

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:
Thursday 18th May 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)

Observer: Cllr Naomi Meredith, Chair of Marske and New Forest PC

		ACTION
1.	Declaration of Interests and Lobbying	
	There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.	
2.	Public Open Session	
	There were no issues.	
3.	Apologies	
	There were no apologies.	
4.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th February 2023	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th February 2023 were accepted.	
5.1	Matters Arising Which Remain Outstanding from 20th February 2020	
5.1.1	Community Feedback Survey 2019 (Item 10): It was agreed to remove this item and bring it back at a later date.	ENDS
5.2	Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 17th February 2022	
5.2.1	Members Comments (Item 12) 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.</i>	JD/AB
5.3	Matters Arising from 16th February 2023	
5.3.1	Accounts (Item 6) 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.</i>	PC

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6.	Accounts	
	The Parish Clerk presented the accounts. The defibrillator pads in Hudswell are due to expire and new ones need to be purchased before the end of the month (<i>cost £71.94 inc VAT</i>). This was approved.	CS
	Just before the financial year end, a grant of £174 had been received from RDC in connection with the Kings Coronation. There were no stipulations connected with the money. Further consideration was required before spending, ideas to be considered at the next meeting.	ALL
7.	Planning Applications - Consultation	
	Applications had been received and duly commented upon since February 2023 for two locations in Hudswell Ward – Treetops (Brokes) and Dovesfield.	
8.	STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment	
	The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Richard Phillips had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 17 th May 2023.	
9.	Stainton Grit Bin	
	Having previously discussed the replacement of the Stainton Grit Bin, the Parish Clerk sought approval to purchase a new one at a cost of £50 plus VAT (as at 18/02/22). This was approved.	CS
10.	Comments by District and County Councillors	
	Cllr Peacock reported that she had been asked for safety signs on the Reeth Road, following the fatal crash involving a motorcycle. A full report is expected which we could act upon, a site visit could be arranged.	YP
11.	Members Comments	
	Cllr Dixon reported that Downholme and Stainton had held a tea party for the Kings Coronation.	
	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.	JD
	Cllr Phillips asked if weedkiller could be used to help establish wildflowers. A weed inhibitor was suggested, Cllr Swettenham suggested laying a covering. <i>POST MEETING NOTE: Given the playing field is used by the public, children and dog walkers on the public footpath it would be wise to avoid weedkiller and weed blankets; avoiding the risk of poisoning, slipping or the covering becoming loose. Consider strimming down nettles over a growing season as an alternative</i>	
12.	Dates of Next Meetings	
	21 st September 2023 and 16 th November 2023 at 8.00 pm.	