

**MINUTES OF THE HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON:
Thursday 21st September 2023**

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

Ivor Sadler

		ACTION
1.	Declaration of Interests and Lobbying	
	There were no declarations of interest or lobbying.	
2.	Public Open Session	
2.1	<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.</p> <p>On 1st July Ivor had chased Cllr Phillips and asked when the verges would be cut. In mid-August a small amount of roadside cutting was done but not completed. It was Ivor Sadler's belief that on 1st July when a farmer is at his busiest it's not the best time to ask for road verges to be cut.</p> <p>The parish council agreed to give Cllr Phillips to opportunity to respond.</p> <p><i>POST MEETING NOTE: Councillor Phillips's response - "After Ivor contacted me I spoke to Tommy Brown within 10 days. I then reminded him about 10 days later & he said he would attend to the matter & that at this stage it was really only necessary to attend to the section of the lane below the Hollies entrance as this was really the only section that the verge impinged upon & caused narrowing. It was agreed he would do that section & then the whole lane in the autumn. If it is agreed I will arrange for him to do the whole lane in early August in future years."</i></p>	RP
3.	Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Cllr B Phillips and Cllr R Phillips.	
4.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th May 2023	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 18 th May 2023 were accepted.	
5.1	Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 17th February 2022	
5.1.1	Members Comments (Item 12)	
	<p>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</i></p>	AB

has now fallen apart and a new one was requested. Cllr Barker agreed to source/obtain a quote.

5.2 Matters Which Remain Outstanding from 16th February 2023

5.2.1 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. *Update 18/05/23: Light ordered, awaiting fitting. Update 21/09/23: Been fitted, awaiting invoice.*

5.3 Matters Arising from 18th May 2023

5.3.1 Accounts (Item 6)

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. *Update 21/09/23: Agreed to hold money until needed.*

5.3.2 Comments by District and County Councillors (Item 10)

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. *Update 21/09/23: Following any serious accident a full investigation is carried out, the outcome and recommendations are awaited.*

5.3.3 Members Comments (Item 11)

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. *Update 21/09/23: Ongoing.*

JD

6. Accounts

The Parish Clerk presented the accounts.

7. Planning Applications - Consultation

Applications had been received and duly commented upon since May 2023 for three locations – Middlemoor Farm and Underbanks (Hudswell Ward), Walburn Bridge (Walburn Ward).

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 20th September 2023.

9. Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project

Cllr Chapman had been asking around to see if any hedgehogs have been seen in the parish. He had spoken to the National Trust Ranger who suggested the initiative was for built up areas, not specifically the countryside. It was felt that the village had enough escape routes for hedgehogs.

	ACTION
<p data-bbox="224 136 912 163">10. Hudswell & District Messenger: Autumn 2023</p> <p data-bbox="370 195 1198 279">It was suggested that an article about the new church route (Camino Ingles to Santiago) be included. A walk was planned for Saturday 30th September 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="370 310 1104 338">Cllr Barker agreed to write a “Day in the Life of” for a future edition.</p>	<p data-bbox="1295 195 1331 222">CS</p> <p data-bbox="1295 310 1331 338">AB</p>
<p data-bbox="224 369 722 396">11. County Councillor Comments</p> <p data-bbox="370 428 1185 512">Cllr Peacock chairs the Area Constituency Committee, road diversions are being looked at to stop “Emergency” road closures and diversions. All utilities are being consulted with.</p> <p data-bbox="370 543 1179 596">NYC have already saved £5 million, they are expected to save £30 million in total which was expected to be moved from reserves.</p>	
<p data-bbox="224 627 613 655">12. Members Comments</p> <p data-bbox="370 686 1159 770">The Parish Clerk had received notification from North Yorkshire Council that BT are wanting to remove the telephone box in Hudswell. It was agreed to fight for the telephone box.</p>	<p data-bbox="1295 686 1331 714">CS</p>
<p data-bbox="224 800 639 827">13. Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p data-bbox="370 858 992 886">16th November 2023 and 15th February 2024 at 8.00 pm.</p>	