intensive mowing regime of which many are now bursting in to flower. Traditional hay meadow varieties noted include Cuckoo Flower (Lady’s Smock), Pignut, Oxeye Daisy and Sweet Vernal Grass.

The early spring flowers, in particular Ground Ivy, were seen to attract a number of bee species and as more wild flowers come in to bloom the bees will reap the benefits. Butterflies seen flitting about on the green to date include the pretty yellow Brimstone along with Whites and Orange Tip. The latter could potentially breed as the green holds two of its caterpillar’s food plants - Cuckoo Flower and Jack by the Hedge.

Going forward the green will be left uncut till late July or early August when it will then be cut and the resultant mowings raked off.

I am looking forward to seeing what else springs in to flower over the coming months and of course, in July, the butterfly!

Keith Gittens
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**Youth Club:** Alternate Wednesdays at 7.00pm until 13\(^{th}\) July

**Zumba:** Tuesdays at 9.30-10.30am until 19\(^{th}\) July

**Yoga:** Tuesdays at 5.00-6.15pm until 19\(^{th}\) July

Monthly Usuals

**Orchard Village Club:** Tuesday 14\(^{th}\) June (Newby Hall) & Tuesday 12\(^{th}\) July at 12.00pm

**Book Exchange & “Internet” Apple Tree Café:** Monday’s 6\(^{th}\) June & 4\(^{th}\) July at 12.00pm

**Film Club:** Thursday’s 16\(^{th}\) June & 21\(^{st}\) July at 7.30pm

**Pop Up Pub:** Friday’s 10\(^{th}\) June & 1\(^{st}\) July at 7.30pm

**Gardening Club:** Day trips only during the summer, no meetings

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**Pop Up Pub Night on Friday 10\(^{th}\) June & Friday 1\(^{st}\) July**

Growing in popularity every month.....come along and enjoy an evening of catching up with friends, family & neighbours. With Guest Beer, a selection of Wine’s and soft drinks at very appealing Village Hall rates, and most importantly...soft lighting and background music to suit all ages. Bar open from 7.30pm until late.....

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**Snake Davis - Saturday 4\(^{th}\) June.** One of the most in-demand sax players in the world is back! Sure to be another sell out evening! Tickets going fast at £15 each, Children U16, £10. Contact Gila on 868216

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**Husthwaite Market- Sunday 12\(^{th}\) June** Choose from a huge range of stalls selling jewellery, cards, preserves, olive oil, bread and much more. The popular Appletree Café will be open for hot & cold refreshments! From 11am to 3pm.

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**June 16\(^{th}\) – Short Film Festival**

Showing a selection of short films, including the 2016 Oscar winning short film “Stutterer”, “Russian Dolls”, from Edinburgh based Neon Eye”, winner of Best Performance at the Glasgow First Act Festival and more.....
July 21st – The Big Short   Four people working in the world of high-finance predict the credit and housing bubble collapse of the mid-2000s, and decide to take on the big banks for their greed and lack of foresight. With an all-star cast, nominated for Best Film in 2015.

Family Treasure Hunt and Barbecue on Sunday 19th June. Adapted for the 21st century.....one mobile phone needed in each group! With an option of two routes; one for families with very young children, under 1 mile, and a longer course, around 4 miles. The route is family and dog friendly! Be ready to leave the Village Hall at 2pm. We'll be welcomed home by Nick Barker and his incomparable barbecue. Bar will be open! Only £5pp, Family ticket £15, Children under 5 Free.

Husthwaite Village Hall nominated as “Club as a Hub” by NYCC

Husthwaite Village Hall has been identified by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) as a facility they wish to promote as a “Club as a Hub” for the Hambleton District. This is great news! It means we get priority for funding in specific areas of training and support in order that the Hall becomes a “Hub” for other local groups, and its volunteers will be recognised as being trained to deal with certain issues of particular concern in our region.

