

LAMPORNT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 11 July 2017
at The Loder Hall, Maidwell at 7.00 pm

1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Present: Cllrs. Bob Cox , Jonathan Farr, R. Fairfield, C. Harris - Chairman, M. Philpott, Frances Allbury (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. R. Flavell-While, B. Ward

In Attendance: Cllr. K. Parker, Tony Boullemier, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Declarations of Interest: None

2 MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council 2 May 2017 were approved and signed

3 MATTERS ARISING from the MINUTES

3.1 Litter Bins

The Clerk read a response from DDC advising that they were reluctant to take new litter bins onto their rounds due to an already overstretched capacity. The larger bins near Kelmarsh are emptied on a round that services the A14 lay-bys which would not include Hanging Houghton. This matter would be revisited in 12 months' time when a new environmental services provider takes over.

4 FINANCE

4.1 Balance at Bank

Accounts to 11 July 2017 showing a true balance of £2,771.13 in Current Account and £2,288.64 in the Reserve Account were circulated with the agenda.

Budget/Expenditure circulated with the agenda showed that £2,346 has been spent from an estimated budget of £4,834.

4.2 Items for Payment

Chq. 469	F. Allbury: salary and expenses	£248.75
Chq. 470	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£58.40
Chq. 471	Northants CALC: booklet on Neighbourhood Planning	£5.00
Chq. 472	C. Harris: Chairman's Allowance Annual Parish Meeting	£34.26
Chq. 473	BT: purchase of K6 telephone box, Hanging Houghton	£1.00
Chq. 474	J. Bray: grass cutting June/July 2017	£520.00

5. HIGHWAYS

Definitive Map and Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Cllr Farr said that due to a conflict of interest he had passed the paperwork to Cllr Cox to complete on behalf of the Parish Council. A copy of the final document was circulated.

6 PLANNING

6.1 DA/2017/0322: Grooms Cottage, 19 Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

Listed Building consent for removal of aluminium bi-folding doors and installation of timber bi-folding doors and glazed screens on rear elevation.

Planning Permission Granted

6.2 Part 2 Settlements and Countryside Local Plan/Neighbourhood Plan

Although the Parish Council have not considered that writing a Neighbourhood Plan had been necessary in the past, it was felt that this should be reconsidered in order to protect the villages from any building development in the future. The Clerk has written to Neil Lyon at Lamport Hall asking for Lamport Hall's position concerning releasing land for building. The Clerk will also contact DDC with a view to protecting The Green and the avenue of trees from the A508 along Manor Road, Hanging Houghton by designating them of special significance under Part 2 of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan, especially in view of the fact that neither village

has any other green spaces. The Clerk to progress this. A Neighbourhood Plan will be an agenda item at the next meeting when the Clerk has received a response from Neil Lyon.

7 **WEBSITE**

Having previously circulated an email from Cllr Flavell-While about the new website, Councillors agreed to opt for lhpc.org.uk as the preferred email address. Cllr Flavell-While will provide further information regarding the content of the website and when it will be up and running in due course.

8 **RED ENSIGN DAY 3 September 2017**

The Chairman said that he had received a request from Seafarers UK regarding flying the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. It was agreed to ask Neil Lyon at Lamport Hall if they wished to participate as neither village had a flag pole for this purpose.

9 **DOG FOULING**

Information has been received from DDC regarding a six week dog poo spraying campaign in September 2017. Tony Boullemier offered to volunteer to run the scheme in the villages. The Clerk would pass his email address to the appropriate department at DDC.

10 **ADOPTION OF K6 TELEPHONE BOX, HANGING HOUGHTON/DEFIBRILLATOR**

A formal Agreement transferring the telephone box has now been received from BT. This will be checked by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman before being signed on behalf of the Parish Council and forwarded to BT with a cheque for £1.

Cllr Cox reported on the installation of a defibrillator once the transfer has been completed advising that he was confident that he could put a team of volunteers together to operate the scheme and is making enquiries regarding purchasing the equipment. It was agreed that to help with the estimated cost of £1,200 some fund raising in the villages would be helpful. The Clerk was also asked to write to NCC Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift to see if there were any funds still available from her 2017 NCC Grant. Cllr Parker also commented that grants may be available from Daventry DC and the Clerk would progress this. As a matter of courtesy the Clerk was asked to inform Neil Lyon, Assistant Property Manager at Lamport Hall of the Parish Council's intention to purchase the BT Box and install the defibrillator equipment.

11 **ASB/CRIME STATISTICS/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Crime statistics have been circulated by email.

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Tony Boullemier gave an update on progress. He said that both villages had been quiet over recent weeks. He had prepared and distributed a newsletter and leaflet to most houses in the villages which has so far attracted one volunteer, but generally parishioners were in favour of neighbourhood watch being more high profile.

Other issues mentioned to Tony concerned speeding in Hanging Houghton, the lack of white lines out of the village, quad bikes causing a nuisance, litter and dog mess. The Clerk would make enquiries regarding the use of speed reduction equipment in Manor Road. Cllr Cox said that he had been promised that the white lines would be repainted very shortly and that following his intervention the quad bike nuisance should not re-occur. It was also considered that litter was not now an issue. Tony hoped to prepare a newsletter three times a year.

12 **NCALC**

Report circulated by email

13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 12 September 2017 at The Loder Hall, Maidwell at 7.00 pm.

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

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