

HOUGHTON AND WYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Wednesday 28 July 2025, 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr P Boothman - Chair
Cllr B Gilmour
Cllr J Rodgers
Cllr R Southworth

Cllr R Baxendale
Cllr R Guinea
Cllr N Rowe

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Keane and Skinner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

4.1. Houghton Grange phase 2 – Land between Houghton Grange and The How, Houghton Road, Houghton – 23/00627/OUT. Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 120 homes (Use Class C3) with associated public open space, landscaping, play areas, surface water attenuation, roads, car parking, pedestrian and cycle routes, utility infrastructure and associated works.

Review of the decision of the Development Management Committee of 21 July 2025 and to agree next actions and associated expenditure.

This application was discussed at the Development Management Committee at HDC on Monday 21 July, where Councillors voted 9:3 in favour of delegating the decision to the officers.

RESOLVED: Houghton & Wyton Parish Council will instruct our solicitor to send a pre-action letter to HDC highlighting the inconsistencies, misleading statements and lack of advice given to Councillors during the discussion and decision making at the Development Management Committee of 21 July 2025.

This letter will state that the Parish Council will proceed to a Judicial Review if HDC do not correct the issues above or consent to have their decisions quashed. However, legal advice on the consequences of any actions taken by either party will be followed as the matter progresses.

Proposed: Cllr Gilmour, Seconded: Cllr Rowe. All in favour

RESOLVED: Houghton & Wyton Parish Council will budget up to £40,000 to support future legal action to be taken if needed.

Proposed: Cllr Southworth, Seconded: Cllr Boothman. All in favour.

RESOLVED: An invoice from Richard Buxton Solicitors for £5,700 plus VAT will be paid.

Proposed: Cllr Baxendale, Seconded: Cllr Southworth. All in favour.

5. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS, DELEGATED ACTIONS OT FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Transport issues: This will include all road problems that have been reported to CCC either through the online reporting form or in discussion with officers.

6. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be **Wednesday 6 August 2025 at 7pm.**

Signature Dated: