

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:
Thursday 20th May 2021**

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

Jackie Stubbs

ACTION

The November 2020 Parish Council meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A meeting was held in December 2020 purely to discuss the Parish Precept (details can be found under Item 6 below).

Unfortunately, the February 2021 Parish Council meeting was also cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

1. Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.

2. Public Open Session

Jackie Stubbs raised the issue of developing the playing field for the village. This has been raised before but the pandemic has put a stop to any ideas or development. Volunteers will be sought for most of the work keeping costs down. There are plenty of grants available. Cllr Peacock offered to put Jackie in contact with the National Lottery representative for the area.

Jackie Stubbs sought interest from the Parish Council to support the initiative in principle. The village will be surveyed, and volunteers sought.

Cllr Mankelow raised issues with regards to dogs and playing fields mixing. Other concerns were furniture that could not be maintained and the effect on the wildlife currently on the site.

Cllr Good suggested that the grants will only be available for a short time. He suggested that applications are submitted urgently. He also suggested applying to Calor Gas who support villages not on the grid.

Cllr R Phillips suggested that he, Martin Booth and Jackie Stubbs have a meeting to put together a village survey and notices. The Parish Council encouraged the survey and initiative, however, some were a bit more dubious than others.

RP

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2020 were accepted.

		ACTION
5.1	Matters Arising Which Remain Outstanding from 21st November 2019	
5.1.1	<p>Comments by District and County Councillors (Item 12)</p> <p>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. Update 20/05/21: Cllr Peacock will chase up.</i></p>	VP
5.2.	Matters Arising Which Remain Outstanding from 20th February 2020	
5.2.1	<p>Community Feedback Survey 2019</p> <p>Cllr R 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 20/05/21: The document is currently being put together.</i></p> <p>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 20/05/21: On hold.</i></p>	RP ALL
6.	Accounts	
	The Parish Clerk presented the accounts.	
DEC 2020	Setting the Annual Parish Precept 2021/2022	
	<p><i>Councillors met on 9th December 2020 wholly for the purpose of setting the 2021/2022 parish precept. COVID lockdown had dictated that the usual November committee meeting could not be held.</i></p> <p><i>Councillors agreed to increase the parish precept to £3500 (9.4%). An increase of £300 to cover the hedge cutting and extra roadside vegetation maintenance. Parish Clerk to submit figures.</i></p>	CS
7.	Planning Applications - Consultation	
	<p>Applications had been received and duly commented upon since September 2020 for 7 properties in Hudswell Ward - Sheep Dip Cottage, Orchard House, Brokes Barn, Low Pasture Farm, Holbrook House, Green Lane Farm and Meadow Cottage; 1 property in Downholme Ward – Home Farm.</p> <p>There was a discussion about retrospective planning and perceptions of rule following. Individuals need to be challenged as part of the planning process.</p>	
8.	STANDING ITEM: Hudswell Playing Field Risk Assessment	
	The Parish Clerk reported that Cllr R Phillips had carried out an inspection of the playing field on 15 th May 2021.	

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9. Comments by District and County Councillors	
<p>Cllr Peacock said that County have been heavily involved with public health due to COVID. She herself had been busy helping individuals.</p> <p>Cllr Good said the District have administered the funding from Central Government. Grants are available for playparks. The new arrangements for the new council structure will be published in July 2021.</p>	
10. Members Comments	
<p>Cllr B Phillips explained that details have been received about applying for a grant for Hudswell Play Park. Quotes are needed, and two site meetings have been arranged. Cllr Good expressed the urgency for the application.</p> <p>Cllr R Phillips asked that the land below Rock Cottage be tidied up. The Parish Council said that was a good idea, especially since all the work done so far was enhancing the plot. RDC have been approached and agreed to the work. Any new planting needs to be approved.</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>RP</p>
11. Dates of Next Meetings	
<p>16th September 2021 and 18th November 2021 at 8.00 pm.</p>	