

MINUTES of the Hougham Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Bridge Street, Hougham on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.40 pm

Present: Cllr J Wright (in the Chair), Cllrs Forbes, Chalklin, Macallister and Jo Wright, and Cty Cllr Alexander Maughan.

There were no members of the public present.

1/19. Apologies from Dist Cllr P Wood.

2/19. There were no declarations of interest.

3/19. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March had been read and approved and it was unanimously agreed that the Chair should sign them.

4/19. Planning matters:

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

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

S19/0506 – The Old Rectory – new gates and piers – pending consideration.

5/19. Highways - The damaged roadside at Main Street, the damaged sign, and the blocked drain at Rose Cottage, also Church Lane potholes have not been attended to. Cllr Maughan will chase when he meets with Rowan Smith. Cllr Maughan will set up a “walkabout” with Rowan Smith and advise dates accordingly.

6/19. Clerk had circulated details from Western Power with two options regarding re-siting of pole. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Option 1 of Western Powers two options is the one to tell Western Power is accepted by the PC.

7/19. The Green – Cllr J Wright will contact a local person to try for an improved quote re the oak tree. This will be to take the tree down and remove the wood and brush. The ash tree in the left back corner also needs attention to be made safe. Councillors will meet on 14th July at 10 am to paint the benches and pump, and to remove the moss off the footpath.

Glendale had moved to Lincoln and our contract had not been transferred – this has now been sorted out. Clerk to chase them for the grass-cutting to be done.

8/19. Cllr Maughan will circulate information on the Community Resilience Conference. 7,500 children got their first choice of primary school (94%). CO2 emissions have reduced by 24% since 2012 and aim is to reduce by a further 20% by 2023 – this will save £12,000,000 in the budget. LCC is one of the top 5 Councils to have repaired most potholes (84,000). Edge-overs are not likely to get permanent repair. Potholes should be tarmac, finish off, and sealed. Southern Relief Road, phase 2, will take place later this year and will take 18 months- this is from the A1 to new Spittlegate roundabout. Phase 3 from that roundabout to Somerby roundabout will take place after that. Toll Bar Road drive through coffee shop is a big concern to residents in the area. Cllr Maughan has objected and has asked them to look at the A1 safety audit. It is a very bad junction but a link road is a non-starter. MP is involved.

9/19. Clerk advised that the Emergency Plan has been completed. There is a second part and is names of people who will offer use of equipment but they are protected by the GDPR. All Councillors should register with the Emergency Plan Committee, as stewards.

10/19. Thorold Arms – Clerk circulated information on the cost of a PWL. It was unanimously agreed that Hougham PC would not participate in a PWL – they felt that any funding should be sourced from the shareholders and by fundraising.

11/19. Financial matters:

[a] It was resolved to approve and sign the bank reconciliation/income/expenditure account as presented 31.3.19.

[b] It was resolved to sign the DD form for the ICO subscription (£35).

[c] It was resolved to pay the insurance at £222.64.

[d] It was resolved to sign the bank mandate.

[e] It was resolved to sign the Annual Governance Statement.

[f] It was resolved to sign the Accounting Statements.

[g] It was resolved to reimburse Cllr Forbes the sum of £40 for two gifts for two long standing Councillors who had retired.

12/19. Other matters –

It is possible that we may be approached to contribute to tree felling costs in the Churchyard but as we only have a limited precept and also help with the cost of their grass-cutting, it was unanimously agreed that we could not do this.

Clerk to get cost of 30 mph stickers for wheelie bins.

Clerk to contact SKDC to enquire as to likely cost of two new streetlights for the area between the Village Hall and Marston village.

Clerk to get cost of dog poo bins.

Charging and moving of the SID will be carried out in turn by Cllrs J Wright and R Chalklin.

13/19. Next meeting will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.