

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th May 2014 in Husthwaite Village Hall**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), P. Fox (PF), E. Smith (ES), B. Smith (BS), P. Escreet (PE),
A. Gambles (AG).

In Attendance: Cllr C. Patmore, B. Ward (clerk), Mrs Y. Macalister.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Wesley House:** Mrs Macalister was present to update members on the Solar panels currently fixed to the roof of Wesley House. She explained that, although they had been erected without planning consent, she had previously been advised that consent was not required and had not intended to flout planning rules. Subsequent to installation, planning approval had been sought but was still under discussion and a refusal was anticipated. She confirmed that, if this was the case, the decision would be appealed. Should the appeal fail then she would have no option but to install the solar panels on Colton House and/or Little Worsal. In essence she sought support from the parish council for them to remain on Wesley House. After some discussion it was agreed that the parish council would write to HDC Planning to ascertain the full facts behind the apparent confusion in the need or otherwise for planning consent. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Elphin Bridge: Highways North Yorkshire have responded as follows: "The damaged bridge parapet has been inspected by the Highway Officer and it is not considered to be causing a hazard. Regrettably therefore we are not able to carry out any repairs at present. Until such time as funding becomes available to carry out the repairs to the damaged bridge parapet, we will continue to monitor its condition and if necessary carry out any temporary repairs to ensure that it does not become a hazard."
 - 4.2 Defibrillator: Nine volunteers have now been trained and a further four await training. It is hoped the Community First Responder scheme will 'go live' in July. The method of operation will be via a 999 call to the ambulance service who will in turn call the 'first responder' to attend. There remained the problem of what to do with the, now surplus, defibrillator provided by the Coxwold Surgery fund. It was agreed to ask the ambulance service if they would take it or alternatively offer it to the Easingwold Health centre. **Action: BS/CF**
 - 4.3 Recreation Area: The purchased product (MossBuster) was applied to the MUGA surface and the cemetery paths and has been very effective. Those who volunteered to apply the moss killer and who assisted with the spring tidy-up were thanked.
 - 4.4 Footpath map: The Clerk has spoken to the Coxwold parish clerk who advised that a comprehensive footpath map had not been produced by them. CP advised that North York Moors National Park had produced some local footpath maps in the past.
 - 4.5 Bus Services: The reduction is not as severe as was feared. There remain 5 services per day in each direction with the last bus (18.18 ex Husthwaite) now going to York.
 - 4.6 The Orchard Inn: Cllr Patmore has been in contact with HDC but has had no response to date. It is believed that a new company 'Husthwaite Pub Company Ltd' has been formed. PF asked if a note had been put on the Land Registry records to the effect

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that the property is registered as a Community Asset. Cllr Patmore will ask HDC Planning. **Action: Cllr Patmore.**

- 4.7 Blocked drains: There are still 3 blocked drains - 1 each at the bottom of East View, in Elphin View (between properties nos. 9 & 10) and Prospect Cottages (by no 16). Cllr Patmore has asked for the 'gullysucker' to attend the village.
- 4.8 Street name signage: HDC will not renew street name signs but are happy for the parish council to fund them. As there is no street name sign at all for Elphin View it was felt that HDC should provide. **Action: Clerk to contact HDC.**
- 4.9 Volley Ball Equipment: This has not yet been ordered but a complete set including a ball will be ordered from Sport-Thieme Ltd. The cost will be within the budget of £500. **Action: Clerk**
- 4.10 Waste Bins: As neither HDC nor NYCC will fund new bins, it was agreed that the parish council would buy one for the village green at a cost of £150. **Action: Clerk**
- 4.11 Bier House Rent: A local estate agent had been asked for an indication of the market rent for the property but the response was somewhat non-committal. Broadacres have confirmed they rent garages within the parish at a cost of £6.74 per week and it was agreed that the village hall committee could rent the bier house for £300 pa as long as they maintained the building during their tenure.
- 4.12 Grass Cutting: Burn Bros are now cutting the grass in front of the village hall on a fortnightly basis.
- 4.13 Review of Parish Plan: PE reported that he had read through the Plan and much of what had been requested had been achieved. It was now felt that a form of 'you asked for - we did' report be produced. After discussion it was agreed that CF would circulate a copy of the original questionnaire for discussion at the next meeting in July. **Action: CF**
- 4.14 Painting of Village Seats: Only one quote has been received for the re-painting of 6 village seats. This was from Easingwold Painting & Decorating in the sum of £590. It was agreed that this quote be accepted subject to the work being completed this year. **Action: CF**

5. Matters Arising Between Meetings:

- 5.1 Parish Council Insurance: The 3 year agreement with insurance brokers Came & Company expires on 1 June. Three quotes have been received for renewal, one each from Aviva, Aon and Hiscocks. It was agreed to accept the Aviva offer of a 3 year agreement at £904.40 pa. **Action: Clerk**
- 5.2 Affordable housing: The Rural Housing Enabler has requested that she attend a future parish council meeting to discuss a housing needs survey. It was decided to decline the offer as additional housing was already proposed in Husthwaite and there was no need to consider other options.
- 5.3 YLCA Provision of Services: YLCA has presented a list of the services it offers and it was agreed to accept. **Action: Clerk**

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6. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following applications have been received:

13 East View, Husthwaite - Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of two storey extension to rear of dwelling. (The parish council wish to see this approved)

The following planning applications have been approved:

Greystones, High Street, Husthwaite - Construction of detached double garage to the rear of the existing dwelling.

