

LAMPORF AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 27 July 2022 at 7 pm
in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllrs B. Cox, C. Dugmore, D. Gasson, C. Harris (in the Chair), P. May, R. Flavell-While, F. Allbury (Parish Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr J. Farr

There were no declarations of interest

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council AGM 18 May 2022 were approved and signed.

3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Cllrs Gasson and Dugmore said that the events organised went extremely well and were attended by a large number of parishioners. The Clerk has received further information regarding the Plant a Tree for the Jubilee initiative. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should apply, and the Clerk will contact the Woodland Trust ready for the next round of tree planting in the autumn. Councils can also obtain a free commemorative plaque from WNC. The Clerk will draft some suitable wording for verification by the Chair so that it will be ready to install with the tree.

3.2 The Grange, Hanging Houghton

Councillors commented that building work was being undertaken on site, but no one has moved in yet. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a 'to whom it may concern' letter for two of the properties in the hope that the new owners may offer to carry out work on the footpath on the perimeter of their properties.

3.3 Ivy growth on Lamport bus shelter

Still work in progress – awaiting a response from WNC.

3.4 Dog waste bin

Still work in progress – awaiting a quotation from WNC Norse. The Clerk will send it round when received.

3.5 Location of bus stop in Hanging Houghton to accommodate school pupils

Cllr Parker has advised that the provision of the school bus is a private arrangement between the bus company and the school and therefore WNC has no influence.

3.6 Trees subject to TPO's in Hanging Houghton

The Clerk said that she is still awaiting further information from Michael Venton. She will send a reminder.

4 HIGHWAYS

Following intervention by Peter Dugmore and despite his best efforts, Northamptonshire Highways and the police still do not see the junction of Lamport High Street with the A508 adjacent to The Swan as a danger spot, and having carried out various surveys speeding is not excessive. It was agreed that for the moment no further action will result in any progress with this matter.

5 PLANNING

5.1 WND/2022/0379: Grooms Cottage, Manor Road, Hanging Houghton
Revised scheme

Planning permission approved.

5.2 WND/2022/0320: Springhurst, Manor Road, Hanging Houghton
Still awaiting a decision from WNC planning.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget for the current financial year circulated by email.
Balances at bank 30 June 2022: current account £3,908.57 and £1,729.34 in reserve account.
When payments totalling £1,403.28 are made at this meeting the true total balance will be £4,234.63.
£483.80 of this balance is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and the defibrillator.

6 2	Items for payment to be made by bank transfer:	
	F.R. Allbury: salary and expenses	£423.18
	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£101.00
	CW Grounds Maintenance (May account paid 6.6.2022)	£612.00
	Ditto June cuts	£408.00
	NcAIC annual subscriptions, internal audit, Data protection	£471.10

Cllr Harris proposed that the payments should be made, seconded by Cllr Flavell While. The Bank account will be accessed online after the meeting to verify that the payments have been made in accordance with those listed in the minutes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Report from Peter Dugmore circulated by email 20 July 2022.

9 DEFIBRILLATOR

It is understood that a new battery has been received and installed, the cost of which is covered by the contract. With regard to training, before this is arranged Cllr Cox will contact the Community Heartbeat Trust about the list of contacts, as it has been a number of years since this was put together and some names listed may not now have a land line nor may be living in the parish.

10 OLB

Cllr Dugmore reported on a very successful meeting held in order to put plans in place to formulate a protocol for the parish council and the villages when the Queen passes away. She has been in touch with the supplier of the books of condolence and Councillors agreed that she should go ahead and place an order. Cllr Harris said that Trevor (a resident of Hanging Houghton) can arrange for the book to be bound. Cllr Gasson asked if there was a vegan alternative to using leather to bind the file. Cllr Dugmore will enquire. It was also agreed that Cllr Dugmore would speak to Mark Herrod at Lamport Hall regarding the Isham shield which could be embossed onto the front cover along with the agreed wording 'Lamport and Hanging Houghton parish'. It is envisaged that the whole project will cost in the region of £500 which will be covered by Parish Council fund. The Clerk has added it into the current budget for the year.

11 CONSERVATION AREA

Cllr Cox said that he has, at long last, arranged for a meeting to be held in the village to discuss this matter: 2 pm outside Lamport Church on the 10th August – incase anyone would like to attend along with Cllrs Harris and Cox.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Cox said that he would be contacting BT regarding trees which were overhanging BT cables.

14 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT TWO MEETINGS

Parish Council Meeting: 21 September 2022 at 7.00 pm in The Old Laundry, Lamport, Northamptonshire.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.

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Date:.....2022