Hougham Without Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting

**Tuesday 4th October 2023**

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Cllr J. Lamb (JL) Chair

Cllr S. Green (SG) Vice-Chair

Cllr C. Peel (CP)

Cllr K. Piggott (KP)

Cllr P. Robinson (PR)

Cllr S. Oxenham (SO)

Cathy Finnis (CF) Clerk

Apologies

Cllr R. Davies

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| Minute number  | Description  | Actions  |
| 63/23  | **Welcome** from Chair and to receive apologies for absenceCllr R Davies was not present.  |  |
| 64/23 | **To consider the planning application** Ref: 23/01123Proposal: Outline application for 2 self-build dwellings Location: Land East of 40 The Street, West Hougham CT15 7AZThe Council **RESOLVED** not to support this applicationon the basis that the land is an area of outstanding natural beauty, and it is outside of the development envelope which is part of the Dover plan. The Council are concerned building on this area would lead to a precedent that would lead to more building in this way and therefore not protect the AONB.Previous applications in the village have been refused outside of the development envelope. | *CF (Clerk) to file Council decision on DDC planning site. (completed)*  |
| 65/23 | **To hear questions from the public**. There were no members of the public present.  |  |
| 66/23 | **To consider further the report** by Cllr Robinson and any other actions further to the previous meeting of the Council. Cllr Robinson talked through his report and the need to be transparent to the parishioner. There were some questions around holding another meeting – it was agreed that another would be held.The specific issues were: * The role of the Council
* Defibrillators
* Fly-tipping
* Roads
* Village green
* Broadband

Conclusions/ recommendations* Need to improve/develop a communications strategy. What more can we do? Monthly article in the Hougham Herald, what about a FB page?
* Could we consider setting up T&F groups? Welcomes the creation of the working party for the village green.
* Roads, with the HIP, could that be handled by a subcommittee.
* Broadband, working with partners.
* A follow up meeting in Spring 2024

There was a discussion of the report. * The Council agreed that communication was the most important thing and that there is a plan in place. Add to agenda – ‘for previous minutes, please see the Hougham Parish Council Website’. The future agendas will be shared with the Hougham FB page (via Cllr Oxenham). Cllr Green is writing an article reflecting the PC for the Hougham Herald.
* Village Green – plan is being developed by the Task and Finish Group.
* Waste site and roads
* Broadband – it may not be useful in the future as 5G will be the next thing. Cllr Oxenham has arranged a village meeting with Natalie Elphicke in January 2024.
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| 67/23 | **Date of next meeting** and close: 21st November at 7.30pm  |  |