

HOUGH ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Hough on the Hill P.C. held on the 30th September 2010 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall commencing 8.00pm.

Present at the meeting-

S.Morgan (Chair)	C.Sherwood
T.Newcombe	R.Kingscott
B.Gray	J. Hancock.

1. Public Form
One member of the public was present. The PC were thanked for LCC Highways erecting an HGV restriction sign at Gelston.
2. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from A.Knott. District Cllr Kerr also sent apologies.
3. Declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.
4. Notes of Previous Meetings.
 - a. Following an amendment in 11i to record Gelston not Hough the notes of Parish Council AGM 13th May 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
5. Reports from Clerk and Members on any matters outstanding
 - a. The following outstanding items were noted and actions agreed.
 - i. Registration of Brandon Land – now completed and to be sent to the Land Registry.
 - ii. Dog Fouling in Villages – SKDC to be sent a reminder that signs are required for Brandon and Hough.
 - iii. Gritting Brandon to Barkston Rd – LCC Highways to be further requested to place the road on its gritting schedule.
 - b. Any other matters outstanding.
 - i. The Chair informed the meeting that an attempt to fill a hole with earth on India Rubber Hill was not successful.
 - ii. The Chair also informed the meeting that the road erosion at Gelston had now had bollards erected to stop vehicles driving over the verge.
6. Planning matters
 1. The following planning application outcomes were noted.
 - a. Change of use Gorse lodge Stubton
Approved conditionally
 - b. Listed Building Consent, 12 High Rd, Hough

- Approved conditionally
- c. Listed Building Consent, Hough House, Hough
Approved conditionally.
- d. Listed Building Consent, Old Hall, Brandon.
Refused
- e. Sec 211 Approval. The Cottage, Lower Rd Hough.
Withdrawn. Planning not required.
- f. Listed Building Approval, Old Hall Brandon
Approved conditionally
- g. Barn Conversion to 3 dwellings. Court Leys, Brandon.
Awaiting Approval.
- h. The Roses, Carlton Ashes, Hough. Demolition of outbuilding.
Withdrawn. N.b No original paperwork received.
- i. Lodge Cottages, Brandon. Extension of time limit.
Awaiting approval.
- j. Rookery view, Lower Rd Hough. Sec 211 notice on Yew tree.
Planning permission was not required.

2. To consider any related matters.

3. i. Gypsy/Travelling site C001

Cllr Kerr had sent a message to the meeting that enforcement action was now being taken against the site.

ii. Wind Turbine, Hougham.

Cllr Gray introduced this matter. Following debate it was agreed that a comment was to be sent to SKDC requesting that they ensure that due attention is paid to the health of the residents of the nearby properties Gelston.

7. To consider items from Councillors.

a. Cllr Morgan – Re-opening of footpaths, Fulbeck Airfield

It was explained that the MOD was proposing to sell the airfield. With no Parish Council at Fenton residents had therefore met with the MOD and LCC regarding the reinstatement. It had been agreed that the east/west footpath from Fenton to the C001 was to be considered for reinstatement. The Chair also informed the meeting that a letter had been sent to the MOD by Hough on the Hill PV supporting the reinstatement. The meeting agreed with the Chairs actions.

b. Cllr Morgan - Seat at Hough Playing Field.

It was agreed that Cllrs Morgan and Gray would investigate the type and quality of a seat for the Playing Field and report back to a future meeting.

c. Cllr Morgan - Vehicle access safety mirror, Hough House.

It was explained to the meeting that LCC had ordered the removal of the safety mirror on the verge at Hough House. Residents believed that it was LCC who had originally erected it and that its removal would be a safety issue for vehicles exiting Folley Lane. The meeting agreed to support the residents in keeping the mirror.

d. Cllr Morgan – Outcome of Playing Field Safety Training.

Cllr Morgan explained the training day attended jointly with Cllr Sherwood. Cllr Kingscott presented both with their course certificates.

