Hougham Without Parish Council

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**Tuesday 21st March**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

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1. **To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr D Taylor

District Cllr M Hibbert

1. **To identify any member’s interests**

There are no member’s interests identified

1. **To hear questions from the public**

There are no members of the public present

1. **To agree the minutes** **of the meeting held on** **Tuesday 7th February 2023**.

The minutes were agreed as true and accurate representation of the meeting.

1. **To consider matters arising from meeting Tuesday 7th February 2023**.

There were no other matters other than those on this agenda.

1. **To review** **councillor’s reports.**

* Cllr Bryan – went and reviewed the phone box. He considered it would be OK in principle.
* Cllr Milner – door a bit rotten at bottom, dirty and needs cleaning. Suggests quotations on cleaning/painting of phone box and possible top

1. **To consider and agree** **Grant Applications:**
   * Hougham Church - £500 for grass cutting in church yard. The Council AGREED this grant.
   * Kent Air Ambulance requested donation. The Council AGREED a donation of £500
   * Hougham Hall Trust - £5000 for front driveway works. The Council AGREED to the sum of £5000 on the basis that the other £25,000 are raised before release of funds.

8 **To consider** **planning application**s

Re: Erection of detached dwelling, relocation of existing stables etc at Wellington Fields, Lowslip Hill, West Hougham there is a planning committee meeting on 23rd March 2023 at 6pm. The Council were notified.

1. **Defibrillators – next steps to be agreed.**

* Agreement for placing at Village Hall. Fitting to outside wall and electricity connection.
* Phone box – CB reports ready to install. Employ electrician to install defibrillator
* Defibrillators to be added to database.

West Hougham – Cllr Bryan get in touch with Steve Oxenham. Will need electrical installation.

Church Hougham – phone box needs decorating and electrical installation.

10 **Audit 2022/23** Planning

9 To agree **payments** as follows: -

* Microsoft Office suite (paid back to Clerk) Feb and March 2023 15.98
* Village Green maintenance (S. Withey) Jan/Feb 2023 130.00
* Ability Payroll Invoices 28 + 29 11.00
* Clerk wages and office allowance Feb and March 2023 558.78
* Zoom subscription (1 year) (paid back to Clerk) 143.88
* 200 standard envelopes and 24 2nd class stamps 30.98
* Kent Air Ambulance donation 400.00
* Church Yard Grass-Cutting 500.00

AOB

Skip site – environmental agency. Lorries coming and going.

Lowslip hill – trees breaking off and dangerous on cars.

Send Covid Pledge

Daphne died – donation to charity

The next scheduled meeting of Hougham Parish Council is due on Tuesday 16th May 2023, at Hougham Village Hall or by ‘Zoom’, and will be confirmed during the week before.