

**HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**at Houghton Village Hall, 7.30pm**

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

Members of the Public: 4

Minutes: Cllr Adams.

The meeting started at 7.30pm

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Borough Cllr Johnson, County Cllr Gibson and the Clerk.	<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>	<b>Cllrs to confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on:</b> <b>a) 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019</b> - Proposed Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Adams, all agreed. <b>b) 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Extraordinary Meeting</b> - Proposed Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Adams, all agreed.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Actions and Updates to be reported</b> Clerk had reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All responses to planning applications from meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> October were submitted to TVBC and acknowledged.</li> <li>• Access to the online mapping system has been provided to the NDP Steering Group.</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Houghton Beach</b> Cllrs to receive updates regarding traffic/litter/wild swimming. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Dougall is awaiting comments/update from Ingrid Burt regarding the removal of "Houghton Beach" from wild swimming websites.</li> <li>• Houghton Fishing Club will close off access to river if problem persists, all felt this would be a shame.</li> <li>• Cllr Young read out quotation and emptying fees for a litter bin – All agreed bins are needed but further investigation needed – Agenda Item for next meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>Ag Item</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> - <i>This item will be limited to 15 minutes, unless directed otherwise by the Chairman.</i>  Resident 1 – Is the verge going to disappear when road is widened when Houghton Farm developed? Cllr Young will find out and advise resident. If it does then that would eliminate people parking there when visiting river. Resident 2 – Hunters Cottage – rubble piled on front lawn for weeks. Now an eyesore and resident worried of potential damage to the cottage as it is a listed building. Resident was advised it was not a PC matter and he should contact TVBC. Cllr Coombes offered to contact owners and ask what is happening. Resident 3 – Asked if the Clerk could report the deep pothole by the burnt out barn between North Houghton and Stockbridge.	<b>Cllr Young</b>  <b>Cllr Coombes</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Borough and County Councillor Reports</b> – None.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning</b> Cllrs to propose a response to be submitted to TVBC in relation to the following planning or tree applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 19/02535/TREES – Carry out tree works in accordance with details provided – Corner Cottage, Houghton – <b>No Objection</b> – Proposed Cllr Dougall, seconded Cllr Coombes, all agreed.</li> <li>b) 19/02590/TREES - T1 - Silver Birch - reduce height by up to 3m and reduce long lateral limb back to boundary T2 - Ash - reduce lowest limb over shed back to main stem – Vine Cottage, Houghton – <b>No Objection</b> – Proposed Cllr Coombes, seconded Cllr Dougall, all agreed.</li> <li>c) 19/02635/FULLS - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling and outbuilding comprising garage/workshop/gym – Merlins, Spitfire Lane, Chattis Hill – <b>Objection</b> – Proposed Cllr Adams, seconded Cllr Chant, all agreed. Comments as follows: "The proposal is set in</li> </ul>	

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	<p>a beautiful area. The nearby footpath, path 8, has wonderful all round views. To the west is Broughton down, to the north Danebury Ring and to the east Hazel Down organic farm. Foot path 8 is frequently used and especially popular with walkers due to the beautiful views and with ornithologists due to the number of notable bird species. Fortunately the shooting school and tractor dealer cannot be seen due to effective tree screening The current house is of a barn type construction and is typical of a Hampshire farm house, therefore fitting in well with the rural scene. Houghton Parish Council agreed unanimously that the current planning proposal strongly contravenes TVBC revised local plan 2011-2029 in the following way, E1, its large massing and inappropriate design does not integrate, respect, enhance or complement the character of area. E2, the design is not in the vernacular for rural Hampshire and it will have a detrimental impact and appearance to the landscape character of the area in which it is located. E9, The Heritage asset to local people is the sheer delight in walking across Houghton Down and enjoying a virtually unspoiled view of the Hampshire country side, something that is constantly under threat from development. The proposal will by its very nature and scale, materials and architecture will detract from the enjoyment of this rural heritage area. The application is strongly opposed by HPC on the above grounds and we hope TVBC planning will be sympathetic and support our objection.”</p>																													
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Play Area Equipment</b>  Cllrs to discuss equipment in the play area.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Coombes will progress with looking at adult equipment, Cllr Chant said he had carried out some background work. Cllr Young was approached by a resident enquiring if a couple of pieces of equipment suitable for toddlers could be installed, Cllr Coombes will add this to the project.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Cllr Coombes</b></p>																												
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllrs to propose acceptance of the financial statement for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – Proposed Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Dougall, all agreed.</li> <li>b) Cllrs to consider a funding request from Test Valley School PTA - £25.00 – Proposed Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Chant, all agreed.</li> <li>c) Cllrs to consider grass cutting contract for 2020 season at £960.00 – Contract accepted – Proposed Cllr Dougall, seconded Cllr Young, all agreed.</li> <li>d) Cllrs to approve the following payments to be made - Proposed Cllr Dougall, seconded Cllr Coombes, all agreed.</li> </ol> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary (Sept)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£403.80</td> <td>Clerk Salary (Oct)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£403.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk/office expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£70.80</td> <td>Share of BT bill with AAPC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HCC Street Lighting Apr/Sep</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£55.75</td> <td>D Robins Grass Cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£960.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Nicholson (NDP advice etc</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,350.00</td> <td>HALC Cllr Training</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£114.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sutcliffe Play (parts)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.59</td> <td>SLCC webinar Training</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acorn Workshop (noticeboard)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,600.00</td> <td>TVS PTA Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Closing bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 - £29,204.33</u></p>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Clerk Salary (Sept)	£403.80	Clerk Salary (Oct)	£403.80	Clerk/office expenses	£70.80	Share of BT bill with AAPC	£20.99	HCC Street Lighting Apr/Sep	£55.75	D Robins Grass Cutting	£960.00	D Nicholson (NDP advice etc	£1,350.00	HALC Cllr Training	£114.00	Sutcliffe Play (parts)	£35.59	SLCC webinar Training	£36.00	Acorn Workshop (noticeboard)	£1,600.00	TVS PTA Grant	£25.00	
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<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Cllrs to receive updates on the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr L Adams reported that a “Request for a Screening Opinion on the Need for Strategic Environmental Assessment” was sent to TVBC. This a formality which has no cost but needs to be done for NDP. Otherwise the NDP is progressing as expected.</li> <li>b) Playground and Trees – Cllr Young reported that the tree work will be carried out soon,</li> <li>c) Lengthsman Scheme – Cllr Young proposed that the PC extend thanks to Daniel Busk (and Sean) for removing the trimmings from the village hall car park. Daniel</li> </ol>																													

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	has also said he will take his man, Sean, to Stevens Drove with a view to cutting back hedges/overgrowth.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Next Meetings</b> Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30pm - Budget discussion meeting (Councillors only). Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 7.30pm – Houghton Village Hall.	

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**These minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman**  
**at the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020**