More specifically, isolation and loneliness has long been identified in our rural communities as a growing issue, especially with the older members of our community. Primetime and OVC are 2 groups that have been hugely successful in supporting this need and has drawn the attention of our village, its facilities and our volunteers to NYCC! As a result, a package of training support has been offered for our Village Hall volunteers and members of local clubs and groups that use the facility. The first of these courses will be on June 7th where 12 Husthwaite volunteers will take part. Our 12 will be joined by a further 10-15 volunteers from other clubs in the region, known as “Spoke” clubs, all coming together to promote Husthwaite as the “Club as a Hub”. If you are interested in finding out more about this programme, please contact Sheila Mowatt or any other member of the VHC.

Club as a Hub is funded and supported by:

EQUESTRIAN SALE

We held the first Equestrian Sale at the hall Friday 20th, raising £171.40 for Yorkshire Air Ambulance, which is always well supported by the Equine Community

It was a new learning experience and as is typical of any ‘market’, some sellers did well and others not so. But a quick survey showed that the majority of those attending would return should we hold another. I would like to thank Zoe Cooper and her family for helping me stage the event, Stephen, always great at front of house and the families Colton and Gill who manned the Apple Tree Café.

Debbie Green
The Return of the annual village Treasure Hunt

Husthwaite’s Treasure Hunt will be adapted for the 21st century. Please join a party with one mobile phone between you. The clues will ask you to read photos and take lots of your own.

We’re offering two routes. The first, for families with very young children, is about a mile. The longer course is a bit less than 4 miles. The route is dog friendly (within the country code, of course).

The date is Sunday 19th June. Be ready to leave the Village Hall at 2pm.

We’ll be welcomed home by Nick Barker and his incomparable barbecue.

Price: £5 pp, Family Ticket £15, Under 5s free.

The attached photo is your first clue, someone you will meet along the way.

Enquiries or further information: Richard (868247) or Stephen (868259)

COMFY SEATS AT A VENUE NEAR YOU!

We are pleased to announce the delivery of the first tranche of new chairs for the hall and wish to thank the generous funding from Two Ridings Community Foundation North Yorkshire Reward Fund, part of which was assigned to new seating, with the balance to support ‘Prime Time’. With additional funding from North Yorkshire County Council Locality Budget we are well on the way to having comfy seats for all! I would also like to thank Mervyn, Stephen and Alan who helped me assemble the chairs in time for their first showing at the Queen’s Birthday Celebration Tea.

While these are extremely sturdy, they are not like the ‘industrial type’ we have been used to. So we would be most appreciative if all users treat them to a bit more care. They have been scotch-guarded, to help keep them clean, but we do ask that that after use they are stacked carefully, no more than 4 high and they are not used to stand on.

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Andrew Thornton

As most people in Husthwaite Village are aware, it was sadly reported in May that Andrew Thornton, our travelling butcher, had died. He will be much missed, by friends and customers alike.

Below, in tribute, we reprint an article written about his early working days, by Richard Wood.

Out in All Weathers

To keep his meat fresh John Thornton packed it in a wire-meshed frame and hoisted it into a pear tree. A butcher in the 1940s, he delivered door to door in his neighbouring North Yorkshire villages. Half a supermarket century later this family service was kept going by John’s son, Andrew. His van was a familiar sight in the villages round Husthwaite.

John Thornton worked at the butcher’s shop when he was demobbed in 1945. Later, he bought the business. As a schoolboy, Andrew already worked with his father. They ran a pig-slaughtering service. ‘Farmers had boiling water waiting for us when we arrived with the van and trailer, the scalding tub and the scrapers. They dry-cured the meat and hung it on ceiling hooks. Sometimes we helped with the salting and cutting.’
From school at 15 Andrew joined the family business. ‘I cut meat and made sausage. As soon as I could drive I took over one of the delivery vans.’

A door-to-door delivery service of this kind is a link to the rural past. In her book, ‘The Happy Highways’ local historian Joan Hartley introduces the travelling salesmen of Upper Eskdale after the First World War. Archie Alexander walked out from Peacocks’ shop at Castleton round the farms of Westerdale and Danbydale. Fascinated, the children beat out their rhythm as he recited his list of commodities: ‘blue, blacking, blacklead, matches, candles, cheese, bacon, ham and taty.’

