

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

		<b>ACTION</b>
<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>	
	No apologies received.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 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.</i>	<b>AB</b>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	
5.2.1	<b>Accounts (Item 6)</b>	
	The grant that had been received for the NYCC Locality Budget for a new noticeboard at Downholme would more than cover the costs. It was agreed that any money remaining would be used towards security lighting for Hudswell Village Hall in the first instance, Cllr Chapman agreed to source. This was with Cllr Peacock's full permission. <i>Update 18/05/23: Light ordered, awaiting fitting. Update 21/09/23: Been fitted, awaiting invoice. Update 16/11/23: Awaiting invoice, plus faulty light to fix.</i>	<b>PC</b>

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<b>5.3</b>	<b>Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	
5.3.1	<p><b>Members Comments (Item 11)</b></p> <p>Cllr Dixon asked if we could consider purchasing a defibrillator for Stainton. It was felt inappropriate for a small hamlet, but it was suggested that Wathgill should be the first stop in an emergency. Cllr Dixon agreed to make enquiries with the camp. <i>Update 21/09/23: Ongoing. Update 16/11/23: Cllr Dixon had tried without success, more enquires to take place.</i></p>	<b>JD</b>
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023</b>	
5.4.1	<p><b>Public Open Session (Item 2)</b></p> <p>Ivor Sadler raised the issue of the lack of cutting of roadside verges. It had previously been agreed that the Parish Council would take this role on. <i>Update 16/11/23: Cllr R Phillips notified the meeting that a new contractor had been appointed. Gary Simpson has now cut the verges and an invoice is due. Dates for next year have been discussed.</i></p>	<b>ENDS</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
	The Parish Clerk presented the accounts.	
	A donation request had been received from Citizens Advice, £50 agreed.	<b>CS</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Setting the Annual Parish Precept 2024/2025</b>	
	Councillors agreed a 5% increase totalling £200 (currently £4,000).	<b>CS</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Planning Applications - Consultation</b>	
	Applications had been received and duly commented upon since September 2023 for two locations – Trojan House (Hudswell Ward) and The Old Vicarage (Downholme Ward).	
<b>9.</b>	<b>STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment</b>	
	The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Paul Chapman had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. A new dog fouling sign was needed on the five-bar gate into the field from the roadside.	<b>CS</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Hudswell Bus Stop</b>	
	Councillors felt that there was no need for a bus stop, the current service was a hail and stop system which worked well. A bus stop was not practical.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>County Councillor Comments</b>	
	A traffic survey has been completed on Reeth Road, speed is the main cause of the serious accidents. No further action at present.	
	NYC has put in strong representations for keeping the threatened BT phone boxes in Richmondshire.	
	Several NYC consultations are currently taking place, all accessible on the website; housing/transport.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Members Comments</b>	
	Cllr Phillips commented on the lack of response from Highways following	

his request for information about verge cutting, there was a period of time stated that lapsed.

Cattlegrid nearest to Hudswell is missing one side of its fencing. Parish Clerk to report this to Highways.

Cllr Phillips enquired of Cllr Peacock how she felt the new Council was operating. She reported that the Executive were proving helpful. Some positions are still being filled and people finding their feet. It takes time.

**ACTION**

**CS**

**13. Dates of Next Meetings**

15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (plus AGM) at 8.00 pm.