

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Present:** Cllr P Chapman (PC)  
Cllr J Dixon (JD)  
Cllr R Good (RG)  
Cllr J Mankelow (JM)  
Cllr Y Peacock (NYCC) (YP)  
Cllr R Phillips (RP)  
Cllr H Swettenham (HS)  
Mrs C Swainston (Parish Clerk) (CS)

		<b>ACTION</b>
May's Parish Council meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.		
<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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 were accepted.	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising Which Remain Outstanding from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019</b>	
5.1.1	<b>Comments by District and County Councillors (Item 12)</b>	
	Cllr Peacock agreed to follow up on the Broadband issues and report back. <i>Update 20/02/20: The "team" are still exploring Hudswell. Apparently, they are finding problems. Cllr Peacock has asked to meet with them and explore why it is so expensive for properties in Hudswell. Hudswell remains in the planning stage. Update 17/09/20: Councillors reported that progress had been made in Hudswell and Broadband was imminent, within 3-4 months.</i>	
<b>5.2.</b>	<b>Matters Arising from 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	
5.2.1	<b>Community Feedback Survey 2019</b>	
	Councillor Richard Phillips reported that he had met with Nicky Smith of Community First Yorkshire, she was providing him with suggested copies of plans. The next phase is to put together a publication in relation to the responses received. It should be noted that not all suggestions from the survey fall within the Parish Council remit. <i>Update 17/09/20: The document is currently being put together.</i>	<b>RP</b>
	It is envisaged that there will be a launch event and promotion. Hopefully this will encourage people to get involved in different ways ie, youth groups, gardening, maintenance etc. Funds are available to help us in many ways. <i>Update 17/09/20: On hold until 2021.</i>	<b>ALL</b>

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
	<p>The Parish Clerk presented the accounts. It was noted that the year's entire precept had been received in one transaction from the District Council.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Planning Applications - Consultation</b>	
	<p>Applications had been received and duly commented upon for 7 properties in Hudswell Ward - Meadow Cottage, Green Lane Farm, Rock House, Brokes Farm, Berry House, 6 Arklie Terrace and Swaleview Caravan Park (Reeth Road).</p> <p>Reference the field east of the National Trust's land; the Parish Clerk reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer had written to the owners requesting either the submission of an application or the removal of all jumps, structures, mounding by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019. <i>Update 20/02/20: Nothing heard from the owners, Planning Enforcement Officer and her Manager planning to visit the site in March. Update 17/09/20: Planning Enforcement Officer has agreed with the owner a timescale for the box and the large timber ramp to be removed. Once this is done, then there will be no breach of planning control.</i></p> <p>With regards to Green Lane Farm being put to the Planning Committee, no date is available yet as the September meeting was cancelled. There are also issues relating to a bar at the premises and the Licencing Committee has also been postponed.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment</b>	
	<p>The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Heather Swettenham had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk agreed to hang a notice on the goal posts asking users to hang the net high when finished with to prevent a recurrence of last year's badger entanglement.</p>	<b>CS</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Verges: Grassing Cutting</b>	
	<p>Councillors considered the issue of paying for grass cutting of verges in Hudswell Lane. Plant Life suggests two cuts a year, the first in July and then again in the autumn. Councillors agreed to fund the cutting of the verges based on the Plant Life guidance. Cllr Phillips agreed to liaise directly with Tommy Brown, asking for a line of sight cut where needed and a more conservative cut in other areas. He will also ask about cutting back the hedges above Vicars Green.</p>	<b>RP</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Hudswell &amp; District Messenger</b>	
	<p>Grass cutting article.</p>	<b>RP</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Comments by District and County Councillors</b>	
	<p>Cllr Good told the meeting that RDC is in the middle of a consultation on Council Tax. Also, the BT telephone boxes are being threatened, yet again, by closure.</p> <p>Cllr Good told the meeting that Parish Councils could receive more powers, if they wanted them, under the unitary arrangements, he warned all not to be drawn in.</p>	

**ACTION**

Cllr Peacock said that COVID-19 figures were rising locally and its creeping around us. County has been ensuring that volunteer hubs are supported.

Cllr Peacock was thanked for her assistance with school bus passes, she continues to press for a better system and to ensure that this does not happen again.

**12. Members Comments**

Cllr Chapman asked if National Park employees were back at their Bainbridge headquarters. It was reported that the National Park Authority is not currently back fully operational. All personnel remain working from home, there is no public access to the Bainbridge office.

**13. Dates of Next Meetings**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 8.00 pm.