Mr Fletcher, a Whitby draper, carried his samples in cases or oil cloths and methodically unfolded and displayed each item before replacing them for perusal by the next customer. People bought aprons, dresses, underwear, socks and towels. A butcher who came weekly from Castleton gave the children a penny when he was paid, so they usually “happened to be around”. Mr Gladders came from Saltburn each week to collect any butter and eggs, rabbits or dressed poultry, and women relied on this income for paying their grocery bills.

‘Sometimes,’ Andrew Thornton told me, ‘people say I have comfortable little job. OK, but remember it’s to be done in all weathers. I haven’t had a holiday since 1986.’ Andrew’s refrigerated van, with its up-and-over door, was better than when he and his father stood out in the weather to serve.

‘My father had a lad in each village. He would pick him up after school, and the lad would run ahead, knocking on the doors and getting the orders.’

This was a cunning response to one of the job’s frustrations. ‘An old lady says what she wants. I take it to her and she asks for something else. I ask if she’s sure that’s all. When I get back she’s had another idea, and I’m up and down that drive again.’

People often left a basket in their porch, with a note of their order. This was common among older people, who prefer not to open their doors after dark. Andrew liked the arrangement. It was in keeping with the countryside traditions of his family business, giving people the same one-to-one service as their parents had from his father.

No supermarket could compete. 

Richard Wood
The big news in school this term so far has been the visit by Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, as part of his Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing. The school council performed a tour of the school for the Archbishop which was followed by an assembly with a questions and answers section. Some questions focussed on his life, where does he live, how big is his house, what is his favourite animal as well as his work in the Church. The Archbishop had obviously taken note of our school values and linked some of his answers to them. The Archbishop finished the assembly by blessing the Y6 children in preparation for their SATs. A selection of ‘Husthwaite School’ gifts were presented to the Archbishop as a reminder of his visit to us. Each child also received a bookmark commemorating the Pilgrimage.

The topics for this term are Ancient Greece and the Olympics as we lead up to the Olympics in July. Children have so far investigated the Hoplites (soldiers) through looking at pictures on Greek vases (not an easy army to beat) and Greek mythology. Art work has included children designing their own Greek vases and sketching based on Mythology.

Class 3 children are taking part in the Rocket Seeds Science experiment. The RHS Campaign for School Gardening has partnered with the UK Space Agency to embark on an ‘out of this world’ educational project. Seeds were sent into space with Major Tim Peake A seeds - one from space and one that has stayed on earth. The experiment now is to see if and how they grow differently. The class has to now remember to turn them 180⁰ every 2 days for the next 5 weeks and it will be interesting to see which will germinate first.

The other big event this term was the Queen’s Birthday Celebration and Summer Fair (held on Friday 20th May). The Children’s Young Voices choir opened the event and a giant birthday cake was shared out with everyone. KS1 children participated in a palace garden competition by creating a palace garden in miniature and KS2 children let their imaginations run riot designing a right royal collage!

Class 3 enjoyed a visiting the Village’s Prime Time Club for a morning of Boccia and Curling.

It has been a long time in waiting for the warm and dry weather to arrive but it has been worth the wait when you see how lovely our fabulous school grounds are now looking - the blossom trees at the front of school have been particularly beautiful this year and the spring bulbs planted 5 years ago have been blooming abundantly this year.

The Eco Committee and School Council have met with a School Governor to tell them all about their achievements this year for working towards the Eco Schools Silver Award. Activities have included participating in Switch off Fortnight; Waste Watch; What’s under your Feet; planting a hedgerow; taking part in a composting workshop with Yorkshire Rotters, regular outdoor learning activities as well as gardening, recycling and reusing resources efficiently and reducing the amount of energy we use in school.

