

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:
Thursday 17th September 2026**

Present:

Cllr A Barker	(AB)
Cllr P Chapman	(PC)
Cllr J Dixon	(JD)
Cllr Y Peacock (NY)	(YP)
Cllr B Phillips	(BP)
Cllr R Phillips	(RP)
Mrs C Swainston (Parish Clerk)	(CS)
Cllr H Swettenham	(HS)
 Miss Annie Sumner	 (AS)

		ACTION
1.	Declaration of Interests and Lobbying	
	There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.	
2.	Public Open Session	
	Miss Sumner asked if the parish council could intervene with regards to a number of loose sheep that are wandering around the village and damaging the grounds at St Michaels Lodge and church graves. The sheep are not tagged. She had tried to speak to the farmer concerned who had verbally abused her in front of witnesses. Chairman Dixon agreed to take the matter up with the landowners and update Miss Sumner.	JD
3.	Apologies	
	There were no apologies.	
4.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st May 2026	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 21 st May 2026 were accepted.	
5.	Matters Arising from 21st May 2026	
5.1	Public Open Session (Item 2)	
	Dr Paterson reported that 13 th August is the date of the infamous Hudswell air crash, which is the 75 th anniversary of the crash. A small gathering will be held on the weekend of 15 th August 2026 to commemorate the disaster with possibly a military Chaplain in attendance. The RAF Association are keen to be involved as this event is often referred to in training as an example to all. <i>Update 17/09/26: The memorial was a success, over 20 people were in attendance. A HUGE "thank you" to Jon and Jen who made the gardens look wonderful.</i>	
5.2	Hudswell Play Park: Extra Seating (Item 9)	
	A request had been received for extra seating to be made available in Hudswell Play Park. The councillors agreed this was a good idea, Parish Clerk to make enquiries with NYC. <i>Update 17/09/26: Bench to be installed October 2026.</i>	CS

5.3	Members Comments (Item 11)	ACTION
	Cllr Barker raised the issue of Reeth Road and its maintenance, together with the atrocious condition of Sandbeck. Cllr Peacock agreed to chase with Highways. <i>Update 17/09/25: Reported, but no action yet.</i>	YP
6.	Accounts	
	The Parish Clerk presented the accounts. The Citizens Advice & Law Centre had asked for a donation, 10 clients from the parish had been helped with 27 issues around welfare benefits, utility bills and consumer goods. The meeting agreed to donate £100.	CS
7.	Planning Applications - Consultation	
	Four applications had been received and duly commented upon since May 2026 for Orchard House, Underbanks, Windyridge and Brokes Farm, all of which are in the Hudswell Ward. Issues concerning breach of planning have been raised with NYC in relation to land east of The White House, Hudswell, and we have been advised that the following actions have been taken: - On 2nd June 2026 a Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) was issued, effective for 56 days. - On 14th August 2026 a Planning Enforcement Notice under Section 171A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 was issued. The owner does have the right to appeal against the enforcement notice and should lodge an appeal to the Planning Inspector by the 16 September 2026. If no appeal is lodged by this date the enforcement notice becomes active. The landowner is to reinstate the land to its original condition before the breach occurred by the 16 September 2027. As well as issuing a Planning Enforcement Notice on the land, the Council has also issued a Full Stop Notice under Section 183 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). This notice takes effect on the 18 August 2026. This Stop Notice will be in effect during the course and life of the Planning Enforcement Notice.	
8.	STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment	
	The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Beverly Phillips had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 15 th September 2026.	
9.	County Councillor Comments	
	The Parish Clerk asked why today highway workers were refreshing white lines in Hudswell Lane in the same sections of road which are spray painted up for pavement renewals and surfacing works? It will all need doing again once the resurfacing is completed. Cllr Peacock suggested it was two difference departments, a huge waste of money. A capital programme is required, not a maintenance one. All bins have been delivered, if they haven't been delivered by 5th October please report the issue, collections commence w/c 12th October 2026. Letter to explain collections going forwards. Small bins will be available at Easter 2027 if different solutions are required.	

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	Savings of £1 million are expected over time. Cllrs had received some misleading information concerning changes to LIFELINE SERVICES. Cllr Peacock assured the meeting that things will remain the same, three people are on the contact list; the emergency button still operates; once a year home visits will take place to complete yearly assessments. Cllr Peacock said that the main change is that wardens will not visit as they are not medically trained. The changes take place in April 2027 giving clients chance to make alternative arrangements. Councillors disagreed and stated that when someone fell there was urgent care available immediately and the information they had received intimated different outcomes going forwards. Apparently even LIFELINE employees were not aware of these changes. Cllr Peacock agreed to double check on the arrangements.	YP
10.	Members Comments	
	There were no member comments.	
11.	Dates of Next Meetings	
	19 th November 2026 and 18 th February 2027, <u>7.00 pm</u> at Hudswell Village Hall.	