

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:
Thursday 21st November 2024**

Present: Cllr A Barker (AB)
Cllr P Chapman (PC)
Cllr J Dixon (JD)
Cllr B Phillips (BP)
Cllr R Phillips (RP)
Mrs C Swainston (Parish Clerk) (CS)
Cllr H Swettenham (HS)

		ACTION
1.	Declaration of Interests and Lobbying	
	There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.	
2.	Public Open Session	
	No members of the public present.	
3.	Apologies	
	Cllr Peacock sent her apologies.	
4.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September 2024	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th September 2024 were accepted.	
5.1	Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 15th February 2024	
5.1.1	Members Comments (Item 13) 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> (1) <i>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> (2) <i>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> (3) <i>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> Cllr Peacock agreed to make further enquiries. <i>Update 19/09/24: Cllr Peacock suggested emailing the list to Highways again.</i> <i>Update 21/11/24:</i> (1) <i>Repairs at Walburn Hall Bridge – currently static – This is currently with our consultancy who are working to issue a works order for the repair.</i> (2) <i>Repairs to the road beneath Downholme Church – currently static – There is still no current planned solution for this issue, it is to be rectified in the future as and when funding allows, however, it is on a list along with other similar issues across the area.</i> (3) <i>Repairs to the roadside verge on the main road between Walburn and Downholme – Works orders have been raised to repair both areas of damaged verge on this road and to replace the damaged verge marker posts. These are due to be completed within the next few weeks.</i>	ENDS

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5.2	Matters Arising from 19th September 2024	
5.2.1	<p>Concerns from Downholme Regarding Near Misses with Military Personnel (Item 9)</p> <p>Cllr Barker asked that the military be approached to prevent service personnel being runover in narrow places on the local roads. It was suggested that they be encouraged to stay off the roads. Parish Clerk to correspond with Wathgill and ask that they are more visible. <i>Update 21/11/24: The Parish Clerk had received confirmation from Wathgill that personnel wishing to run on the local public roads had been informed of the potential dangers of running without suitable safety equipment, such as fluorescent vests and head torches and of course ensuring that they run facing oncoming traffic. Alternative routes have been suggested, especially now that the day light hours are reducing.</i></p>	ENDS
6.	Accounts	
	The Parish Clerk presented the accounts.	
7.	Setting the Annual Parish Precept 2025/2026	
	Councillors agreed to leave the precept as last year (currently £4200).	
8.	Planning Applications - Consultation	
	<p>Applications had been received and duly commented upon since September 2024 for two locations in Hudswell Ward – (1) land between Orana and Windyridge and (2) St Michaels Croft.</p> <p>It was noted that a recent planning application by The Grove, Hudswell, was being considered by the Planning Committee on 26th November 2024.</p>	
9.	STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment	
	The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Paul Chapman had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 21 st November 2024.	
10.	County Councillor Comments	
	No comments.	
11.	Members Comments	
	Cllr Chapman asked that a letter be sent to the occupier of Terry Cottage to ask for the skip to be emptied and/or removed, the contents of which fly down the village at regular intervals in bad weather.	CS
12.	Dates of Next Meetings	
	20 th February 2025 and 15 th May 2025 at 8.00 pm at Hudswell Village Hall.	