

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 15th November 2011**

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Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), E. Smith (ES), P Davison (PD), R Houlston (RH), G Jones (GJ).

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

1. **Apologies:** Mrs C Jones,

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

3. **Matters Arising:**

3.1 Fields for the Future: Hambleton District Council has confirmed that they are pursuing the 'no vote' option

3.2 Library Service: A book exchange has now been set up at the village hall

3.3 Cycle Racks: A grant of £260 has been received from Easingwold Lions for one cycle rack and further funding is being sought for two more.

3.4 Caution Children Playing signs: These have now been purchased and installed

3.5 Village Notice Board: It was agreed that the notice board would be refurbished in the spring.

3.6 Queen's Jubilee 2012: It was agreed that a 'Jubilee Committee' would be formed and a notice put into the Newsletter asking for volunteers.

3.7 Defibrillator: All those who have volunteered will be contacted to ascertain whether they are still available and prepared to be trained in its use. Meantime, Cllr Patmore will investigate the training availability. **Action Clerk, Cllr Patmore**

4. **Matters Arising Between Meetings.**

4.1 Grit Bins: A letter had been received regarding the grit bin at Elphin View. When NYCC proposed its removal last year Broadacres Housing Association agreed to fund it. This year they wish to pass on the charge to their resident in the service charge. This is thought unfair as it is not only Broadacres residents who use it. Members expressed strong views that the bin should be retained and that NYCC should fund it. Cllr Patmore agreed and undertook to contact the relevant persons. **Action: Cllr Patmore**

5. **Planning/Planning Policy:**

The following planning applications have been received:

Wesley House, High Street: Alterations to existing dwelling to reduce size and provide garage at ground floor to use in association with neighbouring dwelling.

Laurel House, Low Street: Proposed felling of monkey puzzle tree

The Old Transformer Site, Amplecarr: Construction of an agricultural pig building

The following applications have been approved:

Throstle Nest Farm: Application for prior notification for the construction of a general purpose agricultural storage building

6. **Finance:**

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

20.09.11	100754	£180.00	H Houlston & Son - recreation area grass cutting
20.09.11	100755	£10.00	Rev R Duck - re Wood interment
03.10.11	100756	£34.98	Safety Signs & Notices - 'children playing' signs

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16.10.11	100757	£266.40	Playsafety Ltd - safety inspection
17.10.11	100758	£25.00	Cash - petty cash top-up
31.10.11	100759	£606.67	Burn Bros - grass cutting
31.10.11	100760	£17.00	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - wreath

£1140.05

Cheques/Monies in

26.09.11	£3500.00	Parish Precept - 2 nd instalment
01.11.11	£260.00	Grant from Easingwold Lions for bench

£3760.00

Statement balance at 14 November 2011 - £5449.94 no unrepresented cheques

6.2 Cemetery Fund

Monies in

No transactions

Monies out

Statement Balance at 14 November 2011 - £5752.21

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

Monies Out

No transactions

Monies In

No transactions

Statement Balance at 14 November 2011 - £12.96

Standard Life a/c

Monies in

Monies out

28.09.11	£0.91	Interest
28.10.11	£0.89	Interest

£1.80

Statement Balance at 14 Nov 2011 - £985.4613

7 Review of Pay and Conditions of Clerk

It was agreed that in the present financial climate the remuneration will again remain unchanged 2012/2013. No change to conditions

8 Expenditure for the Year 2011 - 2012

It is anticipated that the 2011/12 year end balance will be £938.89. Income for the year 2012/13 is estimated at £246.15 and expenditure is forecast at £7767.50. Although this means a very tight budget for the year it was proposed that the Precept for the year be maintained at £7000.00 for the sixth year in row. (see attached). This was agreed unanimously.

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

9.1 Funding Tools: A recent article in 'Clerk & Councils Direct' referred to an on-line tool to help parish

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councils search for funding to improve and develop play spaces for children. The Clerk was asked to investigate. **Action: Clerk**

10 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies

10.1 Easingwold and Villages Forum: PD reported that the main item at the last meeting concerned radical changes in the pipeline at York and N Yorks PCT to devolve more to local level. The PCT is currently £30m overspent.