As usual, we shall be participating in a week of sport from 20-24 June - lots of fun with competitive and non-competitive games including a traditional sports day and some team building games. The highlight of the week is usually the ‘bike’ day. Children enjoy the week and with a focus on the forthcoming Olympics, there will be some fantastic medal awards ceremonies to look forward to - let’s hope for some warm sunny weather so we can experience our own Olympics Brazil-style.

We were once again successful in getting through to both the netball and hockey district finals having qualified in the cluster events. This term we shall be participating in cluster Kwik Cricket and rounders.

Transition events are planned for children starting our school as well as for our Y6 pupils who will
be moving on to new pastures.

The summer production this term will be performed by Years 5 and 6 and their chosen play is The Rocky Monster Show - which suggests that lots of face painting and dressing up will be involved!

Class 2 are planning a visit to Alne Brickworks and Class 1 is currently planning a visit the Yorkshire Arboretum.

For those who have younger children we have monthly drop-in toddler days. Everyone is welcome to come along and take part in the activities on offer. If you would like information on our Apple Tree Nursery please contact the school office on 01347 868371.

**Diary Dates:**

- Fri 27 May: School closes for half term
- Mon 6 June: Staff training day
- Tue 7 June: School opens
- Fri 17 June: Toddler morning 9-11.15am
- 20-24 June: Sports Week
- Wed 6 July: Toddler morning 9-11.15 am
- Fri 22 July: School closes for summer holidays
- Mon 5 Sept: Staff training day
- Tue 6 Sept: school opens for Autumn term

Visits to the school are always welcome, or if you would like more information please feel free to contact us (01347 868371) or visit our website on [www.hustwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.hustwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk)
Draft Minutes of the Annual Husthwaite Parish Meeting Held Tuesday 17th May 2016 in Husthwaite Village Hall


1. Annual Report from the Chair:
The annual report summarising the previous year's activities was presented by the Chair. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

2. Annual Finance Report:

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The year end Current A/C balance includes £8654.88 for the Cemetery Extension Fund.

3. To receive comments and answer questions from parishioners:
There were no comments or questions from parishioners.

4. To elect a Chair:
P. Fox proposed, seconded by E. Smith, that Carol Fenwick be elected as Chair for a further year. There being no other nominations, C. Fenwick was duly elected as Chair of Husthwaite Parish Council.

5. To elect a Vice-chair:
P. Fox proposed, seconded by A. Gamble, that Elaine Smith be elected as Vice-chair to the Council. There being no other nominations, E. Smith was duly elected as Vice-chair.

6. To appoint representatives of the Council on other organisations:
Beckwith Bequest Trustee: C Fenwick
Village Hall Trustee: C Fenwick

7. To appoint responsibilities within the Council:
   Communications: B. Smith
   Public Footpaths: B. Smith
   Easingwold & Villages Forum: P. Fox
   Recreation Area: C. Fenwick / C. Colton
   Highways: P. Escreet et al
   Risk Assessment: C. Fenwick
   Neighbourhood Watch / Police Liaison: C. Fenwick
   Street Lighting: C. Fenwick et al
   Parish Liaison: All as necessary
   YLCA: E. Smith

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR MAY 2015 - APRIL 2016

At the annual parish meeting last May we were one Parish Councillor short following the election, so the areas of responsibility within the council were assigned as follows:

Paul Escreet - Highways.
Peter Fox - Easingwold & Villages Forum.
Barney Smith - Public Footpaths and Communications.
Elaine Smith - YLCA and Vice-chair.
Carol Fenwick - Beckwith Trust, Neighbourhood Watch & Police Liaison, Recreation Area, Risk Assessor, Street
In addition it was agreed that Parish Liaison meetings should be attended by Councillors in rotation and an advert requesting expressions of interest to fill the ordinary vacancy on the Parish Council would be placed in the PC Noticeboard, the Husthwaite Newsletter, the Village shop and on the Husthwaite website.

