

**HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**at Houghton Village Hall, 7.30pm**

Present: Parish Councillors: A Young (Chairman), L Adams (Vice Chairman), J Coombes, P Chant.

Members of the Public: 8

Minutes: Cllr Adams.

The meeting started at 7.30pm

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Parish Cllr Dougall.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllrs to declare any interest relating to items on this agenda – None.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Ref. 4 a) 19/02293/FULLS Houghton Farm</p> <p>Resident 1 – Feels that the scheme “looks like a car park surrounded by houses”. No infrastructure. Not enough Social Housing.  Resident 2 – Concerned about access to South End Cottages during work when scheme goes ahead.  Resident 3 – Obviously the principle of the site has been established but we must make sure it fits in with the village – we do not want another Abbottswood placed in Houghton.  Resident 4 – Feels that there is still room for improvement to the development in respect of layout and design/materials.  Resident 5 – Has had a few conversations with Willton homes, who have stated “let us know what you want”.  Resident 6 – Also stated that design needs to be looked at.  Resident 7 – Feels access is an issue, even though highways have approved.  Resident 8 – Would like NO weekend work (especially noisy work) to take place during construction. Neighbours would like to enjoy quiet weekends.</p> <p>Ref. 4 b) 19/01615/FULLS Martins</p> <p>Resident 1 – The new house would spoil the street scene.  Resident 2 - Plot too small</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>Cllrs to propose a response to be submitted to TVBC in relation to the following planning applications:</p> <p>a) 19/02293/FULLS - Development of 13 no. homes (including affordable units and conversion of an agricultural building to a residential dwelling) with associated works including minor works to the existing access, hard and soft landscaping, tree works, access and demolition of existing buildings. (Revised scheme) - Houghton Farm Houghton.</p> <p><b>Objection</b> on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elevational treatment and materials used on some buildings are not appropriate</li> <li>- Flint faced work is all courtyard facing, leaving the rear of those buildings as a mass of red brick terrace facing the road</li> <li>- Access still a concern</li> <li>- South end Cottages residents must have easy and safe access to their parking area at all times of the day during any works</li> <li>- Mass produced materials are used in the proposal resulting in lack of character</li> <li>- The cob wall on the east boundary MUST be protected, and reinstated if any damage occurs</li> <li>- It would be appreciated if there was more dialogue between Willton Homes and Houghton Parish Council over this proposal</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- View from Sheepbridge; concern has been expressed by environmental bodies, rambling associations and parishioners about the visual impact of the long 'terrace' dominating the east part of the site. Is it possible to introduce a natural screening scheme to reduce the harsh visual impact?</li> <li>- Is the Conservation Officer fully supportive of this scheme? Proposed Cllr Adams, seconded Cllr Young, all agreed.</li> </ul> <p>b) 19/01615/FULLS - Two storey extension, garage conversion erection of new garage; construction of detached dwelling including package treatment plant – Martins Horsebridge Road Houghton.</p> <p><b>No Comment</b> - Cllrs agreed that the original/previous comments submitted by the Parish Council still stand – Proposed Cllr Adams, seconded Cllr Young, all agreed.</p> <p>c) 19/02254/TREES - T1 - Ash - fell, G2 - Cotoneaster and Broad-Leaf Cockspur Thorn – fell - The Anchorage Houghton – <u>Withdrawn from agenda as already decided.</u></p> <p>d) 19/02265/TREES - 3X Scots pine (T1) - Fell Spruce (T2) – Fell - Honeysuckle Cottage Faithfuls Drove Houghton - <u>Withdrawn from agenda as already decided.</u></p> <p>e) 19/02366/TREES - Ash (T1) - Fell - Honeysuckle Cottage Faithfuls Drove Houghton - <b>No Objection</b> - Proposed Cllr Adams, seconded Cllr Coombes, all agreed.</p> <p>f) 19/02419/TREES - G1- Fell entire hedge line including hazel stool, hawthorn, holly tree and all conifers. Hedge to be replaced with native mixed species T1- Crown raise ash tree to around 3.5m from ground level T2- Two conifers- Fell T3- Ash- Fell due to extensive rot and decay at base level (Closest ash tree to the poplars) - Whitehaven Houghton - <b>No Objection</b> - Proposed Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Coombes, all agreed.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Finance</b> Cllrs to approve the payment of the following invoices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Acorn Workshop – Noticeboard - £1,600.00 - Proposed Cllr Adams, seconded Cllr Coombes, all agreed. Action - Cllr Adams to contact Alasdair Cox to install Noticeboard.</li> <li>b) SLCC – Webinar training (Clerk) - £36.00 - Proposed Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Coombes, all agreed.</li> </ul>	<b>Cllr Adams</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>NDP Steering Group</b> Cllrs to agree NDP Steering Group access to the PC Parish Online mapping system - Proposed Cllr Chant, seconded Cllr Coombes, all agreed.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting.</b> Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30pm, Houghton Village Hall</p>	

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**These minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman at the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**