*Hougham Without Parish Council*

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Tuesday 6th June 2017

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

**Present:**

Cllr Finnis (chair) (AF)

Cllr Milner (Vice-chair) (JM)

Cllr Barton (BB)

Cllr Taylor (DT)

Cllr Collins (EC)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Ash (DA). Cllr Bryan (CB). Cathy Finnis (Clerk)

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**17/25** **To receive apologies for absence**. Cllr Ash (DA) unavailable but had emailed comments to AF. Cllr Bryan unable to attend but had discussed agenda with AF. Cathy Finnis (Clerk) attending hospital appointment.

**17/26** **To identify any member’s interests**. There were none declared.

**17/27** **To hear questions from the public.** There were no public in attendance.

**17/28 To consider the planning application received: -** DOV/17/00444, Proposal: Erection of outbuilding to annex for ancillary use to main dwelling at Orchard House, Lowslip Hill, West Hougham. There was significant discussion as to the use of the existing barn as it appeared not to be used for sole ancillary use. The application’s supporting letter was very clear that this application was for ancillary use and we had noted the public comments already made on the planning web site for this application however, it was **Resolved** to support the application but agreed to add three additional comments: -

1. That the use is restricted to ancillary use only for the main dwelling.

2. We question that for an ancillary use building it appeared to be a long way away from the main dwelling and that such a location would have more impact on neighboring properties?

3. Considering the size of the land involved we were concerned that this second building would set a precedent for others to be added at a future time?

**17/29 To agree action regarding possible adoption of the telephone box in West Hougham**. Following a question from a member of the parish at our last meeting this item has been included to clarify the position. AF stated that about two to three years ago we had held a parish questionnaire following a suggestion that the phone box was no longer needed and it was partially blocking the entrance drive to the village hall. The result was that no one wanted the box anymore and we had written to BT asking them to remove the box. They had replied that this was not possible at that time for an operational reason. The current situation was that the box has had a closure notice on it dated August 2016, and no one from the village had made any objection and the it’s phone was already removed. It was **Resolved** that we would not adopt the phone box in West Hougham.

**17/30 To agree payments presented.** There were none.

AF closed the meeting at 20.11