

MINUTES of the Hougham Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Bridge Street, Hougham on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.35 pm

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

There were no members of the public present.

38/18. Apologies from Cty Cllr A Maughan and Councillor Johnson.

39/18. There were no declarations of interest.

40/18. A small amendment was made to Minute 36/18 and then it was resolved unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November and the Chairman signed them accordingly.

41/18. Planning matters:

S18/0221 – Trent autograss track – awaiting a noise assessment and will then go back to committee.

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

S18/2288 – variation of condition 2 at Grange Farm – pending consideration.

42/18. Highways - The damaged roadside at Main Street, the damaged sign, and the blocked drain at Rose Cottage – have still not been attended to – ask Cllr Maughan to intervene. Coach Road had some repairs but is still in a dreadful state. Mr Beckett's hedge has been cut and this matter is now closed. The hedge at Mr and Mrs Butts property on Manor Park has been cut back and the footpath is just about passable.

43/18. Oak tree on The Green – Cllr Sneddon has had someone offer to fell this tree for the cost of having the wood. All agreed. Resolved also to retain Glendale as the grass-cutting contractors and not to change to EnviroSK.

44/18. Cllr Wood advised there has been a large change of staff at SKDC with a view to money-saving. SK budget has been agreed and its Council tax will go up by 3%. LCC Council tax has gone up by 4.5% and Police by 11%. The overall increase on Council Tax is therefore approximately £100 p.a. Council Tax raises £7.5 million with the balance of £8.5 million coming from other sources. Cllr Maughan had e-mailed a report prior to this meeting.

45/18. Clerk advised that the Emergency Plan has been approved. The emergency kit has been obtained and this PC has paid its share of £87.35. A box for the kit is being sourced.

46/18. Financial matters:

[a] It was resolved to approve and sign the bank reconciliation/income/expenditure account as presented 31.1.19.

[b] It was resolved to pay the LALC subscription of £69.97.

47/18. Other matters –

Western Power has asked that we reconsider allowing them to put cables under The Green. WP must send a representative to a meeting of the PC before it will reconsider this. Clerk to write.

The village needs waste bins – positions to be considered and discussed at next meeting.

Clerk gave out Nomination Packs for the elections and gave some information as to completion and delivery of same.

Church Lane/Coach Road green street sign has come down and needs replacing. Clerk to report to SK.

Litter pick is on 24th March.

Cllr Wright is dealing with necessary repairs at the Pinfold.

Agreed that the PC will back the request for a PO Outreach service at The Thorold Arms.

48/18. Next meeting will be on Monday 13th May at 7.30 pm (*Annual meeting of PC and regular meeting*).

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.