

MINUTES of the Hougham Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Bridge Street, Marston on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr M Barnatt Millns (in the Chair), Cllrs Forbes, Johnson, Scott and Wright, Dist Cllr Wood and one member of the public.

17/17. The member of the public had attended a meeting of Marston PC regarding an Emergency Plan and questioned whether Hougham would be drawing up a Plan as well. Some discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask Marston PC whether Hougham could co-join with them concerning the Plan. Copies of Marston's Emergency Plan would be requested for Hougham Councillors.

18/17. Apologies were received from Cty Cllr Maughan.

19/17. There were no declarations of interest.

20/17. It was resolved unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August and the Chairman signed them accordingly.

21/17. Planning matters:

S17/1186 – The Hollies – rear extension – approved.

S17/1383 – Mill House Farm – Cond 2 variation – pending consideration.

22/17. The damaged roadside at Main Street was bad again – a photo was presented to the Clerk and she will report it again. The drains outside The Lodge and the other opposite Rose Cottage, both on Main Street are still blocked – Clerk to chase. The Big Clean had been very successful. Speeding is still a concern and Clerk to ask Ian Cotton to effect speed gun use as soon as Police numbers allow.

23/17. Councillors had carried out work at the Pinfold but there is concern at the crumbling wall. Cllr Wright will carry out some repairs in due course. The hedge at 4 Manor Park has been cut back.

24/17. It was resolved to sign the contract of employment of Lesley Frances, the Clerk to the PC and both she and Cllr Forbes signed it.

25/17. Financial matters:

[a] The Annual Return had been signed off by the Auditors.

[b] It was resolved to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation at 30.11.17.

[c] All banking matters were now resolved and signatories in place. Online banking is also up and running.

[d] It was resolved to pay the PCC £208.80 and the Village Hall £30.

26/17. The Clerk had presented a budget -v- actual spreadsheet with proposals for the Precept for 2018-19. It was agreed that £2,000 should be requested.

27/17. No correspondence had been received.

28/17. Dist Cllr Wood reported that SKDC is trying to get businesses to invest in the District Council. The new cinema complex has been started. The Council's offices are too big for it's needs and refurbishment is required. Any offices not required will be offered up for letting.

Parish Councillors said that the owner of Chapel Barn Farm is consistently pulling his trailer from his property, over The Green, which is making tyre marks across it. With the wet weather this will ruin the grass – Clerk to write and say he should stop doing this immediately – The Green is PC land and vehicles are not permitted on it. The litter pick will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in March next year (18<sup>th</sup>). Cllr Forbes advised that the noticeboard had collapsed and that her husband had put a new front on it – thanks were offered to Mr Forbes. Pothole at Keepers Cottage is bad again (see item 22/17).

29/17. Next meeting will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.