During the bi-monthly meeting that followed it was noted that, as Husthwaite had been allocated a free defibrillator and cabinet from the Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Community Defibrillator Initiative, the defibrillator which was donated to the village by the Coxwold and District Surgery Fund had been given to Millfield Surgery. The council was informed that the Safer Hambleton data logger had been deployed in two locations within Husthwaite for a seven day period and, as results showed that 85% of vehicles were travelling within the speed limit, no further action would be taken. It was reported that Hambleton District Council had replaced the damaged street name plates and John Howland had completed the repainting of the Village Seats. The new Transparency Code, the Bus Service review and repairs to Elphin Bridge parapet were also discussed and the annual return was unanimously approved.

In June, Elaine and I attended the Parish Liaison meeting at Stone Cross and, as a consequence, we were recruited to distribute the HDC Waste Survey to houses in the village. At the meeting in July we welcomed Craig Colton who had applied to fill the ordinary vacancy on the Parish Council and was therefore duly co-opted. It was reported that the new Defibrillator Cabinet had been installed at the Village Hall and works to the Recreation Area boundary had been completed. Objections to the severe cuts suggested to Service 31X had been sent to NYCC Transport Authority and the local police had been notified of complaints regarding speeding tractors in the village. The Local Transport Plan Consultation was completed and, in response to a request from Hambleton District Council to identify issues important to residents for inclusion in the new Easingwold & Villages Community Plan, various suggestions were submitted. In addition Defibrillator Training, CCTV cameras and highway repairs to Malton Street and The Nookin were discussed.

At the September meeting we welcomed Ian Harper and Chris Stratton, amongst others, who thought it was important to inform parishioners of the implications of fracking in our area. The Parish Council supported the suggestion to hold an informative event (with experts from all fields) in the Village Hall and agreed to respond to the OGA Consultation expressing concern at the likely effect of fracking on our watercourses. It was noted that NYCC Public Transport had invited the Parish Council to assist with the evaluation of tenders for the Service 31X Review and NYCC Highways & Transportation had confirmed Low Street footway was on the list for repairs in 2016. In addition we discussed our intention to register Kendrew Green as a Common, repairs required to the School / Cemetery boundary fence and our decision to begin a collection for Anne Dowson who was regrettably closing the Village Stores after many years’ service to the village. A basic life support & automated external defibrillator awareness training session had been organised with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service for the end of September, Councillors had been invited to attend the Village Hall Business Plan Update workshops and an extra meeting in October to discuss the progress of the actions from the Parish Plan was arranged.

On 8th November I was again honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance service in St Nicholas Church. At the Parish Council meeting later that month we agreed to endorse the detailed paper on the effects of fracking in our area written by Chris Stratton and considered the letters received from pupils at Husthwaite C of E Primary School suggesting improvements to our village. In addition Barney informed us that he had agreed to update the Parish Council section of the website and would start by uploading the updated progress spreadsheet of Parish Plan Actions. Other items discussed were the formal complaint submitted regarding the lack of enforcement of planning laws, Kendrew Green Commons Registration, the tender process for the grass cutting contract 2016-2018 and NYCC Highways new online reporting procedure for potholes, blocked drains, etc. This is also the meeting at which we set the precept for the following year and it was unanimously agreed to maintain our precept at £7500, therefore provision was made for the Village Hall, Village Newsletter and Cemetery extension as well as the regular expenditure for grass cutting, insurance, Clerks wages and Recreation Area maintenance. Later that month the Parish Council hosted Anne Dowson’s Retirement Presentation coffee morning in the Village Hall, to thank her for her service to the village and wish her well for the future. Over 50 locals attended to see Anne presented with a hand carved Squirrel Clock and a handsome sum of money collected from the well supported public subscription.

