

**HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 7.30pm at  
 Houghton Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors P Page (Chairman), Mrs I Burt (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Bradby, A Young, P Kenneson, J Scougall

Minutes: A Taylor (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: Ten

ITEM	
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>            Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Butler, County Councillor Gibson and Borough Councillors Boulton and Busk.</p>
2	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b>            None.</p>
3	<p><b>Planning: Cllrs to consider the following planning applications and resolve a response to submit to TVBC</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. <b>17/00121/FULLS – Houghton Farm, Houghton</b> (<i>Residential development of 13 no. dwellings (including 4 no. affordable units and conversion of agricultural building to a residential dwelling) with associated works including minor works to existing access, hard and soft landscaping, foul sewage, tree works, access and demolition of existing buildings</i>)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: No Objection with Comments</b>            Having discussed the application in previous forms with the applicant, Cllrs didn't object to most of the proposal, but had concerns including the access point and how this would impact upon the road and grass verge and the increase to traffic flow/movement. They believed the proposed footpath to Faithfulls Drove is unnecessary, added no amenity value and impacted upon neighbouring properties. Concerns were raised over the density of the development as this increases the parish housing stock by a further 10%. Cllrs wish to receive clarification from the applicants as to what mechanism will be used to provide the affordable housing properties to ensure the properties stay within the village, for the village.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2. <b>17/00148/FULLS – Meadow View, Houghton</b> (<i>Demolition of existing extensions and erection of a two-storey extension, garage block and a new access and turning area to existing highway</i>)</p> <p>Cllrs deliberated the application and believed the property needed updating and repair.  <b>RESOLVED: No Objection</b> (<i>Proposed: PP, 3 agreed, 2 abstained – Majority vote</i>)</p>
4	<p><b>Cllrs to propose applying to TVBC for the Parish of Houghton and Bossington to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was resolved to apply for the Parish of Houghton to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. (<i>Proposed: PP, all agreed</i>)            Clerk will apply to TVBC for the relevant consultation to be held.</p>
5	<p><b>Cllr Mrs Burt to propose grant funding for the Houghton Trail Team for the purchase of computer equipment</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was resolved, in principal, to provide £1,000 in grant funding to the Houghton Trail for the purchase of computer equipment. Clarification will be sought</p>

	with the organisers as to the most suitable equipment as Cllrs considered tablets maybe more appropriate than laptops due to the use of the equipment being required for outside use during periods of inclement weather.
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Parish Matters – Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burt reported a second legal opinion had been sought by the Council in relation to the setting up of a Trust for the Community Benefit Fund. The second opinion agreed that the Parish Council could continue with the fund and was acting within its remit. This information was provided to the Internal Auditor.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Bradby resigned from the Parish Council due to work and family commitments. All present were sad to hear this news, but thanked Cllr Mrs Bradby for all her contribution and efforts while wishing her the best.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Parish Matters – Parishioners</b></p> <p>Most residents present expressed similar concerns about the proposals for Houghton Farm in relation to the access design, the proposed footpath from the development to Faithfulls Drove, density and the increase in traffic and vehicular movement to and from the site and parked cars on the verge. All comments were taken on board by Cllrs.</p> <p>One resident expressed concern that development was needed to allow for the addition of affordable housing within the Parish.</p> <p>The applicant's representative took all comments on board and will provide these to the applicant for their consideration. He also advised that discussions were required with TVBC in relation to the outcome of the affordable housing properties, but would inform the Parish Council once more informed.</p>

**Meeting closed at 9.05pm**