

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hunshelf Parish Council,
Held at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 16th January 2014
in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church**

Present: Councillors Miss K Batty, R Popplewell, J Kerr and B Tylee. Four members of the public in attendance. In the temporary absence of Councillor Mrs K Austin, Councillor Tylee took the chair

1 To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs K Austin apologised for late attendance

2 Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were none

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2013 were confirmed

4 Matters arising from these minutes

There were none

5 Minutes of the joint meeting with Oxspring Parish Council and of the planning subcommittee meeting held on Friday 10th January

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs K Austin would write to the Chairman of Oxspring Parish Council to say that Hunshelf Parish Council would object to the allocation of an area of land in Oxspring (LD10 in the Barnsley MBC Local Plan) as potential housing sites on the grounds that the infrastructure in Oxspring would not support such a large development

Councillor Austin was also to confirm that the Hunshelf Parish Council had no comments at present about any alternative sites for housing in or around Oxspring village.

The minutes of the Hunshelf Parish Council Planning Sub Committee held on 10th January 2014 were confirmed and it was noted that the Clerk had now written to BMBC objecting to the proposed development at Underbank on the grounds that it was out of keeping with the area.

6 Parish DVD

It was agreed that all members would supply Councillor Popplewell with details of any photos they might have of the parish. Councillor Popplewell was to research the archives of the late Neville Roebuck, presently held in the Penistone Community Centre. It was noted that the cost of this project would be in excess of £1,000 and that a grant application would be needed

7 Parish plan

It was reported that progress had been made and that a pilot questionnaire had been circulated to selected persons. Further comments were expected and invited

8 Reports from the Clerk

Press clipping about footpath regulations Noted

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National Hedgelaying Society handbook	Noted
Peak and Northern FS handbook	Noted

9 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters

There were none

10 Date of the April 2014 meeting

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for April 2014 would not be held due to clashes with various other activities

11 Ward Alliance Funding in 2013/14

It was noted that the funds for the cutting back of the hedges and trees on Well Hill and Dean Head Lane would probably come from this account. It was agreed to request two new grit bins, one on Well Hill at Ivy Cottages, and one at the junction of Well Hill and Chapel Lane. Councillor Tylee was to inform the Sports Club of the available funding

12 Vegetation on Well Hill cut back

Councillor Tylee reported that he had submitted to BMBC Councillor Robert Barnard an application for the trees and hedges on both Well Hill and Dean Head Lane to be cut using a circular saw machine rather than a flail.

13 Repair of the dry-stone walls in the parish, and to the pump house

It was reported that three dry stone walls in the parish had been noted for repair in the next couple of months. The Clerk also reported that he had spoken to Steve and Carl Fretwell who had promised a start this month on the repair to the pump house. Councillor Tylee was given permission to arrange the building of the wall across the gap round the pump house. The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for the official notification of the transfer to the parish of the small piece of land surrounding the pump house.

14 Vegetation at Dean Head

This item was considered under item 12 above

15 Christmas Entertainment and Tea 2013

It was reported that despite the problem with the entertainment, the event had been a success and it was agreed to continue to invite all our senior citizens to an Entertainment and Tea in future years. It was agreed that it was necessary to recruit some younger people to organise the event, and all members were to attempt to encourage wider participation by parishioners

16 Commemoration of the beginning or the end of the World War1.

It was agreed that the parish council would not organise any events to commemorate the beginning of the First World War. It was suggested that a commemoration in 2018 of the end of the War might be more appropriate

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17 Quotation for the scraping clear of the paths in the Delf

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the footpaths in the Delf to be scraped clear by a contractor at a cost of £230 per day (anticipated no of days 2) and to employ a suitable person to clear up any intruding vegetation thereafter

18 Carol Singers of Green Moor, 2013

It was reported that this event had been a great success and that the carol singers had gone from strength to strength. It was noted that the Green Moor Carol Book might be re-published in the near future

19 Model aircraft flyers to use the Isle of Skye

It was agreed that the Clerk should now prepare a formal agreement with the model aircraft club for use of the Isle of Skye for flying un-powered model planes

20 Bumblebee Preservation Trust concerning the organisation of a bee walk

It was agreed to ask Mr P Garrity if he would be interested in organising a Bee Walk round the parish

21 Farm Watch/Neighbourhood Watch in the parish and surrounding area

The Clerk was asked to provide extra copies of the application form for the new neighbourhood watch system and members agreed to actively seek new members

22 Orders for payment

The following orders were agreed for payment

R Popplewell (Christmas Tree)	£ 65.00
Bit of a Do (Christmas Tea)	£ 260.00
C Derrick, (Chat)	£ 85.00
W Horsfall (Christmas Tea)	£ 15.97

23 Bank statements

Members received copies of the bank statement for November and December 2013

24 Financial situation of the parish council in the present financial year and to agree a Precept for 2014/5

The Clerk produced a breakdown of expected expenditure before the end of the financial year. This was agreed by members.

It was agreed that the precept for 2014/5 should remain as previously at £3,800

25 Receipt of Income

The following income was noted

Mrs K Austin (Rural Payment Isle of Skye)	£ 20.00
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26 Repair to the Playground.

Mr Johnston reported that he was still trying to contact the relevant person at the suppliers. He expected that the repairs would take place shortly

27 Electronic Payments by Parish Councils

Members noted that at the moment it is not legal for parish councils to pay invoices by electronic means as by law "two signatures are required on all cheques". The government is moving to allow such means of payment. This new system would involve a new system of checks on officials and members, and as yet no advice has been received as to how this system might operate. Members with financial experience were asked to consider how best a system might operate in Hunshelf, when permission is given to change

28 Repairs to the K6 telephone box

It was agreed that Councillor Kerr would use some form of sealant to repair the K6 telephone box in the village centre

29 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for 7:45 p.m. on Thursday 20th February 2014

30 Any Other Business

30.1 White Lines Back Lane

The Clerk was asked to report the white lines on Back Lane as they are now very faint