#### LAMPORT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL Wednesday 9 January 2019 in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall at 7 pm

# 1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllrs B. Cox, M. Philpott, J. Farr (in the Chair), P. May, B. Ward, R. Flavell While, F. Allbury (Clerk)

In attendance: Tony Boullemier, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and one parishioner

Charles Blake.

Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies: Cllr C. Harris

## **2** MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14 November 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

# 3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Basal growth

Work completed

3.2 Lighting in telephone box, Hanging Houghton

Cllr Flavell While said that the bulb needs replacing and the Clerk will re-imburse the cost.

#### 4 HIGHWAYS

4.1 Speeding and traffic issues: Lamport High Street

A further meeting with Highways and police representatives will take place on Friday  $11^{\rm th}$  January when the results of various speeding surveys should be available. Cllr Flavell While will be in attendance on behalf of the Parish Council.

- 4.2 Cllr Ward said that he had noticed that Merry Tom Lane has been gated off and would be interested to know the classification of the road. The Clerk will contact Northamptonshire Highways to obtain this information.
- 4.3 Comment was made about the new lorry park off the A14 which could have implications for traffic choosing a route along Lamport High Street.

#### 5 PLANNING

5.1 DA/2018/1064 Blueberry Lodge, Harborough Road, Maidwell NN6 9JD

Altered window openings on north eastern and north western elevations of two storey extension, including roof alternations over ground and first floor windows. Documentation having been circulated by email in December, planning permission was recommended by the Parish Council. Cllr Cox commented that the external appearance of the building has been significantly changed, although the building was isolated and therefore had no impact visually on neighbouring properties. The applicant Charles Blake said that the proposed changes provided no additional space but was functional, of a modern design and provided more security. Awaiting decision by DDC.

5.2 DA/2018/1059 Blueberry Lodge, Harborough Road, Maidwell NN6 9JD

Land adjacent to Blueberry Lodge: demolition of existing barns and stables and construction of an American barn.

The Clerk had received notification of this Planning Application after publication of the agenda. The plans and Eco Report were examined by Councillors. Mr. Blake provided additional visual information on the barns to be demolished, all of which are dilapidated and not fit for purpose. The land surrounding the buildings is farmed and has no impact on adjacent properties. The applicant left the meeting at this point.

Councillors examined the documents and discussed the implications of the project and subsequently approved the Application and recommended approval by DDC.

#### 5.3 Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2

The Clerk received confirmation from DDC that the plan and supporting documentation was submitted to the Secretary of State on 19 December 2018. Further information regarding procedures will be circulated when received. In the meantime Cllr Cox will contact DDC Councillor Nick Bunting about the apparent omission of comments made by Lamport and Hanging Houghton and other groups particularly with regard to the SLA.

### 6 FINANCE

- Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated. At 9 January 2019 the accounts showed a true balance of £2,599.38 in current account and £3,318.03 in reserve account. £761.88 of this is allocated for maintenance of the BT telephone box and the defibrillator.
- 6. 2 Items for payment:

Chq No. 513	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£403.50
Chq No. 514	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£99.20
Chq No. 515	A. Boullemier: NHWatch Newsletter	£6.40

6.3 NCC Grass Cutting Grant 2019/20

The Clerk received a letter from NCC on 19 December advising that NCC would be able to offer the grant of £605.54 as in previous years and apologised for the delay in confirming the arrangements. The Clerk will complete the acceptance document and return it to Northamptonshire Highways immediately.

6.4 Precept Requirement Notification 2019/2020. Document completed and signed for return to DDC.

# 7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Tony reported on three items:

- some fly tipping which he reported to the police before Christmas, all of which has now been dealt with. Cllr Ward said that the barriers and signage placed around the refuse was still on site. The Clerk will contact Highways to have it removed.
- An out of control dog in the village has been reported to the authorities.
- Some local children had been seen and reprimanded for using quad bikes along the Brampton Valley Way.

#### **8** LITTER PICK

Cllr Ward said that unfortunately possibly due to a lack of advertising only he and Tony Boullemier carried out the litter pick. It was agreed to organise another one in the spring with more publicity, particularly the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. A date will be agreed at the next meeting.

#### 9 CORRESPONDENCE

None

### **10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

# 11 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 7 pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at  $7.40\ pm$ 

	Dated:	2019
I. Farr. Chairman		