Hougham Without Parish Council

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**Tuesday 7th February 2023**

Minutes of the Meeting

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**Present:**

**Cllr C Bryan (CB) Chair**

**Cllr J Milner (JM) Vice Chair**

**Cllr C Peel (CP) Member**

**Cllr K Pigott (KP) Member**

**Clerk C Finnis (CF)**

**Apologies:**

**Cllr Don Taylor (DT) Member**

**District Cllr Martin Hibbert (MH)**

**22/55 To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr DT and District Cllr MH

**22/56 To identify any member’s interests** – Cllr CP on planning application due to proximity of own residence.

**22/57 To hear questions from the public** – there were no members of the public present

**22/58 To agree the minutes of the meeting** held on **Tuesday 20th December 2022**.

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, and signed as such by CB (CF in place)

**22/59 To consider matters** arising from meeting **Tuesday 20th December 2022**.

There were no matters arising.

**22/60 To review councillor’s reports.**

There were no councillor’s reports.

**22/61** **To consider planning application**

* [Erection of 2 detached dwellings with cycle & refuse stores, parking and replacement carparking for No. 22](https://publicaccess.dover.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RMMUMUFZITB00&prevPage=inTray), Plot 1 Land Adjacent To 22 The Street West Hougham CT15 7BB

Ref. No: 22/01642

Hougham Without Parish Council decided that they did NOT support this application.

The Council has made two previous submissions on this proposed site development on 17th December 2021 and 15th August 2022. On 7th February 2023, the Council resolved again they still essentially made the same decision to NOT support this planning application.

The Council would suggest it would be prudent for the planning committee to visit the site to see the issues for themselves.

The issues with the planning application as viewed by the Parish Council are as follows:
- Marked overdevelopment of the site, with overbearing impact on the village
- Serious concerns over the access road which has insufficient width; concerns over lack of access for emergency vehicles
- Inaccuracies in planning submission
- Nowhere for there to be overflow/visitor parking
- Increase in the traffic in the area, with potential unsafe consequences
- More cars and impact on the road infrastructure
- The development causing loss of biodiversity of the site in terms of plants and wildlife
- It will cause a substantial negative impact on an AONB, as well as a negative view of the buildings on the village.
- Concerns on drainage for the properties.
- Concerns for general infrastructure in the area, e.g. doctors, schools etc.

**22/62 Update on defibrillator**

The defibrillators have been sent to Cllr KP and the boxes have arrived today. Cllr CB to look at the Church Hougham Phone Box to see if it needs refurbishment prior to installation of the defibrillator. Discussion with the Village Hall Committee is necessary due to planned installation outside the Hall. Cllr CB, as Village Hall Representative will discuss with them.

**22/63** **To agree payments as follows: -**

Defibrillator payment (already made) 2596.00

HMRC payment (already made) 179.60

Microsoft Office suite (paid to Clerk) Jan 2023 7.99

Village Green maintenance (S. Withey) Nov/Dec ‘22 130.00

Ability Payroll Invoices 27 5.50

Clerk wages and office allowance January 2023 459.39

Dover District Council – yearly bin emptying service 94.23

Office supplies (paper, ink cartridges, franked envelopes) 54.94

*The next scheduled meeting of Hougham Parish Council is due on Tuesday 23rd March 2023, at Hougham Village Hall or by ‘Zoom’, and will be confirmed during the week before.*