Hougham Without Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting.

**Monday 15th August 2022**

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**Present:**

Cllr Chris Bryan, Chair of the Council

Cllr Jodie Lamb , Vice-Chair of the Council

Cllr Christine Peel, Member of the Council

Cllr Kevin Piggot, Co-opted Member of the Council

One member of the public.

**Apologies:**

Cllr Don Taylor, Member of the Council

Cllr Martin Hibbert, District Councillor, Dover.

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22/20 **To receive apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Cllr Taylor and

22/21 **To identify any member’s interests** Cllr – interest in item no. 7 as she is a neighbour to the planning application.

22/22 **To hear questions from the public**, deferred until item 22/26

22/23 **To agree the minutes of the meeting** held on 24th May 2022. The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

22/24 To consider matters arising from meeting 24th May 2022.

The gates to the village were discussed again with information from the highways department at Kent County Council.

22/25 **To review councillor’s reports.** There is a new PCSO, Eva Winter.

**Vice Chair, Cllr Lamb** reports about a parishioner reporting the bund re damage to a fence. *Action: ask Simon Withey to investigate the issue and report to Chair and Clerk his findings.*

22/26 **To consider planning applications:**

22/00921 The Manor, 22 The Street, West Hougham, CT15 7BB : the last application for outline planning permission was granted for two detached bungalows. The Parish Council voted at this time not to support the application. The district council recommended that outline planning permission be granted for two detached, two-bedroom bungalows. A further application detailing the specifics of the application has been submitted and this has now changed to an application for two detached four-bedroom properties which would be two storey. This is a significant and material change to the outline planning permission.

Member of public: the proposals are directly behind and higher and able to view inside the bungalow and the garden. There are three bungalows that can be directly affected. The outline was only granted subject to section 6, which should be only bungalows. A road is planned in front of the manor right along the boundary wall – meaning two large trees would have to come down. Can these trees be protected? The Chair suggested the public member contacts the district council re: the tree preservation orders. There are further issues re: parking, with two cars per house planned and if there are more than two cars then there’ll be more cars on the roads. The Chair suggested that there might be extra traffic if there are visitors to the new buildings. Cllr Peel also mentioned the issues with access the suggested buildings would cause.

The Council **RESOLVED** to **NOT** support (**OBJECT**) this application on the basis that it is an overdevelopment of the plot and not in keeping with the other houses. That it would create access issues in terms of a new road, increase in both residents and visitors to the new properties in terms of traffic and parking. The building now having two stories means some of the existing housing (bungalows) would be overlooked into their homes and gardens. In addition, the planning application puts at risk two large trees. The Parish Council also objected to the initial outline planning application previously.

22/00923 10 The Street, West Hougham, CT15 7BB – the Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

8 **Update on flooding on Broadsole Lane (Cllr Peel/ Cllr Bryan)**

Cllr Peel has asked for a response under FOI – on this it was reported specialist advice is still being sought, and after that proposals will be put forward for construction.

9 **To discuss defibrillator fund-raising to date**

The total cost raised by the community is £1818 plus the offer of an anonymous £1000

The costs are therefore raised to start installation. *Action: Cllr Bryan to contact Peter Robinson – would the Village Hall Trust enable the Parish Council – to fit a defibrillator to the outside wall.*

**10 Council correspondence:**

- Insurance renewal with BHIB Councils totalling £605.23 for a 3-year deal. This covers contents, street furniture, walls, gates and fences, playground equipment, war memorials, mowers and machinery, sports equipment. Also includes public liability (£10 million), employers liability (£10 million), official indemnity (£500,000), libel and slander (£250,000), legal expenses (£250,000)

- Information Commissioner Renewal

- Steve Green re juggernauts in the village (email to Martin Hibbert and Natalie Elphicke)

- Rural Communites in Kent membership renewed.

- A couple of donations by cheque to the defibrillator fund.

**11 To agree payments as follows: - (paid due to postponed original meeting)**

Clerk wages and office allowance £518.78

Village Green maintenance (S. Withey) March/April ‘22 £130.00

Ability Payroll Invoices 19 & 20 £11.00

The next scheduled meeting of Hougham Parish Council is due on Tuesday October 11th 2022, at Hougham Village Hall or by ‘Zoom’, and will be confirmed during the week before.