

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL PARISH COUNCIL,  
HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM,  
MAIN STREET, HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL,  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2009, AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mr. M. Stevenson (Chairman)  
Cllr. Mrs. A. Sharman (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr. Mr. P. Duke  
Cllr. Mrs. A. Sleath  
Ms. A. M. Davies (Clerk)

2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies from District Cllr. Mrs. Amanda Burrell, Cllr. Mrs. Eileen Bent, Cllr. Mr. William Scott and Cllr. Mrs. Susan Swann had been received accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were confirmed and signed.

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

Chairman Cllr. Mr. M. Stevenson did not have anything new to report.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Purchase of Parish Council laptop and associated accessories.

The clerk reported that on the day of purchase, 07/05/09, PC World allowed the Council an additional discount of £5.03.

Therefore, expenditure on the Council's laptop and associated accessories was reduced from the estimated £497.96 Gross to an actual expenditure of £492.93 Gross.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Leicestershire & Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association seeking any financial support that the PC may be able to provide.

At the PC Meeting 06/05/09, the clerk was asked to do some research on this request and to report back at this PC Meeting. The clerk reported accordingly.

Council agreed to make a donation of £50.00 to Leicestershire & Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association.

- ***It was RESOLVED that a donation of £50.00 to Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Association be approved.***

2. Letter from Leicestershire Rural Partnership. Invitation to attend Rural Conference, "Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities in Leicestershire – The Six to Fix". 19<sup>th</sup> June, Hothorpe Hall, near Theddingworth. Noted. All Councillors had been circulated with a copy in the meeting pack.

3. Letter from HDC. Local Development Framework Public Consultation – Core Strategy Alternative Options Paper. Public consultation Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> June to Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July. Noted.

All Councillors had been circulated with a copy in the meeting pack.

4. LRALC Training Schedule June/October 2009. Noted.

5. CASCET Accounts 2008/09 – received in accordance with Council’s policy on grants. Noted. All Councillors had been circulated with a copy in the meeting pack.

#### 7. TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

In the absence of Mrs. Francesca Wall-Bray, Houghton Tree Warden, the clerk reported that the Village Tree Maintenance Team had worked one day in May but had not claimed for sustenance on that day. No new issues were presented for Council consideration or decision.

#### 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported:

##### 1. Planning Appeal ALLOWED:

Planning Appeal APP/F2415/A/09/2093861/WF

Application 08/01456/FUL, Refused 29<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Alterations to access gateway (resubmission of 08/01131/FUL)

Location: 28, Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9HH

Planning Appeal Ref. APP/F2415/A/09/2093861/WF allowed 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

##### 2. Planning Application REFUSED:

Planning Application 09/00283/FUL

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension, porch to front and detached double garage

Location: 25, Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9HJ

Date received by PC: 27/03/2009.

Planning Application 09/00283/FUL refused 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009

##### 3. Planning Application TO BE CONSIDERED BY PC:

###### 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

End of Consultation: 03/06/2009 (HDC had granted a date extension)

Having considered the plans, Council’s comments on Application 09/00498/FUL remained the same as those submitted on Planning Application 09/00234/FUL. The clerk was instructed to inform HDC Development Control Team accordingly.

###### 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

End of Consultation: 03/06/2009 (HDC had granted a date extension)

Having considered the plans, Council’s comments remained the same as those submitted on Planning Application 09/00235/CON, permitted 23/04/09 and subsequently withdrawn by the applicant. The clerk was instructed to inform HDC Development Control Team accordingly.

###### 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

End of Consultation: 13/06/2009

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

9. HOUGHTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

No new issues were presented for Council consideration or decision.

10. VERBAL REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES IN RESPECT OF:

- **School Governors**
- **Village Charities**
- **Village Hall**
- **Gardeners' Club**
- **Field Association**
- **Rural East "Have Your Say"**
- **CASCET**

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

When received, minutes of the CASCET AGM and CASCET Committee Meeting, 13/05/09, will be filed with Council's records.

In the absence of Cllr. Mrs. Eileen Bent, in reference to notes submitted to the clerk by Cllr. Mrs. Eileen Bent, the clerk updated the Council on current Eco Town related issues.

It is with regret that CASCET has cancelled the planned Party at Pennbury Festival scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> June and also the Funday on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Eco-town update articles, submitted for publication in the Houghton News, will appear less frequently whilst the Government decision on the proposed Eco Towns is awaited. If any important matters arise, the relevant information will be posted on the parish notice boards.

Up to date information can be accessed at: [www.stopthecoopecotown.org](http://www.stopthecoopecotown.org)

The next CASCET Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 - Great Glen Parish Office, 7:30pm.

There being no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 8:30 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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