

# MINUTES OF HEWICK & HUTTON

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Copt Hewick Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

- 1 Those present Cllr Elisa Wardman; Cllr J Blakey;; Cllr N Woolfenden; Cllr S Hutchinson
- 2 Neil Cutler was co-opted onto the council.
- 3 Apologies for absence Cllr Windass
- 4 Minutes of last meeting read and approved
- 5 Matters arising from last meeting  
Cllr Woolfenden stated that the Parish Council web site has gone live as from today. It is very basic and is best viewed on a PC or tablet. Cllr Woolfenden asked if Councillors could add their photo to the site  
Clerk to send letter to North Yorkshire Highways re the removal of road works signs that have finished etc.  
Mr Dale who has a farm in Bridge Hewick has a large number of vehicles that use the village. He has contacted Harrogate and was assured that 71/2 ton limit was an environmental limit and not because the roads cannot take the weight. He explained he is only doing his job and to take an alternative route would double his journey increasing time and cost. There was a discussion as to why these vehicles have increased. The speed of the vehicles has been reduced A resident was concerned about the weight of the vehicles but Mr Dale explained that the distribution of weight on the tyres was better than smaller vehicles. He and his is drivers will always be considerate to the residents.  
Mr Dale offered for any member of the Council to travel with him in one of his vehicles to see how difficult it is to go through the alternative route. A number of Councillors have agreed to do this. He reminded the Council that he is not the only company who uses the village as a through route. At the last meeting a resident of Hutton Conyers was concerned about the speed and weight of vehicles using Smith Lane. A survey was undertaken by Cllr Hutchinson in Hutton Conyers and her findings are attached. The main problem is any signage that exists is too faded and or overgrown and there are other signs that could be added and placed better. Cllr Hutchinson was given a copy of the report Cllr Atkinson responded at this point to explain that speed bumps are not used in villages in NY. She suggested that when the Clerk writes to highways she copies in to her (Christopher Blackburn)  
Clerk to send report and findings to highways  
The council has read the ROSPA report on the playground and noted their comments
- 6 County and Borough Councillors reports Cllr Atkinson reported.

There will be more councillors after next May when NY becomes one authority and next May there will be elections for Parish Councils.

Ripon Swimming Pool will not be open now until spring

Knarborough pool will be re-built

A shortage of planning officers means planning applications are taking even longer than usual

A number of new road gritters have been purchased

235 nursing homes with a shortage of care staff causing hospitals to be backlogged.

Speed on roads is a major concern all over the county with many villages trying different tactics to slow people down.

The Bilsdale Mast is being re-built. There are over 600 homes without power after last weekends' storm.

#### 7 Open forum

A resident has asked if and when a defibrillator might be installed. Is there any funding to purchase this? Cllr Cutler will look into this.

A resident of Hutton Conyers informed the Council that the retired Parish clerk for this Council unfortunately died last week.

A resident asked if there has been any information regarding the extension at 1 Yoredale Cottages in Hutton Conyers the extension seems to be excessive and the Parish Clerk is asked to look into this.

Grass cutting - Cllr Cutler is getting quotes to cut the grass in Copt Hewick and Cllr Woolfenden is doing the same in Hutton Conyers for next year.

Mr Pickersgill has cut some areas of grass in Copt Hewick and there is a concern that not enough cuts are being done. When the next invoice comes in the clerk needs to pass this on to the Copt Hewick Councillors for checking.

No progress made on getting the 30 MP speed limit sign Parish Clerk to follow up on this again.

#### 8 Planning

- Oakwell House Extension and conversion of garage PASSED
- Vale View Copt Hewick reduction of Oak trees PENDING

#### 9 Finance

The previous quarters accounts approved

Precept to be increased by 100%

#### 10 AOB

Web site cost is £94 a year the domain name is free for a year but will need to be budgeted for in the future.

#### 11 Date of next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm

Accounts 2020-2021  
1st July -31st October 2021

	Paid out	Paid in	C/F
	£		£3,335.99
Clerk Salary	400.00		£2,935.99
	£		
PAYE	100.00		£2,835.99
	£		
Dog sign playing field	70.00		£2,765.99
	£		
Hall hire	46.00		£2,719.99
		£	
HSBC reparation		100.00	£2,819.99
	£		
Grass cutting HC	50.00		£2,769.99
	£		
Webinar session	38.00		£2,731.99
	£		
Grass cutting CH	450.00		£2,281.99
		£	
Precept		981.00	£3,262.99
		£	
Sub-station rent		3.01	£3,266.00
		£	
Donation		500.00	£3,766.00
Commuted sums		£	
award		70.77	£3,836.77

### Results of Survey of traffic and road signage in Hutton Conyers.

Parish Council meeting: 30th November 2021 Following on from the issue raised at last Parish Council meeting, we have collated opinions and ideas regarding traffic within the village. 63 houses received sheets, 6 were returned. Issues raised: • HGVs do use Smith Lane despite being signed unsuitable; • Speed of traffic through the village • Whole of Smith Lane is unsuitable for HGVs due to lack of visibility, increasing village population, gradient and frequent black ice conditions on steepest section/junction Athelstan Lane with adverse camber before the signs; • Signs are poorly positioned, faded and lack clarity from A61 Current signs on A61 heading toward Smith Lane Ideas suggested: • Signs at each end of Smith Lane clearly indicating 'Unsuitable for HGV' – new symbol signage would be advantageous, particularly on Local Traffic only sign on A61. • Speed bumps • 20mph speed limit • One way only down Smith Lane from A61 into village to resolve visibility / single lane traffic. Sign on Boroughbridge Road – Fisher Green