At the January meeting it was noted that our application to register Kendrew Green had been forwarded to the Commons Registration Officer with the requested photographic evidence and witness testimonies and, following discussions with Chris Stratton, a unified response to the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Consultation had been submitted. It was reported that an enforcement notice had been served on the unauthorised building extension and Bus Service 31X would continue to operate Monday to Saturday with only one journey a day withdrawn. Councillors considered the three quotes received for grass cutting in the village and agreed to award the contract to Farm & Land Services who, it was
considered, offered best value for money. In addition the Orchard Inn, speeding traffic and emergency planning was discussed as was our response to the Hambleton Local Plan Public Consultation which we uploaded onto the website for all parishioners to read in the hope that it would encourage them to have their say too.

Before the March meeting, improvements to Low Street footway had been completed and Easingwold & Villages Forum had supported our proposal to engage NYCC in a dialogue on the practical aspects of fracking with a view to publishing detailed policy guidelines. Keith Gittens attended the meeting to advise us of the presence of an extremely rare butterfly, the White-letter Hairstreak, on Kendrew Green and, as a result, the Parish Council agreed to trial a revised grass cutting regime to support their habitat. In addition we selected four priority items for inclusion in the Easingwold & Villages Community Plan and discussed emergency planning, the Peter Hill Solar Farm community benefit fund, the Community Asset register and moss on the MUGA surface. We were also honoured to be nominated, and shortlisted as a finalist, for a Hambleton Community Award in the Parish Council of the Year category and, later in the month, we were astonished to be named winners at the awards ceremony at Stone Cross. In my hastily concocted acceptance speech, I dedicated the award to all Parish Councillors (and their families) who all do a significant amount of unseen voluntary work to ensure their communities are better places for local residents to live. So please pass on my thanks to your families and tell them we all appreciate their support.

During the last year we have been asked to comment on 18 planning applications, ranging from work to trees to the construction of a solar farm. The Parish Council objected to two of these applications and Hambleton District Council has approved fourteen - the remaining four are still under consideration.

Hopefully we have kept parishioners aware of the activities in which we have been involved with regular articles in the Husthwaite Newsletter and on the Husthwaite website. Over the past year Councillors have attended meetings of the Beckwith Trust, Community First Responders, Easingwold & Villages Forum, Hambleton Parish Liaison, Husthwaite Village Hall, Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch and Yorkshire Local Councils Associations. This, in addition to our regular bi-monthly meetings, has kept us all quite busy and I think that we have all represented our parishioners and the local community to the best of our ability.

I would like to end my report by thanking my fellow councillors for their hard work and support over the last year. I would also like to express our gratitude to Jan, our Clerk, and to Caroline Patmore, our District & County Councillor, who attends as many of our meetings as she can, keeps us well informed and enthusiastically supports our village projects.

Carol Fenwick

Summary of Minutes of Husthwaite Parish Council Meeting 17th May 2016

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

Apologies: B. Smith (ill) and Cllr. C. Patmore (Crayke PC).

Declarations of interest: Elaine Smith declared an interest in item 4.4.

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

Matters Arising:

3.1 Parish Plan Actions Review: Villagers forwarded views at a display stand at the Spring Market, expressing general satisfaction with the PC’s work, but uncertainty over fracking and the solar farm. Suggestions included links with the school and youth club to interest youngsters in the PC’s role.

3.2 Relocation of Cemetery Bench: C. Slater is to complete the task in the near future.

3.3 Enforcement of Planning Laws: PF is to contact HBC planning to discuss enforcement.

3.4 Kendrew Green: A decision by the Commons Registration Officer is awaited.

3.5 Fracking in North Yorkshire: PF and CC reported that they had attended a presentation by Ineos, the energy company with the licence to frack in this area. In the coming weeks vehicles the size of dustbin lorries may be seen conducting seismic surveys which, if positive, may lead to planning applications before the end of this year to drill exploratory wells. Ineos promised to consult direct
with parish councils prior to making any planning application as they conceded their work would be a major disturbance even for a short period e.g. several thousand big water tankers coming and going to site. They also said they would not apply to drill within 400m of any dwelling. CC said he was trying to organise a public event in HVH with Ineos there. PF said he was working with C. Stratton (Chair, Oulston Parish Meeting) on a paper for NYCC, the relevant planning authority, covering all known concerns e.g. traffic, pollution, environmental harm; also that Kevin Hollinrake, our local MP, was chairing an All Party Parliamentary Group which aimed to produce a guide to good practice on this subject. It was agreed that fracking would remain a PC agenda item for the foreseeable future.

