

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:
Thursday 19th September 2024**

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

Graeme Paterson

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1.	Declaration of Interests and Lobbying	
	There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.	
2.	Public Open Session	
	Graeme Paterson arrived partway through the meeting.	
3.	Apologies	
	There were no apologies.	
4.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th May 2024	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th May 2024 were accepted.	
5.1	Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 15th February 2024	
5.1.1	<p>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> <i>(1) 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> <i>(2) 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> <i>(3) 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></p>	YP
5.2	Matters Arising from 16th May 2024	
5.2.1	<p>Members Comments (Item 10) The removal of the red telephone box in Hudswell has caused quite a commotion. The Parish Clerk has queried the removal with NYC and received the following response: <i>“I understand that you were informed of the process for the removal of the phone boxes and the process for adopting the phone boxes in October. This removal process has (due to</i></p>	ENDS

recent changes in legislation) become a formality for removal if the phone boxes don't have certain usage statistics. The BT authorisation team confirmed the removal of payphones to the Council in January, but unfortunately, due to myself being on long term sick leave at the time, the confirmation was not passed on to you. We are now in discussions with BT regarding this issue and we will let you know the outcomes of these discussions as promptly as possible." Cllr Peacock agreed to make further enquiries. Update 19/09/24: Response from NYC "BT have informed me that once a Kiosk has been removed by our Contractor there is no process in place as BT no longer manufacture red telephone kiosks."

6. Accounts

The Parish Clerk presented the accounts.

7. Planning Applications - Consultation

Applications had been received and duly commented upon since May 2024 for five locations in Hudswell Ward – (1) Treetops in Brokes, (2) The Coach House - 10 Dales View (3) 3 Arklie Terrace, (4) Low Pasture Farm and (5) Land to the east of The Grove. An appeal by The Old Vicarage in Downholme has also been brought to our attention.

8. STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment

The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Heather Swettenham had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 18th September 2024.

9. Concerns from Downholme Regarding Near Misses with Military Personnel

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.

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10. County Councillor Comments

Cllr Peacock said that the Boundary Commission was looking at the number of councillors in the region once again.

The Let's Talk Rubbish survey is currently open for comment.

NY Councillors are looking closely at transport links, ensuring passengers can get to and back home from work.

11. Members Comments

Cllr Barker was concerned at the growing congestion in Hudswell. The Parish Council were reluctant to request any road markings as parking is already at a premium for residents.

12. Dates of Next Meetings

21st November 2024 and 20th February 2025 at 8.00 pm at Hudswell Village Hall.