

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Present:** Cllr A Barker (AB)  
Cllr P Chapman (PC)  
Cllr J Dixon (JD)  
Cllr Y Peacock (NYC) (YP)  
Cllr R Phillips (RP)  
Mrs C Swainston (Parish Clerk) (CS)  
Cllr H Swettenham (HS)

**Police:** Sharon Diamond PCSO577

		<b>ACTION</b>
	Cllr Dixon welcomed the police officer to the meeting.	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests and Lobbying</b>	
	There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Open Session</b>	
	There were no members of the public present.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Apologies were received from Cllr B Phillips.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 were accepted.	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	
5.1.1	<b>Members Comments (Item 12)</b>	
	Cllr Dixon reported that Stainton needed a new noticeboard, he agreed to speak to Bill Barker about a replacement. <i>Update 15/09/22: Cllr Dixon reported that he would make a smaller noticeboard for Stainton. Downholme also requires a new noticeboard which the Parish Clerk will source, Cllr Peacock offered a grant to cover the costs. Update 17/11/22: The Parish Clerk confirmed that funding had been received and she was waiting for confirmation of Downholme's preferred noticeboard. Cllr Barker waiting for written quote, work can be started in February 2023. Update 16/02/23: Cllr Barker confirmed that an order had been placed for a new Downholme noticeboard. Cllr Dixon has repaired Stainton's board and it will be reinstated asap. Update 18/05/23: As before. Update 21/09/23: Downholme's new noticeboard had been erected, Stainton's noticeboard has now fallen apart and a new one was requested. Cllr Barker agreed to source/obtain a quote. Update 16/11/23: Waiting for a response. Update 15/02/24: Ongoing. Update 16/05/24: New noticeboard erected at Stainton.</i>	<b>ENDS</b>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Matters Arising from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	
5.2.1	<b>Downholme Grass Cutting (Item 10)</b>	
	Cllr Chapman said that it was important that Downholme continued to look pristine. Cllr Dixon proposed that the parish claim the money and reimburse Bill Barker. Cllr Dixon agreed to speak to Bill Barker. <i>Update 16/05/24: Cllr Barker reported that the miniscule areas marked blue on the map from the council are not areas that Bill cuts. Bill does the majority in</i>	<b>ENDS</b>

	<i>the village including the upper area on both sides leading to the cattle grid, and the triangle at the bottom and around the Downholme sign on the main road leading to Richmond, therefore he is not eligible to claim.</i>	<b>ACTION</b>
5.2.2	<p><b>Parish Website (Item 11)</b></p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that NYC would no longer be supporting the hosting of documents from the end of March 2025. This had implications as the annual financial documents are required by law to appear online. <i>Update 16/05/24: A website and email address have been created to support the parish:</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="https://hudswell-pc.gov.uk/"><u>https://hudswell-pc.gov.uk/</u></a> <a href="mailto:clerk@hudswell-pc.gov.uk"><u>clerk@hudswell-pc.gov.uk</u></a></p>	<b>ENDS</b>
5.2.3	<p><b>Members Comments (Item 13)</b></p> <p><b>Do we want a portrait of the King?</b> Councillors said “yes”. <i>Update 16/05/24: Delivered and displayed in Hudswell Village Hall.</i></p>	<b>ENDS</b>
5.2.4	<p><b>Members Comments (Item 13)</b></p> <p><b>Best Kept Village?</b> Councillors said “yes”, Cllr Richard Phillips agreed to be the contact. <i>Update 16/05/24: Confirmed, the competition takes place during the first two weeks of July.</i></p>	<b>ENDS</b>
5.2.5	<p><b>Members Comments (Item 13)</b></p> <p>Cllr Chapman raised the issue of the church and its development, he asked that a letter is sent to the church PCC to ask how an entrance will be created to the extended area for the increasing graveyard. The church is still very much involved with the responsibility of the church yard and we want to know how the two areas will be interlinked. <i>Update 16/05/24: It would appear that the land had remained part of the deceased’s estate: no transfer was made to the church during their lifetime. The transfer will therefore be made under Probate.</i></p>	<b>ENDS</b>
5.2.6	<p><b>Members Comments (Item 13)</b></p> <p>Cllr Dixon asked for an update on current highways maintenance issues: (1) Walburn Hall Bridge, (2) road below Downholme Church and (3) washed out road verges between Walburn and Downholme. <i>Update 16/05/24:</i></p> <p><i>(1) Repairs at Walburn Hall Bridge – currently static – The proposed stone to be used for the repairs has yet to be approved by the planning authority, once this has been approved the work will go ahead with an aim to complete it this year.</i></p> <p><i>(2) Repairs to the road beneath Downholme Church – currently static – A solution for this issue is still being sought by the highways officer, this will be repaired as soon as suitable repair is identified.</i></p> <p><i>(3) Repairs to the roadside verge on the main road between Walburn and Downholme – The highways officer plans to have the verge itself repaired and seeded, along with both the replacement of the damaged existing verge marker posts and the addition of some further verge marker posts to aid visibility of the road edge. This work should be completed by the end of the month.</i></p> <p>Cllr Peacock agreed to make further enquiries.</p>	<b>YP</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
	<p>The Parish Clerk presented the accounts. The defibrillator pads in Downholme are due to expire on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and new ones need to be purchased (cost £71.94 inc VAT). This was approved.</p>	<b>CS</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Planning Applications - Consultation</b>	
	<p>Applications had been received and duly commented upon since February 2024 for three locations in Hudswell Ward – (1) Flowery Dell Lodges, (2)</p>	

