

MINUTES of the meeting of Hough on the Hill Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th December 2018 at All Saints Church Community Area, Hough on the Hill.
Present: Cllr R Kingscott (RK) (in the Chair), Cllrs. Milnes (PeM), Morgan (SM) and Rhymer (SR),Cty Cllr Maughan and Dist Cllr Sampson and 1 member of the public.

There were no questions from the public.

39/18. Chairman **welcomed** those present.

40/18. Apologies for absence – There were none.

41/18. RK **declared an interest** in Agenda item 7 re S18/1979.

[Item 8d on the agenda will be moved to item 7c.]

42/18. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September were read and it was resolved unanimously to accept the same as a true record, and they were duly signed.

43/18. It was noted that Cllr Miley had given his **resignation**. A person has come forward to join the Council and will be co-opted at the next meeting.

44/18. Planning:

- [a] S18/0075 – Brandon Wood clay shoot – refused but has gone to appeal.
- [b] S18/0078 – Brandon Wood new clubhouse – pending consideration.
- [c] S18/0221 – auto racing on grass track near Gelston –pending consideration. Has been to committee but deferred for more information.
- [d] S18/1482 – barn conversion – withdrawn.
- [e] S18/0849 – removal of hedge at Eastfield Farm – approved.
- [f] S18/1808 – new sewage treatment plant at Brandon House – pending consideration.
- [g] S18/1979 – conversion of Brandon Barn – pending consideration.
- [h] S18/2039 – rear extension at Wilderness Cottage – no objections.
- [i] S18/2117 – single storey extension at Brantbeck House – no objections.
- [j] Felling of a tree opposite Brownlow Arms – no response from Planning Enforcement – Bob Sampson will chase.

45/18. Playing field:

- [a] All monthly reports are up to date. Agreed we should consider rubber chippings which would last longer than the bark – SR and RK will do a site visit and measure up and then 3 quotes will be obtained – a community fund grant application to SKDC will then be considered and reVOLT may help with funding. SR will try and get the “green” off the wooden equipment.
- [b] The cheapest quote for hedge-laying is £810 (including removal of debris). Agreed that we should accept the quote of £660 and councillors will remove the debris, saving us £150.
- [c] – 8d. Council considered the verge cutting agreement with LCC but considered the amount they would pay was far too minimal to enable us to get our own contractors.
- [d] Clerk presented the quotes for grass-cutting for the next 3 years (from April 2019). It was proposed by RK, seconded by SM and agreed unanimously that we will stay with BDG.

46/18. Road safety/Highways:

- [a] It was agreed that the gates and signage on the C001 at Brandon must be co-ordinated. We have heard nothing for a long time but Cllr Maughan is having a meeting with Highways on 7th December and will bring this matter up.
- [b] Cllr Sampson advised that no permission is required to move and store straw for agricultural use.
- [c] Cllr Maughan will raise this matter at his meeting with Highways on 7th December.
- [d] See 45/18[c].
- [e] The outlet pipe has been re-done so there is no longer any flooding at Loveden Track.

Clerk to check with Environmental Health regarding the cesspit at The Cottage, Gelston which takes effluent for 5 Gelston and The Row. Is it discharging into the stream?

47/18. Footpath 8:

Clerk to ask the Footpath Officer to press the owners of Windwards to reinstate the right of way or to put in an application for re-routing.

48/18. Defibrillators –

- [a] It was agreed that funding from the villagers will be used for any extra supplies required.
- [b] It was resolved to pay £175 + VAT for the VETS invoice, as agreed between PeM and Martin Fagan of CHT.
- [c] It was resolved to order the cabinet heater that is required (£35) (PeM) and pay for it out of the villagers' money. The PC will pay annual charges for VETS and servicing.

49/18. Brandon Electricity Pole Diversion:

- [a] We will be getting a wayleave payment for the underground cable.
 - [b] Western Power want to re-site the poles for a one-off payment of £1,123.60. RK explained where they wish to re-site them and it was agreed unanimously that this can go ahead.
- Clerk to check when we normally receive the existing wayleave payment.

50/18: A request was made to consider having **old-fashioned street lamps** in Hough. Cllr Sampson will make enquiries as to availability and cost.

51/18: War memorial: SR has sprayed the memorial but it needs “refreshing” by a stonemason. SR will look for funding and take this project on personally (not as a Councillor).

52/18. Communications:

- [a] NextDoor now covers 56% of the Parish. SR posts on FB if anything relevant comes up. RK is meeting with John Lord on Sunday morning to look at the noticeboards. OnSide will be considered at the March meeting. Advertising is required to find new Councillors.
- [b] RK will deal with circulating planning applications.
- [c] It was agreed that RK and SR will join the Emergency Text Alert System.

53/18. 2019 meeting dates: 14/3, 9/5, 19/9, and 5/12.

54/18. Financial matters:

[a] Bank balances at 31.10.18 £4863.36 (deposit a/c) and £2,734.37 (current a/c).

[b] Resolved to sign the bank reconciliation/income and expenditure accounts at 31.10.18.

[c] Budgets were discussed and it was agreed unanimously to add 5% to last year's precept figure making a precept of £6,562.

55/18 Correspondence:

The hedge in Hough at the Gelston Road junction needs cutting back further as it is difficult to see when exiting on to the main road from Gelston. SR will put a note on FB asking residents to be mindful.

56/18. AOB – this is no longer allowed – therefore must be removed from our Standing Orders.

57/18. Presentations from invited speakers:

Cllr Maughan advised that there will be no imminent change to the Fairer Funding matter. The Green Paper for Adult Social Care has been delayed. £300,000 has been give to a prevention package in Adult Social Care. LCC has received £13.7 million extra funding from the Government for Highways. The new Chief Executive has left.

Cllr Sampson = there are to be £1,000,000 worth of demolition works at SKDC site connected with the new cinema (coming from reserves). Lucy Youles (Monitoring Officer) is leaving next week, after 30 years. SK now has direct control of grounds maintenance and has set up a new commercial grounds maintenance company. Bob advised he will not be standing at the elections.

58/18. Next meeting: 14th March 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Closed session to consider employment matters.