- e. Cllr Morgan – Playing Field Matters.
 - i. Purchase of bark. – It was agreed that the most competitive quote should be obtained and the bark ordered.
 - ii. Annual safety check. – It was agreed that Wicksteed Leisure perform the yearly safety check when the bark had been laid.
 - iii. Repair of items.
It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Kingscott and obtain a rate for necessary repairs at the Playing Field and other Parish assets.
- f. Cllr Morgan. – Overhanging Hedges and Trees.
 - i. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to LCC that the pruning of the trees at the Wilderness Wall had not been forthcoming following a Parish request to the owner.
 - ii. It was agreed that Cllr Gray would seek a price to remove the tree and its roots from Gelston Green.
 - iii. It was agreed that Cllr Morgan would arrange for members to survey any trees and hedges which were overhanging the highway.
- g. Cllr Morgan – War Memorial.
Following an article from the War Memorial Trust it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Church to ascertain any action they may be taking.
- h. Cllr Kingscott – BT adopt a phone box scheme.
It was agreed that Cllr Kingscott would research further the scheme and report back to a future meeting.
- i. Cllr Kingscott – Police public meeting Marston Village Hall 5th October
The police meeting was brought to the attention of members. Cllr Newcombe volunteered to attend and Cllr Kingscott agreed to liaise with the local beat officer to obtain information that could be reported back to the Parish Council and posted on the website.
- j. Cllr Gray – Progress on Arnco Barrier Gelston/Hough Rd
It was agreed that the Clerk now that winter is approaching would get an update from LCC on progress to erect the barrier.
- k. Cllr Gray – Road closure Caythorpe.
It was explained to the meeting that the 3 week closure of the road was considered unnecessary as only a small pot hole had been repaired and the detour put a considerable time on peoples journeys. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact LCC regarding the matter.
- l. Cllr Kingscott – Speeding on C001.
It was explained that a particular car had been seen driving dangerously over a number of days and that the police had been informed of the details. It is believed that action had been taken as the car had been seen being driven much more considerately.

8. Financial matters.

- 1. The following payments were authorised-
 - a. Village Hall Meeting 30th September 2010. £10.00
 - b. Grounds maintenance 5/8 and 19/8 £240.00
 - c. Land Registry £30.
- 2. The following payment made on tender for Grounds maintenance was approved..
15/5. 25/5. 14.6. 28.6. 19/7. £600 in total.

3. Following receipt of quotes the payment made to Mitie pest control for removal of wasp nest at the Playingfield of £52.88 was agreed.
 4. The Parish accounts to the 31st August 2010 were agreed.
 5. Other related financial matters.
Members were informed that the Audit by Clement Keys was now completed and notices placed on the Noticeboards. The audit fee of £141.00 was agreed.
9. Correspondence
- a. The correspondence received and shown on attached list was noted.
 - b. Two planning applications had been received and these were to be discussed after the meeting.
10. Matters requiring urgent discussion.
- a. Cllr Gray informed the meeting that complaints had been received regarding a bull grazing on the footpath from Foley Lane. The matter had however been resolved.
 - b. Cllr Sherwood reported that he had received a complaint that a street light was disturbing the sleep of a Brandon resident. It was agreed that they should contact SKDC in first instance.
11. Presentations by other invited speakers
- Cllr Gray presented District Cllr Kerrs report to the meeting.
- a. Planning meetings at SKDC were now to be 4 weekly.
 - b. Free parking will be introduced in Grantham until 2013 at weekends and evenings. This was due to a VAT saving.
 - c. Car boot at Hougham is being monitored by planning.
 - d. Rural affordable exception villages were noted. It was also noted that small scale development may be permitted in other villages.
12. It was agreed that Item 13 concerns an individual member of staff and that the press and public would be excluded.
13. The resignation of the Parish Clerk and the arising vacancy was considered. It was agreed that following the notices placed on the noticeboards advertising the vacancy interviews were to be held at the home of Cllr Morgan on Monday 11th October at 1.30pm. Cllr Gray and Cllr Hancock would also join the panel and meet at 1.00pm.
14. The date and time of the next meeting was agreed as 9th December 2010 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall, commencing 8.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.