

MINUTES of the Hougham Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Bridge Street, Hougham on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr R Scott (in the Chair), Cllrs Forbes, Johnson, and Wright, and Mrs Linda Sneddon

A closed session meeting had taken place prior to this meeting, to interview prospective Councillors.

There were no members of the public present.

15/18. It was resolved unanimously to co-opt Mrs Linda Sneddon as a Councillor and she was invited to join the Council table. She duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

16/18. Apologies from Cty Cllr A Maughan.

17/18. There were no declarations of interest.

18/18. It was resolved unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and the Chairman signed them accordingly.

19/18. Planning matters:

S18/0718 – Keepers Cottage – extension and alteration of barn – approved.

S18/0869 – amendment to access at Grange Farm -approved.

S18/0563 – Witham Cottage extension – approved.

S18/0221 – Trent autograss track – not yet determined but will go to Committee.

S18/1323 – The Old Rectory alterations and extensions – no objections – it is felt the works will bring character back to the property.

20/18. Highways - The damaged roadside at Main Street and the blocked drain at Rose Cottage – have still not been attended to – Clerk to ask that they be done soonest, due to rain in winter months. Ask if they will supply two new metal tubular posts for damaged “Hougham” sign (reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> August). Tyres at the Pinfold have been removed. Councillors will meet at the Pinfold on 23<sup>rd</sup> September to clear it – Clerk to get details of two fabricators/welders.

21/18. Cllr Maughan was not in attendance but had submitted a newsheet which was circulated to each Councillor.

Cllr Wood said that the cinema project is ongoing and it should open in March/April 2019. £1.5 million is to be spent on refurbishment of the Council Offices and some of the offices may then be let out. “DeliverSK” is a new venture with a 50/50 split between SK and outside companies.

22/18. Cllr Forbes advised that the Emergency Plan had been amended to incorporate Hougham as a joint Council with Marston – it is currently with LCC for approval and it is believed that further changes will be required to incorporate the new GDPR.

23/18. Financial matters:

[a] It was resolved to approve and sign the bank reconciliation/income/expenditure account.

[b] It was resolved to pay 50% of All Saints PCC grass cutting costs which is £139.20.

24/18. Mrs Chesterton had requested that a member of the PC join the Village Hall Committee – Cllr Sneddon agreed to be the PC representative. Clerk to write to The Red House, Main Street requesting they cut back their hedge, and to Charterwood Kennels requesting that they cut back their privet hedge. It was agreed that 4 rocks, each at £10, should be purchased for The Green.

25/18. Next meeting will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.