

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

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

There were no members of the public present.

14/19. Apologies from Dist Cllr P Wood and Cllr Joanna Wright.

15/19. There were no declarations of interest.

16/19. The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May had been read and approved and it was unanimously agreed that the Chair should sign them.

17/19. Planning matters:

S18/0221 – Trent autograss track – approved for one year.

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

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

S19/0605 – approval of details reserved by condition – Wheelgate Barn, Gelston Road.

S19/0787 – Change of use of the old Station Yard – pending consideration.

S19/0771 – extensions & alterations at Holly Tree Farm – approved.

S19/0903 – alterations to design of plot 2 at Grange Farm -approved.

Clerk to check whether S19/0506 has been approved, as work is well under way.

18/19. Highways – Cllr Maughan and Rowan Smith had met with Cllrs John Wright and Bob Chalklin and walked around the village. The flooding problem outside Rose Cottage could be alleviated with kerbing. Coach Road/Church Lane would benefit from recycling and relaying the tarmac – Clerk to write to Cllr Maughan requesting this be done; he will support us and therefore it should go on the list. A speed limit of 40 mph is required between the corner of the C001 and Bridge Street, and Bridge Street to Marston – this is more urgent as the play area is to be upgraded. This will need a TRO and is a lengthy process – however email a request to Cllr Maughan. Cllr Maughan has reported the large potholes in Coach Road and Church Lane and they will be temporarily repaired. The streetlights between the Village Hall and the C001 would be at our expense and the project is therefore prohibitive.

19/19. A defibrillator would be ideal in Hougham (possibly to be sited in the phone box) – Clerk to get costings. Funding may be available from Cllr Wood and reVolt.

20/19. Western Power are awaiting a start date.

21/19. The Green – Councillors are not happy with the grass cutting and strimming at The Green. Clerk to get alternative quotes. Want 10 cut between March and September inclusive. Clerk to write to the owners of The Manor requesting that they cut back the tree which is covering the streetlight.

22/19. Cllr Maughan advised that the planning application for the Coffee Shop on the A1 at Marston was still awaiting information from the applicant with regard to a re-design.

23/19. Cllrs Chalklin and Forbes signed the final Plan on behalf of Hougham. The box was shown to the Councillors and a phone book and electoral roll were added to it.

24/19. It was suggested that dog poo bins were required at the end of Manor Lane at The Green, and also near the Church. Clerk to check if SK will empty them.

25/19. Financial matters:

[a] It was resolved to approve and sign the bank reconciliation/income/expenditure account as presented 31.7.19.

[b] Bank mandate, with new signatories, now in place.

[c] External auditors acknowledged our request for Exempt status.

26/19. Other matters –

A working party will attend at The Pinfold on Sunday 6th October at 10 am for approximately 2 hours. It will need strimming, the tree will need tidying, and the gate varnishing. Chairman will put weed-killer down prior to 6th October.

Cllr McAllister stated that a Neighbourhood Plan had been mentioned at the training session with LALC. Clerk to ask Cllr Wood if any funding is available

27/19. Next meeting will be on Thursday 28th November at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.