

HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 16th July 2019
at Houghton Village Hall, 7.30pm

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

Members of the Public: 6

Minutes: Cllr L Adams (Vice Chairman)

The meeting started at 7.30pm

1	Apologies No Apologies	Noted
2	Declarations of Interest Cllrs to declare any interest relating to items on this agenda. None.	Noted
3	Public Participation Public comments on planning application 19/01615/FULLS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident 1 – the site is too small for a new dwelling; it will detract from the existing street scene. • Resident 2 – in agreement with Resident 1. Also concerned about parking of contractors if the application were to be approved. • Resident 3 – in agreement with Residents 1 and 2, plus concerned about proposed basement. No other property in the village has a basement/cellar due to the high water table. Also, concerned for future of Lime tree and the hedge by road side. 	
4	Planning Applications Cllrs to propose a response to be submitted to TVBC in relation to the following planning applications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 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>Following a discussion, the Council resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:</p> <p>Non compliance with TVBC revised local plan. We object strongly to the plans for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It does not comply with the requirements of the borough local plan POLICY E1. It does not integrate, respect or complement the character of the area, in which the development is located, in terms of layout, scale, materials and building style. 2. POLICY E2. The application should protect, conserve and enhance the landscape character of the conservation village- it clearly does not. 3. The entrance would be on a bend on an increasingly busy and fast stretch of road, which is frequently used by cyclists and walkers. This would be a danger. 4. The house is to be built in a garden which is not the policy of our conservation village. 5. The development is far too big for the site. 6. In the last 3 years our village has taken 29 new or permission given houses, which is an excess for a small conservation village. 7. 2 recent housing surveys, 1 by Action Hampshire and 1 by Houghton NDP, clearly indicate that the only requirement is for a small number of low rent properties. This does not come within that category. This proposal would NOT enhance the street 	

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	<p>scene; it would detract from the existing street scene. The design of the property has no character and the size and proposed materials would look out of place, even if the plot was big enough for it so sit in.</p> <p>Additional Parish Council Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed basement – no other property in the Parish has a basement due to the high water table. • There is concern for the future of both the Lime tree (see TVBC Tree reports) and for the existing hedge on the roadside. • Extension to existing property - The Parish Council has no major objection to the proposed extension to the existing property per se. <p>Proposed Cllr Dougall, seconded Cllr Chant, all agreed.</p>	
5	<p>Finance</p> <p>Cllrs to approve reimbursement to Clerk for the purchase of PC laptop and software of £458.28 + VAT.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Adams, seconded Cllr Dougall, all agreed.</p>	
6	<p>Next Meeting. Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – 7.30pm, Houghton Village Hall</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**These minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman
at the meeting held on 3rd September 2019**