<p>Trojan House, (3) St Michael and All Angels Church.</p> <p>A possible planning breach at Low Pasture Farm, Hudswell, was currently under investigation. Cllr Peacock agreed to make enquiries.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b>YP</b></p>
<p><b>8. STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment</b></p>	
<p>The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Richard Phillips had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.</p>	
<p><b>9. County Councillor Comments</b></p>	
<p>Cllr Peacock reported on the home to school transport consultation; Hudswell is not affected.</p> <p>Cllr Chapman asked how the second homes taxes will be spent (£14 million collected). Cllr Peacock believes that in the short term money will be put into housing, North Yorkshire's money will be spent in North Yorkshire.</p>	
<p><b>10. Members Comments</b></p>	
<p>The removal of the red telephone box in Hudswell has caused quite a commotion. The Parish Clerk has queried the removal with NYC and received the following response: <i>"I understand that you were informed of the process for the removal of the phone boxes and the process for adopting the phone boxes in October. This removal process has (due to recent changes in legislation) become a formality for removal if the phone boxes don't have certain usage statistics. The BT authorisation team confirmed the removal of payphones to the Council in January, but unfortunately, due to myself being on long term sick leave at the time, the confirmation was not passed on to you. We are now in discussions with BT regarding this issue and we will let you know the outcomes of these discussions as promptly as possible."</i> Cllr Peacock agreed to make further enquiries.</p>	<p><b>CA/YP</b></p>
<p>Cllr Phillips agreed to arrange for the grass verges to be cut in liaison with the contractor.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p>
<p>Cllr Chapman asked how its possible for Highways to offer differences of opinion for the same planning consultation, Cllr Peacock said it was probably personal perception but that Highways can be overruled by the planners.</p>	
<p>Sharon Diamond PCSO577 informed the meeting that she was happy to support the Community Speedwatch Volunteers and that operational dates should be passed on and they would attend if they were on shift. Currently speeders receive two letters, if a third is required then they receive a knock on the door. Police are currently progressing to a new and better system whereby drivers are issued with a Section 59 Anti-Social behaviour warning instead of a second letter. If a third offence should happen within 6 months of the Section 59 then their vehicle is removed there and then.</p>	<p><b>CS</b></p>
<p><b>11. Dates of Next Meetings</b></p>	
<p>19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at 8.00 pm at Hudswell Village Hall.</p>	