

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM,
MAIN STREET, HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL,
WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2009, AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mr. M. Stevenson (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. A. Sharman (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. E. Bent
Cllr. Mr. P. Duke
Cllr. Mrs. A. Sleath

Ms. A. M. Davies (Clerk)

3 members of the public - Mrs. Francesca Wall-Bray, Houghton Tree Warden, Mr. Mick Renny, HFA Committee member leading the HFA playground redevelopment initiative, and Mrs. Joanne Linnett colleague of Mr. Mick Renny.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies from County Cllr. Mr. Simon Galton, District Cllr. Mrs. Amanda Burrell and Cllr. Mr. William Scott had been received accepted.
Cllr. Mrs. Sue Swann was not in attendance.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were to be made when agenda items were being discussed and recorded accordingly.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 3rd JUNE 2009

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd June 2009 were confirmed and signed.

4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON PROGRESS OF DEBATED ISSUES

The Chairman's report was presented primarily as an update for the Councillors' benefit. Issue arising out of this report that requires a decision from the Parish Council will be raised as agenda items as necessary (See Appendix 1, Chairman's Report to the Parish Council 01/07/09).

The Chairman temporarily adjourned the formal PC Meeting to enable Mr. Mick Renny, HFA Committee member leading the HFA playground redevelopment initiative, to update the Council on the proposed plans for this initiative and progress to date.

Mr. Mick Renny presented a verbal and summary written report to the Council. Following the presentation, Mr Mick Renny and Mrs. Joanne Linnett answered questions put by the Council

Having thanked Mr. Mick Renny and Mrs. Joanne Linnett for their attendance, detailed verbal report and summary written report, the Chairman re-opened the formal PC Meeting.
A copy of the summary written report will be filed with Council's records.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts presented for payment:

Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch, PC donation	£ 50.00
Supplies Team (ESPO contract), ink cartridges	£ 20.67
Post Office Ltd., stamps	£ 9.56

- ***It was RESOLVED that all accounts presented for payment 01/07/09 be paid in full.***

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from East Midlands Regional Assembly. Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation Launch. Dates and venues of Housing Market Area (HMA) Spatial Planning Options Workshops. (Received by PC 08/06/09). Noted.
2. LRALC June News Letter. Noted.
3. Letter from RCC. Invitation to members of the RCC to apply to become a Trustee of the Rural Community Council. Application form included, deadline for application forms Friday 21st August 2009. Noted.
4. Letter & disk from East Midlands Regional Assembly. Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation. Deadline for reply is Tuesday 6th October 2009. Letter and disk are being circulated to all Councillors in this month's black bag.

The Chairman temporarily adjourned the meeting to enable Mrs. Francesca Wall-Bray, Houghton Tree Warden, to give a verbal report on the progress of the Tree Maintenance Programme.

Having thanked Mrs. Francesca Wall-Bray for her report, the Chairman re-opened the formal PC Meeting.

7. TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

The clerk confirmed that the village volunteer tree maintenance team still have two unused, Council approved, maintenance days. No new issues were presented for Council consideration or decision.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported:

1. Planning Applications PERMITTED:

1. Planning Application 09/00498/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a two storey rear extension (resubmission of 09/00234/FUL)
 Location: 26 Main Street, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9GD
 Date received by PC: 09/05/2009
 Planning Application 09/00498/FUL permitted 11th June 2009

2. Planning Application 09/00499/CON

Proposal: Demolition of garage and partial demolition of boundary wall
 (resubmission of 09/00235/CON)
 Location: 26 Main Street, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9GD
 Date received by PC: 09/05/2009
 Planning Application 09/00499/CON permitted 11th June 2009

3. Planning Application 09/00557/TCA

Applicant: Leicester Diocese
 Proposal: Works on trees
 Location: 16 Main Street, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9GD
 Date received by PC: 22/05/2009
 Planning Application 09/00557/TCA permitted 23rd June 2009

2. Planning Applications WITHDRAWN:

1. Planning Application 09/00478/LBC(revised scheme 06/00913/LBC)

Proposal: Erection of first floor rear extension and pitched roofs over existing flat roofs
 Location: Eaton House, 57 Main Street, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9GE

2. Planning Application 09/00477/FUL (revised scheme of 06/00911/FUL)

Proposal: Erection of a first floor rear extension and pitched roofs over existing flat roofs
 Location: Eaton House, 57 Main Street, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9GE

3. Planning Appeals IN PROGRESS

1. Planning Appeal APP/F2415/E/09/2105419/NWF

Application 09/00194/CON, Refused 9th April 2009, demolition of front wall and outbuilding (revised scheme of 08/00993/CON)

Appellant: Mr. Ray Davis

Location: Land Rear of 49 And 51 Main Street, Houghton on the Hill Leics. LE7 9GE

Date received by PC: 20/06/2009

Appeal validated: 11/06/2009

Representations expiry date: 15/07/2009

The appeal is likely to be decided by means of an informal hearing, recorded interested parties will be notified of the date and venue 4 – 6 weeks before the hearing.