The meeting was advised that Easingwold Library will remain open. The Town Council are moving into accommodation there, as are Easingwold Community Care Group. These rentals will be used to fund payment of a qualified librarian.

A pamphlet giving information on coping with winter weather, together with important telephone contact numbers is available and a copy has been posted on the parish notice board. A summary of the information will be published in the Newsletter.

10.2 Village Hall: The Lottery bid has now been submitted and the outcome is awaited. The next meeting is on 22 November and it was agreed that Geoff Jones would be the Parish Council representative at future meetings.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch: Isolated incidences of vandalism are still occurring with broken glass found in the childrens' play area and on the MUGA. In addition, an attempted break-in occurred in The Nookin.

Cold calling is on the increase and reputable organisations (eg Macmillan care) have been asked not to call after dark. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity.

10.4 Recreation Area - PD listed the targets for development for next year. These are : a pavilion/store; cycle stands (£260 already kindly donated by Easingwold Lions); outdoor gymnasium; improvements to access from the road; picnic table. The approx total cost is likely to be around £22,000 and sources of funding are being explored.

10.5 Highways: Members expressed total dissatisfaction with the way Highways N Yorkshire maintain the roads. There are far too many potholes being ignored and when they are filled it is done badly and is soon as bad again. NYCC will be advised of the PC's concerns and Cllr Patmore agreed to follow up with the council member responsible. **Action: Clerk & Cllr Patmore**

11. Reports from County/District Councillors.

Cllr Patmore had nothing to report.

12 AOB:

12.1 PD advised that Easingwold Lions operate a Young Leaders in Service Award. Details of this will be made available early in the new year and it is hoped young people in Husthwaite will become involved.

12.2 Recreation Area: As part of the 'Sustainability Grant' for the recreation area there is £1000 available to invest in training. A safety training course will be arranged for 6 people who will then be able to monitor the safety of the equipment and the area in general.

12.3 PD has ascertained that the proposed pavilion will not require planning consent provided that 'it is the Parish Council which is constructing the building on land that belongs to or is maintained by them for a function operated by them'. **Action: Clerk to confirm to HDC**

12.4 The church and the chapel again wish to place some Christmas decoration on the village green and this was approved.

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.30pm, Tuesday 17th January 2012. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

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	Paid 10/11	Paid 11/12	To pay	Budget 12/13
Grass cutting	1520.01	1520.01		1820.00
YLCA Membership	120.00	126.00		130.00
YRCC Membership	35.00	35.00		35.00
Local Council Clerks	61.00		65.00	65.00
Playing Fields	12.50	12.50		12.50
Insurance	831.06	916.83		950.00
External Audit	470.00	342.00		400.00
Clerks wages	1400.00		1405.00	1405.00
Village Hall	500.00	500.00	500.00*	800.00
Cemetery	500.00		*	
Petty Cash	0	25.00		25.00
CAB	0		50.00	50.00
Donations	0		50.00	50.00
Newsletter	270.00	300.00		300.00
Cemetery/Recreation Area	231.62			
Railings/seats	644.98	425.00		
Parish Plan	0			
Elections			500.00*	
VAT	348.78			
Misc	16.50	32.70		525.00
	6961.45	4235.04	2570.00	6567.50
Recreation Area	1380.09	719.89	940.00	1200.00
	8341.54	4954.93	3510.00	7767.50
B/F	2583.96	1974.99		938.89
War graves	15.00			
Precept	7000.00	7000.00		
Refunds (VAT etc)	471.62		182.68	
Bier House rent	245.00	122.50	122.50	245.00
NEDL Wayleave	1.15	1.15		1.15
	10316.53	9089.64	305.18	1185.04
			Precept req,d	6582.46
			+10%	7240.06
			Rounded	7000.00