1 West Terrace, Low Street, Husthwaite - Construction of a domestic storage building as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 3 March 2014 and email of 23 March 2014.

The Parish Council agreed to write to highways re their lack of response on this planning application which will necessitate in the formation of a new access onto an already busy section of road, on a bend, opposite a primary school. **Action: PE**

7. Finance:

7.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out 2013/14

20.03.14	100833	£70.63	'Moss Buster' (moss killer) inc £11.77 VAT
31.03.14	100834	£1160.00	F B Ward (Clerks Salary)
31.03.14	100835	£290.00	HMRC (PAYE on clerk's salary)
31.03.14	100836	£20.00	C Skinner (replacement for chq 100813)
		£1540.63	

Cheques/Monies in 2013/14

24.03.14	£50.00	N & S Milsted (Memorial fee re D Cooper)
	£50.00	

Statement balance at 31 March 2014 - £12227.26

Unpresented cheques 100833, 100834, 100835, 100836 - £1540.63

Cheques/Monies out 2014/15

14.04.14	100837	£90.00	N Yorks County Council (grit bin) inc £15.00 VAT
14.04.14	100838	£118.00	YLCA subscription
20.05.14	100839	£756.66	Burn Brothers (Grass cutting) inc £126.11 VAT
		£964.66	

Cheques/Monies in 2014/15

14.04.14	£3750.00	Precept 1 st instalment
	£3750.00	

Statement balance at 20 May 2014 - £14366.63.

Unpresented cheques 100836, 100839 - £776.66.

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7.2 Recreation Area HSBC a/c

No transactions

Statement Balance at 31 March 2014 and at 20 May 2014 - £562.96.

HSBC Deposit a/c

	Monies in	Monies out
15.03.14	£0.02 Interest £0.02	
Statement balance at 31 March 2014 - £389.58		

	Monies in	Monies out
15.04.13	£0.02 Interest	
15.05.13	£0.02 Interest £0.04	
Statement balance at 20 May 2014 - £389.62		

7.3 Payments Approved: Broker Network Ltd - insurance £904.40, Clerk - Apr / May Salary £240, Internal Auditor - voucher £40.

7.4 External Audit: the submission for external audit was approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

8 To Discuss Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council:

Nothing to note.

9 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies:

No reports.

10 Reports from County/District Councillors:

Cllr Patmore presented a comprehensive report from both the County and District councils a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

11 AOB:

11.1 BS raised the matter of the rather poor state of the parish council notice board. He was advised that the Orchard Project were funding a refurbishment as soon as Mr Coulthard had the time to do the work.

11.2 Village website: BS will put a prominent piece in the Newsletter about the village website so that the people of the village are made aware of the information available to them.

12 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th July 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.

**HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL
 AGM REPORT FOR 2013/14**

No.	Subject	Detail
1.	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No increase in Council Tax for at least this year. • Hambleton continues to have by far the lowest Council Tax out of the 7 District Councils in North Yorkshire. • HDC too, have had to make savings within the Council, but this has been less severe because of the Reserves held by the Council due to the sale of their stock of council housing some years ago. • Many grants and advice on grants are available to parish councils through the Authority.
2.	Planning & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Government have brought in many changes to planning legislation and a lot of work has gone into implementing these and training the councillors. • The Local Development Framework is in the process of being reviewed and parish councils and individuals will be consulted on the identified ways forward. It is hoped that this will bring a better distribution of new housing and encourage a broader range of economic development throughout the District. • As you will be aware that has been an expanse of building in Easingwold with still more to come. • I have endeavoured to raise awareness of housing needed for people who wish to move to market towns as they down-size in later life. This I am pleased to say is now on the agenda.
3.	Health & Leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again grants have been given to some village sports centres in the District to encourage use by more people to aid a healthier life style. • The Cabinet have just agreed to bring the Dog Warden Service back in house due to the number of complaints it is receiving on dog fouling in villages. Money has been identified for this service and it is hoped that it will bring about fines for those who do not clean up after their dogs and remove any stray dogs that are reported.
4.	Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hambleton continue to do this well and the re-cycling level has increased, although we are still just behind Ryedale.