2. Planning Appeal APP/F2415/A/09/2105418/NWF

Application 09/00193/FUL, Refused 9th April 2009, erection of 4 detached dwellings and triple garage including demolition of front wall and outbuilding (revised scheme of 08/00992/FUL)

Appellant: Mr. Ray Davis

Location: Land Rear of 49 And 51 Main Street, Houghton on the Hill Leics. LE7 9GE

Date received by PC: 20/06/2009

Appeal validated: 11/06/2009

Representations expiry date: 15/07/2009

The appeal is likely to be decided by means of an informal hearing, recorded interested parties will be notified of the date and venue 4 – 6 weeks before the hearing.

4. Planning Application TO BE CONSIDERED BY PC:

1. Planning Application 09/00599/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: 6, Ingarsby Close, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9JN

Date received by PC: 05/06/2009

End of Consultation: 30/06/2009 (HDC had granted a date extension)

Having considered the plans, Council had no comment to make on this application. The clerk was instructed to inform HDC Development Control Team accordingly.

2. Planning Application 09/00644/FUL

Applicant: HiCare Group Properties Ltd.

Proposal: Erection of agricultural livestock and storage building (retrospective)

Location: Land OS 4015 & Part 5530 Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill, Leics.

Date received by PC: 13/06/2009

End of Consultation: HDC had granted a date extension to 03/07/2009.

Having considered the plans, the Clerk was instructed to inform HDC Development Control Team of Council's reasons for strong objection to retrospective Planning Application 09/00644/FUL.

3. Planning Application 09/00707/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of existing leisure suite to an annex for ancillary accommodation

Location: Grosvenor House, Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9HQ

Date received by PC: 26/06/2009

End of Consultation: 20/07/2009

Council considered Planning Application 09/00707/FUL to be a premature resubmission of Planning Application 08/01090/FUL, refused 30/10/2008. Plans submitted with both applications are identical. Merely the wording of the building proposal has been amended. Council objected to the premature resubmission of a refused planning application.

In the event that this application is permitted, the Parish Council strongly requested that specific conditions, detailed by the PC, be part of any potential permission.

The clerk was instructed to inform HDC Development Control Team accordingly.

4. Planning Application 09/00768/LCC

Applicant: Leicestershire County Council
 Proposal: Retention of double mobile classroom (2009/L085/03)
 Location: Houghton on the Hill C of E Primary School, Main Street, Houghton on the Hill,
 Leics. LE7 9GD
 Date received by PC: 30/06/2009
 End of Consultation: 28/07/2009

Having viewed and considered the plans, the Council had no comment to make on Planning Application 09/00768/LCC (County Planning App. No. 2009/L085/03). The clerk was instructed to inform Leicestershire County Planning Control and HDC Development Control Team accordingly.

9. HDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE SPATIAL STRATEGY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS PAPER

All Councillors had received a hard copy of HDC Local Development Framework Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Paper and a copy of the Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Summary Response Form.

The PC Planning Working Party, comprised of three available Councillors, (Cllr. Mrs. E. Bent, Cllr. Mr. P. Duke and Vice Chairman Cllr. Mrs. A. Sharman) had considered both papers at their meeting 22/06/09. Vice Chairman Cllr. Mrs. A. Sharman had also attended the HDC staffed Local Development Framework exhibition held in Bushby 12/06/09.

Vice Chairman Cllr. Mrs. A. Sharman presented the PC Planning Working Party's report to full Council.

The report having been presented, the Council deliberated and confirmed the PC response to the Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Paper.

The clerk was instructed to send the Council's completed Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Policy Response Form to HDC. A copy of the Council's submitted Policy Response Form is to be filed with Council's records.

Cllr. Mrs. Eileen Bent reminded all present that an additional public Special Local Development Framework Have Your Say Meeting is to be held on 8th July - Billesdon, Coplow Centre 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

10. HOUGHTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Council discussed and considered the courtesy notification received from parishioner Mr. Dave Kirkwood advising the Council of his intention to establish and administrate a Houghton on the Hill Village Website.

Council agreed that the co-existence of the Parish Council Website and the proposed Village Website would be of benefit to parishioners. The PC website will continue to be restricted to PC business with access for posting restricted to PC approval. The proposed Village Website would be available for all other village related material and also facilitate parishioner access to the posting of articles. Council agreed that there need not be any issues of conflict over content or a sense of competition between the two websites. Although a link between the PC Website and the Leicestershire Villages Website already exists, Council agreed that a direct link between the PC Website and the proposed Houghton Village Website would be of benefit to parishioners.