3.6 Kendrew Green Grass Cutting: Keith Gittens provided an update of flora and fauna viewed on Kendrew Green since the start of the new grass cutting regime and also requested that the banking along the Nookin from the telegraph pole to the white railings be left uncut. It was therefore agreed that this area would remain uncut until the end of July but the grass cutting contractor would be asked to cut the grass and daffodil stalks between the white railings and the road on his next visit. It was thought that as clear demarcation was now visible the rope could now be removed.

3.7 Recreation Area Works: A quote for £230 has been received from C. Slater.

3.8 The Orchard Inn: Planning permission for the glazed lantern has been granted and Kevin Hollinrake has informed the PC that building works will restart soon and the pub should be open again in September.

3.9 Emergency Planning: CC, AS and JC are working on an Emergency Plan for the village.

3.10 Hambleton Community Awards: Husthwaite Parish Council was named Parish Council of the Year at the Hambleton Community Awards in Northallerton on 17th March and The Orchard Village Club received the Service to Older People award. The Parish Council considered it a good idea to display the two trophies in the Village Hall and agreed to cost a display cabinet for this purpose.

3.11 Peter Hill Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund: They will be contacted about the lack of planning warning to the Husthwaite PC or compensation concerning the solar farm.

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

4.1 Passing Places on Malton Street: Following investigation of the sites, the cost was found by the NYCC to be in excess of the available budget so the work will not be completed.

4.2 Local Plan – Call for Sites: Two sites have been offered in Husthwaite and councillors considered neither had suitable access from the highway. C. Colton and E. Smith will attend the meeting in the Galtres Centre on 31st May to express our concerns.

4.3 A19/ Amplecarr Junction: Following complaints from villagers about accidents and near misses, NYCC Highways will be informed.

4.4 Baxby Manor Woodland Management plan: The plan to maintain and improve the woodland areas at Baxby Manor Farm was supported by the Parish Council.

5. Planning Matters: Decisions on all applications can be seen on the PC website.

6. Finance Report: Details of the finance report can be seen on the PC website.

Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

Accounting Statements 2015/16

The Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances and Bank Reconciliation were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

It was noted that the signed Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements will be published on the Parish Council section of Husthwaite website along with the Annual Internal Audit Report, Explanation of Variances, Bank Reconciliation and Notice of Public Rights. PTO
7. Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council:

7.1 Good Councillors' Guide 2016: The new version of the Good Councillors' Guide will be downloaded from the YCLA website and distributed to all Councillors.

7.2 HDC Business Awards 2016: E. Smith will complete the nominations on behalf of the Council.

7.3 Parish Council Consultations on Planning Applications and CIL: C. Fenwick will attend the training session at Stone Cross on 18th May.

8. Reports from Council's Representatives:

**Village Hall:** The Village Hall will be hosting a Dementia Friends Information Session on 7th June at 7pm as part of the 'Club as a Hub'; anyone interested in attending should contact Sheila Mowatt. The Village Hall Committee have reported that the asbestos guttering on the Bier House is damaged and in need of replacing. To comply with financial regulations, three quotes will be requested.

**Easingwold & Villages Forum:** The next meeting will be a drop in session between 6pm and 8pm on Friday 27th May in the Galtres Centre to select options for the Easingwold & Villages Community Plan 2015-20.

**YLCA:** E. Smith will attend the next meeting in June.

**Highways:** Surface dressing on The Nookin and Malton Street will take place on 23rd May. The road from Husthwaite to Coxwold will be closed from 22nd June until 12th July for BT works.

**Street Lighting:** All street lights are working.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch group requested a donation of £25 to cover the cost of hiring the Village Hall for meetings but it was thought the Village Hall should provide the meeting room free of charge so CF will approach the Village Hall Committee.