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5.	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hambleton now run a Parish Forums twice yearly for parish council representatives to attend to learn what is going on and to enable them to question senior officers and members. The next one is in June. • Hambleton District Council elected a new Leader, Cllr. Mark Robson, this time last year and he has breathed fresh air into the Authority, despite being left with some difficult problems. • The Senior Officer roles within the Authority have been assessed and a new structure is now in place and functioning. • There is to be a reduction in the number of councillors from 44 at present down to 28 after the local election next year. • Work has already been done to restructure the Council and from May this year we will be operating as if we had only 28 members. • Boundaries of all the existing wards will change in 2015 and will be based on the number of residents not the geographical area. This will mean that some land areas are extremely large with many parish councils and others are small with only a town council. • Hambleton District Council will serve the people it represents well whatever and the new Ward here will be called the Raskelf and White Horse Ward
6.	Personal involvement	<p>In this new year on Hambleton District Council I will be undertaking the following roles:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the Audit Committee • A member of the Standards Committee • The Staff Appeal Committee • Various Boards monitoring performance and finance • Attending as many Cabinet Meetings as possible.
		<p align="right">Caroline Patmore District Councillor for the White Horse Ward May 2014</p>

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
 ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013/14**

No.	Subject	Detail
1.	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council has now delivered £93.5m of cuts so far. • A further £73.4m savings will be required for the years 2015/16 to 2018/19. • The aggregate savings requirement of £166.9m broadly equates to a 34% reduction in the Councils spending so far. • £22.5m savings are proposed for 2015/16 • A further 38.7m of cuts have now been identified as part of the longer term financial projection.
2.	Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As in previous years the funding to schools, the Dedicated Schools Grant, will remain ring fenced for schools. • Academy schools in the County receive their funding direct from Government and this is deducted from the DSG. • The Council is to spend at least £58m over the next 3 years to create extra school places and maintain school improvement.
3.	Health & Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Better Care Fund was announced by Government in June 2013 – this is a pooled budget for health and social service care. • It is hoped this will help to integrate these previously independent services. • North Yorkshire has an ever increasing elderly population with the added difficulty of being sparsely populated. • Work is being done by Help the Aged, other voluntary charities as well as the Authority to try and alleviate the loneliness of some of our more isolated elderly people, particularly now bus services have been reduced. • Further work is to be done on extra care housing which is recognised as more popular way of acquiring support for people who need it.
4.	Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Incinerator which has taken up so much time and money in previous years is still not a viable option. • Planning has been obtained for the site at Allerton Park, just off the A1.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government grant, the PFI funding, that was needed to build this plant was turned down in 2013. • At present the future of this facility is still unknown, but we do have to consider the technology that governed this facility is now “old hat”! • The Council have still considerable costs riding on this, but I am unable to guess at what the outcome of this will be.
5.	Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the appalling winters of the last two years our roads have deteriorated badly. • A survey of all North Yorkshire roads showed that £400m is needed to bring them up to a proper state of repair. • The Council has, at the last full council voted for £5m to be added to the existing Highways budget in the County to help with this. This money is coming out of reserves. • A further sum of approximately £5m has also been added to by the Government giving us some help towards repairing the backlog of maintenance. • The roads around the Tour de France area are now in perfect condition and money has been taken from other areas’ budgets in order to do this work. • We are informed that no further work will be done in this area for some time to come. • Our roads are in a terrible state here. • Road Traffic Accidents have increased considerable during this last year. • The verges of our country roads are not fit for cyclists to ride over due to damage inflicted by wear and tear, but more pertinently by heavy vehicles and farm implements. • Potholes are rife everywhere, but particularly on our country roads! • Most councillors are aware of this and we are doing all we can to acquire proper management of what money is available to us and more monitoring of the repairs which are often not fit for purpose.
6.	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is required to keep 2% of its annual net revenue budget in an account for any emergencies or unpredictable events. e.g. flooding/train disasters etc. • Full council meetings have been cut from 5 to 4 to help save money. • Councillors have again not received a pay increase for the coming year, this being the fifth year in succession. • County is endeavouring to turn around Troubled Families. This is primarily to stop this happening from generation to generation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is always looking for people who are prepared to be fostercarers. • A Cycling Safety campaign has been launched. Personally I hope they underline the danger of cycling on our roads with the very damaged edges, blind hills and troughs etc. • There is still time to have your say on the future Vision for County as we adjust to the 34% cuts. Web site. • Information on the Cost of Care is available on the web site. • The Tour de France • There is an offer on composting bins to help with the waste strategy.
7.	Personal Involvement	<p>At present I am involved in the following roles:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Adoption Panel • Chairman of the Standards Committee • Chairman of the ELAC Management Committee • Member of the LAC Group • NYCC representative on York Hospital Trust Governors Board • NYCC representative on North York Moors National Park Authority • NYCC representative on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
		<p align="right">Caroline Patmore County Councillor for the Stillington Division May 2014</p>