

MINUTES of the Hougham Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Bridge Street, Hougham on Thursday 29th November 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr R Scott (in the Chair), Cllrs Forbes, Johnson, Sneddon and Wright, and Dist Cllr Paul Wood.

There were no members of the public present. The Chairman advised Councillors about a meeting he had had with Western Power concerning proposed works on the Village Green and two properties on the opposite side of Main Street. Councillors resolved unanimously that no works will be allowed on the Village Green (see Agenda item 9)– clerk to advise Western Power accordingly.

26/18. Apologies from Cty Cllr A Maughan.

27/18. There were no declarations of interest.

28/18. It was resolved unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August and the Chairman signed them accordingly.

29/18. Planning matters:

S18/0221 – Trent autograss track – not yet determined but went to committee with the result that it was deferred pending more information – may be heard at the January Committee meeting of SKDC.

S18/1323 – The Old Rectory alterations and extensions – approved.

S18/1628 – Amendments at Grange Farm – approved.

S18/1742 – Amendments at Keepers Cottage – approved.

30/18. Highways - The damaged roadside at Main Street, the damaged sign, and the blocked drain at Rose Cottage – have still not been attended to – Cllr Maughan has a meeting with Highways on 7th December and will raise these issues again. Coach Road is in a dreadful condition – Clerk to take photos and report. Mr Elleringham has not cut his hedge – Clerk to chase. The hedge at Mr and Mrs Butts property on Manor Park needs cutting back by a long way to make the footpath passable – clerk to write. There is a tree that needs work (? Cutting down) on the Green. Clerk to get advice from an arboriculturist and quote.

31/18. Cllr Wood advised that the Chief Executive at LCC has left after 4 months in post. The SKDC Local Plan is going to the Secretary of State for approval and covers the next 20 years. As Hougham is a small settlement there are no development sites allocated here. There is talk of “rural exception sites” where developers look at developing on the edge of villages.

32/18. Clerk advised that the Emergency Plan has been approved by LCC. Resolved to pay 1/3 of the cost of supplies up to a maximum of £90.

33/18 – Western Power – see first paragraph of these Minutes.

34/18 – Financial Regulations and standing Orders had previously been circulated. Resolved to adopt same as drawn.

35/18. Financial matters:

[a] It was resolved to approve and sign the bank reconciliation/income/expenditure account as presented (31.10.18).

[b] It was resolved to pay 50% of All Saints PCC grass cutting costs which is £104.40

[c] Clerk had circulated actual, projected, budget figures for the current year in readiness for agreeing the precept amount for 2019/2020. An increase of £250 to £2,250 was agreed to allow for the cost of tree works on The Green.

36/18. Meeting dates proposed for next year are 28th February, 8th May, 29th August and 28th November. Clerk to check with Steve Catell that the Hall is available.

37/18. Next meeting will be on Thursday 28th February at 7.30 pm. *[Amended to 11th March]*.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.