**MUGA:** On the recent annual inspection of the Recreation Area by the Play Inspection Company, several 'Low Risk' and 'Very Low Risk' factors have been identified. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the areas identified and will take remedial action if required. Farm & Land Services have given a quote to treat the surface of the MUGA with moss killer and have been asked to undertake the work.

9. Report from District Councillor

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

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 7.30p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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“Thank you for the Music” ......ABBA

Who would have thought re-creating 1973 in all its glory would draw such a crowd to the village hall. Our sing-a-long Mamma Mia evening was as much a hit as “Waterloo”, the Eurovision winner which first propelled Abba into the spotlight. The hall was packed with Abba “fans”, all come to watch the movie and join in with the spirit of the evening (at only £6 a bottle!). The film was incidental really, merely a backdrop and excuse for some of the audience (erm....the organisers) to dress up for the occasion. Some even went as far to say they had hired their outfits for the evening......ha ha, that wasn't fooling anyone Mary! The free Ouzo brought back a few memories
for one guest in particular; was it Greek holidays of past, sun kissed beaches, a warm breeze from
the Mediterranean......not quite, it was the only spirit she could drink without her parents
smelling it (you know who you are!)
With free Ouzo, Lemonade and Greek salad in hand the crowd
settled down for the evening, and with no encouragement
needed, participation came with the very first line of the film "I
Have a Dream, a Song to Sing...." and didn't we just, every last
word of every song was sung, which many knew by heart. And, of
course, dancing was subtly encouraged!
The photo says it all.....although the faces have been changed to
 protect the innocent (their children's embarrassment!).
Thanks to Angie, Lynn & Craig, for helping behind the bar and to
Annabel for the loan of the sing-a-long version of the DVD. And a
very big thank you to Mary & Lawrie for organising and
anticipating the demand for a cheap, fun filled evening.
Watch this space, there may be a revival!

The Queen’s Birthday Celebration

The village hall committee organised a special afternoon tea in the hall to celebrate the
Queen's 90th birthday.

The hall was decorated with the flags of the union and tables were laid out. These were filled
to the tune of 103 as the village came out in force to enjoy the celebrations. The age ranged
from babies to celebrated veterans of the Second World War and all demolished a wide variety
of cakes and scones. Entry was free as were the refreshments, all provided by volunteers.

The Dishforth Military Wives’ Choir provided entertainment. Founded in 2012 it is not unfair
to say they have graced larger venues than our Hall but they did not seem out of place. Their
repertoire consisted of a variety of songs but two medleys stood out in particular. One was a
reprise of ABBA songs that had feet tapping and one of Vera Lynn that resonated with a large
part of the audience who tentatively joined in.
Wholehearted participation happened when the audience was divided into two and one half
sang “Swing Low Sweet Chariot” whilst the other sang ‘When the Saint's go marching in’.
The choir sang something else but we drowned them out so I was not sure what their tune was.
What added to the performance was that a different member of the choir introduced each
song. They told us something about themselves in addition and this made us think of their partner's
sacrifices and how difficult it was to be a military wife.
The performance ended with a rendition of “Bring Him Home” from Les Miserables. There were
 tears from the choir and the audience The poignant atmosphere was reminiscent of an age we
thought was long gone. Some of the older generation remembered it and the younger got a
real sense how things were.

Sheila Mowatt, who helped organise the event on behalf of the Events team and Village Hall
would like to give special thanks to the community committee; Annabel, Richard, Linda, Juliet
and Margaret. To Angela & the History Society for the wonderful exhibition and then to all the
Husthwaite volunteer cake bakers, tea makers, scone butterers, tea servers & washer
uppers….a fantastic team effort, thank you!
And of course, the Military Wives - there were a few tears on that last song "Bring him home"..

Lawrie Hill
The Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration in the Village Hall included The Dishforth Military Wives’ Choir. Villagers of all ages took afternoon tea and enjoyed the songs.