

**Minutes of Hitcham Parish Council planning meeting held on
Monday 20th August 2018 at Meadowcroft, The Causeway commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Allan Scott, Chairman; Pauline Squirrell; Wendy Crease; Paul Beedham, Brian Hubbard; Jim Morgan; Rob Whiting; Doreen Neun, Clerk

1. Planning Application for new dwelling on land belonging to Brick House Farm, Bury Road Hitcham:

This application had raised concerns of a resident who had brought them to the attention of the Parish Council. The planning documents were studied and after discussion it was agreed that although there could be no reasonable objection to the new build the Council would object to the application being approved on the following grounds, which would be sent as a comment to the planning department:

- "i) The new access to the proposed property is sited on a busy, narrow country road on a hill and very close to a blind S bend with no room for any evasive action if required. The proposed gateway is only just within a 30mph limit and through traffic coming down the hill towards Hitcham will often exceed this restriction. Anyone leaving the proposed new property would have to use extreme caution due to restricted vision of vehicles approaching from either direction. Those wishing to enter the property could be at risk of vehicles approaching behind them, either coming unsighted round the blind S bend or down the hill. The Parish Council considers that the gateway to the proposed new property on this dangerous stretch of road is highly inappropriate.
- ii) Bury Road has no pavements or verges for pedestrians to use thus making walking into Hitcham not easily undertaken.
- iii) There is no public transport along Bury Road which would mean anyone without a car having to walk quite a distance into Hitcham to catch a local bus.
- iv) The application is for yet another new build outside the village envelope, This gives the Parish Council further cause for concern."