

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th March 2013**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), P. Davison (PD), E. Smith (ES).

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

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 The Clerk and PD met with representatives from NYCC Highways and walked the length of Highthorne Lane and the road to the A19. Whilst Highways were full of sympathy there was little promise of action on the state of the roads. They did suggest using some 'road planings' to fill in the verge edges to stop them collapsing. However, it seems that most of the potholes are not deemed big enough to warrant attention (ie they will not damage a car and lead to a claim!) **Action: Clerk to complain to Highways about the footpath by the cemetery and the lack of action on the roads.**

3.2 Defibrillator: Meeting yet to be organised. **Action: CF**

3.3 Highways: A full structural survey of the bridge on the Carlton Husthwaite road is promised. **Action: Clerk to contact Highways again.**

3.4 Bier House Guttering: The current occupant of the Bier House has surrendered the tenancy. The Village Hall Committee asked if they could use the premises for storage during the construction of the new hall. It was agreed that they could use it rent free on condition that they carried out the necessary repairs. The property will be available for re-let once the new hall is complete.

3.5 East View Railings: Still no response from Broadacres. **Action: Clerk to follow up**

3.6 Elphin View: N Yorks Police have written to residents with a temporary solution but it does not seem to be effective. Highways have still not kept their side of the agreement reached in October last year. **Action: Clerk to contact Highways**

3.7 Community Hub: The Orchard Inn has now been registered as a 'Community Asset' with the district council. This means that should it ever be put up for sale the village will have six months to formulate a bid to buy.

3.8 Dog Fouling: Despite a recent note in the Newsletter the problem is still very evident. It was agreed that a further Newsletter item would encourage residents to report anyone failing to clear up and if possible photograph them as evidence for prosecution. **Action: Clerk**

3.9 Grit Bins: Despite another appeal for a grit bin to be sited at the top of Highthorne Lane there has been no success.

3.10 Winter Weather: There have been no responses to the Newsletter item regarding support for the vulnerable.

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. **Planning/Planning Policy:**

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

Village Hall The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO614PY

Proposed discharge of conditions 02 - contract for carrying out works to be made - 03 - measures to protect trees during demolition - attached to application 12/01035/CON

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Village Hall The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO614PY

Proposed discharge of conditions 02 - details and samples of materials - 03 - detailed landscaping scheme - 04 - details of exterior lighting - 05 - details of visibility splays - 06 - related parking facilities - attached to application 12/01034/CON

Juniper House The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PY

Proposed work to fell 2no Silver Birch trees

The following applications have been **approved**:

Bye Green Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA

Application to remove condition 6 of planning approval 04/00441/FUL in order to use the building for agricultural storage and livestock

Juniper House The Nookin Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4PY -

Proposed work to fell 2no Silver Birch trees

Suncliffe Beacon Farm, Malton Street,

application for the retention of a dwelling and vehicular access in connection with existing alpaca breeding and rearing business

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

05.02.13	100800	£5350.00	G & J Douthwaite (pavilion works)
05.02.13	100801	£25.00	Broker Network Ltd (additional insurance for
02.03.13	100802	£1120.00	F B Ward (clerk's salary)
02.03.13	100803	£280.00	HMRC (PAYE on clerk's salary)

£6775.00

Cheques/Monies in

14.02.13	£35.00	N Medd (re V Bowes interment)
28.02.13	£500.00	Transfer from Recreation Area a/c
05.03.13	£15.00	Rotherhams Ltd (re memorial alteration - Wentworth)

£550.00

Uncleared cheques NIL

Statement balance at 14 March 2013 - £443.62

6.2 Cemetery Fund

	Monies in		Monies out
10.12.12	£6767.72	Transfer from PC Account	

Statement balance at 14 January 2013 - £6767.72 (NOTE: this money is now invested in a 6 month fixed rate bond. No direct transactions in or out can be made during this period. It is 'owed' £50.00 by the PC a/c)

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6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

No transactions

Monies In

No transactions

Statement Balance at 14 March 2013 - £12.96

HSBC Deposit a/c

	Monies in		Monies out
15.01.13	£0.04	Interest	
15.02.13	£0.04	Interest	
28.02.13		Transfer to PC a/c)	£500.00
15.03.13	£0.03	Interest	

£0.11

£500.00

Statement balance at 14 March 2013 - £389.31

7 To Discuss Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council

7.1 Community Infrastructure Levy was discussed. The monies from this would only be available if *additional building* were to be approved in the village and a Neighbourhood Plan has been produced. As the decision has been made not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and additional building is not proposed the Parish Council will not become involved.

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

- Hambleton Play Partnership: They is to be a 'Play Conference' in Northallerton and PD is to do a presentation on what has been achieved in Husthwaite and how the monies were obtained.
- Recreation Area: We are confident that the grant application for the completion of the access road from Amplecarr into the Recreation Area will be successful. See attached report from PD for an update on the area.

There were no further reports

9 Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Patmore's reports are attached to these minutes.

10 AOB:

- 10.1 The Orchard Project has offered to refurbish/replace the general notice board which stands next to the Parish Council board and this offer has been gratefully accepted. In addition they wish to add to the village entrance signs with a 'welcome to' message above the village name. This was accepted in principle subject to seeing a visual example of what is proposed. **Action: Clerk**

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.00pm, Tuesday 21st May 2013. Venue: Husthwaite Primary School

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THE FINISHING LINE?

At this stage, it is interesting to look back on the development of the Recreation Area since the Parish Plan was published in 2007. Every year since then there has been progressive development on a phased basis, bringing us to a point where, if everything goes to plan, the whole project should be finished during the summer months.

With regard to the latest addition - the Pavilion - interior work involving decorating, floor tiling and fitting of storage shelves and cupboards is now complete. Visitors to the site have raised some interesting questions - perhaps 'tongue in cheek'.

Is this going to be toilet block?

Will it become a holiday let?

What will be its intended use?

It may be timely to address the situation.

In addition to providing storage for some very basic items necessary for site maintenance, it is envisaged that Community Groups will have access to store sports equipment which they will need when using the MUGA. At present there are three such groups - Ladies Tennis, Netball and Mixed Sports (football, basketball, tennis etc) which meet on a regular basis. The premises may also be used to provide shelter in the event of a shower or for a social get-together following play. A further possible use is for the provision of a base from which to organise future whole village events such as the celebrations which marked the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June last year. Any other village groups considering bookings are asked to give me a ring on 868449.

So, as we approach the Finishing Line, what is scheduled for the months ahead?

- Access Track

Funding has been secured but details cannot be published at this stage. However, we hope that during May there will be work on a much needed improvement which will benefit everyone, but particularly parents with children in prams/pushchairs, wheel chair users, the disabled and those needing to take care when walking.

- Other Features

These include some items for a small outdoor gym, provision for volleyball and some cycle racks.

Hopefully, all of this will be in place by September at which point development of the Recreation Area will be complete - unless the Finishing Line has been moved!

Finally, please note 3 important dates when support from the village will be much appreciated:

- Wednesday 15th May 7 - 9 p.m. - Working Party to address annual 'tidying up' of the site.
- Tuesday 16th July 7.30 p.m. - Recreation Area Committee AGM.
- August/September (date to be arranged later) - Grand Opening

Peter Davison

**REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
March/April 2013/14**

No.	Subject
1.	The final Full Council of this four year term was held on the 20 February 2013, as there will be local elections in May of this year.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Budget for this year was agreed by the Council. For the first time since I became a councillor in 1997 we have agreed a deficit budget leaving the sum of £4.6 million to be found from under spends or from reserves. • NYCC is required to have reserves of 7% of the net Council funding and the figure that is held at present is £23 million.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax was agreed by all but one political group at nil increase for this year, and councillors have agreed to take the Government's funding that will increase the sums raised by 1%. • Funding the Authority when I was first elected to the Council was split at: (approximate dates and figures) <p>1997 = 70% from Government Grants and 30% from Council Tax. 2000 = 50% was raised from Government Grants and 50% from Council 2013 = 33% from Government Grants and 67% from Council Tax.</p>
4.	There have been 1300 redundancies in staff to date.
5.	£875,000 is to be transferred from the Council's Reserves to help pay for improvements to drainage on our roads. This work will be prioritised. However overall the Council have agreed that £3 million will be set aside for repairs and maintenance to the road network in the County for this year.
6.	Finally a reminder about the possibility of villages in this area being able to acquire a Vehicular Activated Sign to help prevent speeding at a cost to the Parish Council and if they meet certain criteria.
7.	The funding allocation to schools for this financial year has now been sent to the head teachers.
8.	The Council are bringing in changes to Highway Parking and this will mean restrictions on parking outside schools. It will become a civil offence and anyone violating the restrictions can be fined.

**REPORT FOR HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL
March/April 2013**

No.	Subject.
1.	<p>The Budget for 2013/4 was agreed at the last full Council on 19 February 2013 and there will be no increase in Council Tax for this coming year. The Council have agreed to take the Government grant of 1% that was offered to them on a one year basis, if they did not increase this.</p>
2.	<p>Resources Management Strategy is on the Cabinet Agenda for 19 March, together with Capital Monitoring, Capital Programme Schemes and various other financial subjects. Capital Program (£719,000), Corporate Services (£242,500) and Resource Service (694,000).</p>
3.	<p>Bagby Airfield is again in the news. There will be another enquiry by the Planning Inspectorate in irregularities at the Airfield in June of this year.</p>
4.	<p>You may have read in the local papers that the Leader of Hambleton Conservative Group (and Leader of the Council) has stood down from this position. There will be an election amongst the Conservative Group to appoint a new Leader of the Group in April, and no doubt this will be report also locally.</p> <p>As the Conservative Group is the largest on the Council it is expected that whoever is elected leader of the Group will take over the leadership of the Council after the next full Council in May.</p>
5.	<p>The newspapers have also been reporting the 10% increase that the Cabinet are considering for the Chief Executive, Mr Phil Morton. This is a two year agreement and will be paid out, I understand at 5% per annum. This makes Mr Morton the highest paid Chief Executive in the North Yorkshire District and Borough Councils.</p> <p>Needless to say the media is not happy about this, and I have to say I had heard nothing on the subject until I read it in the papers.</p> <p>We were also informed that Peter Simpson the last Cx is still being paid by Hambleton until April this year. His pay I understand is £62,000.</p> <p>I look forward to being informed on this subject by the Cabinet Members. I think this calls into question the Council's communication skills.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CP</p>