

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

Present: Councillors, B Tylee, Miss K Battye, Mrs K Austin, J Kerr and R Popplewell. One member of the public and Mr J Atkinson in attendance.

1 Apologies for absence

There were none

2 Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were none

3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2014 were confirmed

4 Matters arising from these minutes

There were none

5 Terms of the contract to lease the Isle of Skye Paddock

The draft lease for the Isle of Skye Paddock was agreed with the inclusion of a paragraph to allow for termination of the lease. Mr J Atkinson spoke of his plans to manage the Isle of Skye Paddock in an environmentally sound manner. Councillor Mrs Austin reminded the parish council that the intention was to register all the parish council owned land under the Rural Payments Scheme (RPS), and that in the fullness of time, this might have implications for the manner the land was managed. Mr Atkinson said that he fully understood this action and would be pleased to cooperate with any scheme which was to the betterment of the environment. Mr Atkinson was thanked for his attendance.

6 Dedication of part of the Isle of Skye Paddock as “open access”

The Clerk informed the meeting that part of the paddock on the Isle of Skye was being used by pedestrians as a footpath. This has implications for the parish council insurance as there is an obvious danger at one part of the “footpath” where there is a steep drop into the valley.

He recommended that the parish council dedicate this strip of land, perhaps some 3 metres wide as “open access”. This would lower the level of risk to the parish council as anyone using “open access” land has to take more responsibility for their actions. He had consulted with the insurance company for the parish council and had received confirmation that they would be happier with this solution. Natural England had intimated that such a narrow strip of land could be designated as “open access”

After some discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Kerr would inspect the site and come back to the members.

7 Parish DVD

Councillor Popplewell reported that the work was still in progress.

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8 Parish Plan

Councillor Popplewell reported on some initial findings and informed the meeting that work was still in progress

9 Reports from the Clerk

National Hill Climb 26 th October	noted
MD Messagemaker Slow Down Signs	CLlr Kerr to considere
Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter	noted
BMBC Polling Station Review	noted

10 Planning Applications

a. Caravan site, Windy Bank

The Clerk reported that he had received from the YLCA confirmation that small caravan sites did not require planning permission and that the Caravan Club had devolved power to allow such sites nor did they need to consult with parishes. The Caravan Club had not taken note of our concerns about access to the top of Chapel Lane with a caravan, but had stated that there should be little impact on the village.

b. Alterations to the Cricket pitch

It was noted that the Green Moor Sports Club intended levelling the pitch after the 2015 season. Thus a planning application was to be expected at some time

c. Planning Application 2014/1083

It was confirmed that the Hunshelf Parish Council had no comments on this application

11 Communications from any member of the public on Planning Matters

There were none

12 Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November at 10:30

Councillors Tylee and Kerr were to represent the parish council at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November 2014. The Clerk would provide two wreaths and the orders of service.

13 High speed broadband in Hunshelf

It was confirmed that the cabinet at the junction of Soughley Lane and Finkle Street Lane would be upgraded later this year to "fibre to cabinet" and thus residents served from this box should get a vastly improved broadband service

14 Land at Pea Royd

The Clerk reported that he was waiting for a letter from the Borough Solicitor and Secretary stating that the parish council is the direct descendant of the old "Surveyors of the Parish". Once this was received, he would order a photograph of the original Hunshelf Inclosure Award and get the application for registration under way again.

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15 Kerbs on Well Hill.

The Clerk reported that the funding was now in place for this project and that it should be completed within this financial year.

16 Archaeological investigations at Tin Mill

Councillor Tylee reported on the findings at the archaeological dig in Tin Mill and promised to present a full report when this became available

17 Mini hydro power plant on the River Don

Councillor Tylee reported that an application for funds to undertake a “feasibility study” of the various sites on the River Don vis a vis a mini hydro power plant had been refused on the grounds that it was “not feasible”. Because such a highly researched and consultative document had been discounted, Councillor Tylee reported that an appeal had been made.

18 Parish and community notice board with Ward Alliance funding

Members noted a report outlining the parameters of a proposed new notice board in the grounds of the Green Moor Methodist Church. This board would be some 2411 mm wide by 780 mm high, made of MMT and with three sections, one for each of the Church, the Community and the Parish Council. Some funding for this board had been promised by the Friends of the Isle of Skye as they had received a grant of £500 from the Bridge Community Shop in Stocksbridge. It was suggested that a further application be made to the Area Ward Alliance for £1,300 and that the parish council and Green Moor Methodist Church provide the rest.

The design and specifications were left to the Clerk and Councillor Tylee to decide

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

It was reported that this system was now in operation. Members noted that messages could be sent using this new system by the Clerk, Councillor Tylee and Councillor Austin. It was noted that care must be observed in using this system so as not to annoy recipients. The decision as to what to send was left to the good sense of the three persons listed above

20 78th Edition of the Hunshelf Chat

Ms Claire Derrick was again congratulated on a superb edition of the Hunshelf Chat, Councillor Kerr reported that MS Derrick had been approached by a resident who had taken umbrage at an article in this issue. Members decided on no action on this matter

21 Registering community assets.

The Clerk reported that our request to have certain assets registered as of Community Value had now progressed to the Ward Council level where our request was being discussed.

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22 Signing of orders for payment

The following invoices were confirmed for payment

BDO Audit	£ 0.00
D Horsfall Printer Cartridges	£ 160.00 plus £32.00 VAT
C Derrick (Chat printing)	£ 90.00
W Horsfall Chat delivery via Mr Watts	£ 10.00

23 Bank statements for September 2014

Copies of the bank statements for September 2014 were received

24 Receipt of Income

The following income was noted

Northern Powergrid Wayleave	£ 50.19
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25 The K6 telephone box

Councillors Kerr and Tylee reported that they were having difficulties in finding a suitable person to repair the K6 box, but that they were continuing to search.

26 Accounts of the Friends of the Isle of Skye 2013 to 2014

The accounts of the Friends of the Isle of Skye were noted

27 Christmas Entertainment and Tea

The draft list of the invitations to the Christmas Entertainment and Tea was confirmed. Councillor Austin undertook to inform the Clerk of the details of the entertainment as soon as they were available

28 Minor items, or items for the next agenda

There were none

29 Date of the next meeting

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