- ***It was RESOLVED that a direct link between the Houghton on the Hill Parish Council Website and the Houghton on the Hill Village Website, and vice versa, be approved.***

This mutual direct link had already been approved by Mr. Dave Kirkwood.

The clerk was asked to thank Mr. Dave Kirkwood for his courtesy notification and to advise him of the Council's comments and resolution.

11. LRALC TRAINING COURSES

- ***It was RESOLVED that the attendance of Cllr Mrs. Ann Sleath at an LRALC Councillors' Training Course of her choice, at a date convenient to Cllr Mrs. Ann Sleath, be approved and that travel expenses be paid at 40p per mile upon the presentation of an expenses claim form.***

12. VERBAL REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES IN RESPECT OF:

- **School Governors**
- **Village Charities**
- **Village Hall**

The next meeting of the VH Committee is scheduled for Monday 10th August 2009.

- **Gardeners' Club**
- **LRALC**
- **Field Association**

Cllr. Mrs. Ann Sleath gave an extensive report on the HFA Quarterly Meeting 08/06/09.

When received, minutes of the HFA Quarterly Meeting 08/06/09 will be filed with Council's records.

- **Rural East "Have Your Say"**
- **HDC Planning**
- **CASCET**

Various Eco Town related e-mail up-dates had been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr. Mrs. Eileen Bent gave an extensive report on the CASCET Committee Meeting 24/06/09.

CASCET has received confirmation that 6 people will be allowed into Downing Street, plus MPs and any accredited press, at approximately 12 noon on Thursday 16th July. This is an officially booked slot to deliver the eco-town petition of some 15,000 names on the paper and electronic versions.

When received, minutes of the CASCET Committee Meeting 24/06/09 will be filed with Council's records.

Up to date information can be accessed at: www.stopthecoopecotown.org

The next CASCET Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd July 2009 - Great Glen Parish Office, 7:30pm.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by advising the Council that although the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 02/09/09, August usually being the Council's "rest" month, current circumstances may necessitate a PC Meeting in August. Should this be the case, Council will receive the usual timely notification, agenda and date of such a PC Meeting. The agenda and date will also be posted on the three village notice boards, giving the public the required number of days notice of any extra PC Meeting.

There being no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 9:30 pm.

SIGNED.....

CHAIRMAN

DATE.....

Appendix 1

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL 01/07/09

Eco Town.

Any new information received will be considered by Council under Agenda Item 12, CASSET.

Local Development Framework Consultation 8th June to 20th July 2009

The Local Development Framework is important to anyone living or working in Harborough district. A number of special "Have Your Say" Meetings are being held as part of the Local Development Framework consultation. Dates and venues of these meetings, staffed exhibitions and information about how to respond have been posted on the three village notice boards and displayed in the Post Office window.

All Councillors have received a hard copy of HDC Local Development Framework Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Paper and a copy of the Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Summary Response Form.

The PC Planning Working Party, comprised of three available Councillors, (Cllr. Mrs. E. Bent, Cllr. Mr. P. Duke, Vice Chairman Cllr. Mrs. A. Sharman) considered both papers at their meeting 22/06/09 and will report to full Council under Agenda Item 9, HDC Local Development Framework Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Paper

The report having been presented, the Council will deliberate and confirm the PC response to the Core Spatial Strategy Alternative Options Paper.

LCC Highways grass-cutting issues

Parishioners advised the Parish Council that the LCC Highways grass-cutting contractor had missed mowing the grass verge in front of the electricity substation on Linwal Avenue. The clerk noticed that LCC Highways verges on sections of Scotland Lane had also been missed.

The clerk pursued the matter with LCC Highways and the Parish Council was assured that the relevant verges would be cut as of the next scheduled village mowing session 25/06/09, possibly sooner.

Houghton on the Hill village website

Mr. Dave Kirkwood has advised the Parish Council that he is willing to be site administrator for a Houghton on the Hill village website. Prior to establishing the website Mr. Dave Kirkwood wishes to confirm Parish Council's awareness of his offer.

Although there would be a logical link between the Village Website and the Parish Council Website, there need not be any issues of conflict over content or a sense of competition between the two websites.

The Council will discuss and consider this offer under Agenda Item 10, Houghton on the Hill Parish Council Website.

HFA playground re-development

The Parish Council has received a request from Mr. Mick Renny, HFA Committee member leading the HFA playground re-development initiative, to attend this PC Meeting in order to update the Council on the proposed plans for this initiative and progress to date. Council has already agreed at previous PC Meetings that such a report would be useful and appreciated. The Parish Council looks forward to hearing Mr. Mick Renny's report at this PC Meeting.