

**HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 19.00**  
**at Houghton Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors: A Young (Chairman), A Dougall, P Chant, J Coombes (arrived 19.15)  
Borough Cllr A Johnston.

Members of the Public: 12

Minutes: Mrs Clare Cotterell – Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 19.00

**Item Minute**

1. **Chairman's Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Adams.
3. **Declarations of Interest**  
To declare an interest in any items of business on this agenda – None.
4. **Planning – Cllrs to propose a response to the following Planning Applications:**
  - a) 22/00217/OUTS - Outline application for demolition of existing industrial unit and the erection of 6 dwellings with associated parking (with all matters to be considered except landscaping which is a reserved matter – Ro-Dor Ltd, Stevens Drove, Houghton.

A discussion was held and several residents spoke in objection to the planning application, the comments included:

- Potential traffic implications including increased traffic on Steven's Drove and lack of parking on the proposed development site.
- The application does not comply with E1/E2/E9/LE10 of the local plan.
- The application does not take into account the draft NDP plan.
- The application does not meet the needs of the village.
- That there is no provision for affordable housing.
- That the plans appear too suburban in character.
- It was also noted that a brownfield site may not remain as an industrial/business site.

After discussion Cllrs **resolved** to **Object** to the application on the grounds that the proposed houses are too big and there are too many, that the proposed parking is insufficient, that the application does not take notice of the draft NDP, that there is no provision of affordable homes and that the proposed development is too suburban in character. Cllrs further **resolved** to engage a planning consultant to assist in writing the HPC response to be submitted. Proposed Cllr Dougall, seconded Cllr Chant, all agreed.

- b) To consider a response to planning applications received before the meeting – None received.

**5. Finance**

To approve payments to Absolute Security Systems Ltd for CCTV installation invoice and invoices for associated costs:

Installation of system - £10,745.00 + VAT

1<sup>st</sup> Year maintenance - £360.00 + VAT

CCTV signage - £54.00 + VAT

All payments were approved - Proposed Cllr Coombes, seconded Cllr Dougall, all agreed.

**6. Next Meeting**

Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 19.00

Meeting closed at 19.50

**These minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman at the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**