

LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 13 March 2018
at The Loder Hall Maidwell at 7.00 pm

1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Present: Cllrs. B. Cox, J. Farr, C. Harris - Chairman, M. Philpott, B. Ward, R. Flavell While and Frances Allbury (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. K. Parker and P. May

In Attendance: A. Boulemier, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Declarations of Interest: None

2 MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 30 January 2018 were approved and signed

3 MATTERS ARISING from the MINUTES

3.1 Key to Lamport notice board

Cllr Ward now has the key and will keep it up to date.

3.2 Overhanging trees Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

No response from the letting agent: the Clerk will send a reminder.

4 FINANCE

4.1 Balance at Bank

Accounts to 13 March 2018 showing a true balance of £4,712.44 in Current Account and £2,689.18 in the Reserve Account were circulated with the agenda.

Budget/Expenditure showed that £4,850 has been spent from an estimated budget of £4,854

4.2 Items for Payment

Chq. No. 488 F. Allbury: salary and expenses £460.95

Chq. No. 489 HMRC: Clerk's PAYE £58.40

Chq. No. 490 Loder Hall: room hire for 1.4.17-31.3.18 £50.00

Chq. No. 491 Information Commissioner: annual subscription £35.00

Chq. No. 492 ACRE: annual membership £35.00

Chq. No. 493 Community Heartbeat: defibrillator £4,490.00

4.3 Grass Cutting Contract 2018 season

A formal contract has been received from Leicestershire Gardens. It was agreed to initially sign up for one year and providing the service is satisfactory the Parish Council will renew in 2019 with a long term Contract.

5. HIGHWAYS

5.1 Abuse of 7.5 tonne limit Lamport High Street

Councillors agreed that overweight traffic driving through Lamport was a continuing problem with drivers ignoring the signage. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write to the parishioner who raised the issue and ask if she would make a note of the names displayed on any vehicles that appear to be flouting the law, together with registration numbers if possible, and the Parish Council will write to the to the companies involved.

6 PLANNING

6.1/2 DA/2017/1249 and 1250: 18 Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

Single storey rear extension, demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage and associated listed building consent for internal alterations. Planning Permission refused.

6.3 Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2

The Clerk has received an update from DDC and will circulate it to all Councillors.

7 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Nine parishioners have volunteered to work on the Steering Group with Cllr May acting as the link to the Parish Council. The first meeting of the group will take place in the Loder Hall on Tuesday 20th March 2018. Jane Parry from DDC and a colleague will also be in attendance to give guidance and assistance on getting the process started. The Clerk will keep a separate record of expenditure on this project pending receipt of a grant to cover costs.

8 **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The application for a grant from the Lottery Foundation was successful and the full cost of the equipment and installation has been received. £400 received through the County Councillors Empowerment Grant will be used to cover the cost of bringing the BT box up to an acceptable level and also ongoing maintenance costs for the equipment. The Clerk will keep a separate record of income and expenditure for this purpose. The Chairman signed the cPAD Hosting Agreement, but before signing the accompanying Managed Solutions Agreement the Clerk needed to query the fact that the payment was classed as a donation and gift aided. Cllr Cox will write a brief report for publication in the Neighbourhood Watch news sheet to be published before Easter.

9 **LITTER PICK 2018**

Scheduled for Sunday 15 April 2018 between 10.00 and 12 noon. It was agreed that a notice will be included in the Easter news sheet asking volunteers to report to the village green in Hanging Houghton by the BT box. The area to be covered recommended by Mr. Boullemier was agreed. Councillors who had them would provide hi viz jackets and picking sticks. The Clerk will advise DDC asking where filled bin liners should be left for collection.

10 **NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK**

Cllr Flavell While said that he was continuing to work on setting up the email link and would report again at the next meeting. It was agreed that it would be necessary to nominate one person to receive and publish items of information on the link.

11 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mr. Boullemier reported on a number of issues in both villages ranging from burglaries, anti-social behaviour, speeding vehicles, dog theft, dog fouling and opportunistic crime. He has attended a number of regional Neighbourhood Watch meetings in Daventry and stressed the importance of parishioners being vigilant at all times. All issues will be highlighted in his next news letter to be sent out before Easter.

12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1: Request from Lamport Church for churchyard 2018 grass cutting. It was unanimously agreed to cover the cost to a minimum cost of £400.00.

12.2 Best village competition: it was agreed not to register for this.

12.3 DDC Big Poppy Plant: it was agreed that we were unable to participate due to lack of planting area.

13 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** none

14 **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

14.1 Annual Parish Meeting

In The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7 pm.

14.2 Parish Council Annual General Meeting

in the Loder Hall on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 7 pm.

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

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