

LAMPORF AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 12 September 2017
at The Loder Hall Maidwell at 7.00 pm

1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Apologies: Cllrs. R. Fairfield and J. Farr

In Attendance: Cllr. K. Parker

Declarations of Interest: None

2 MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 11 July 2017 were approved and signed

3 MATTERS ARISING from the MINUTES

3.1 Red Ensign Day

Unfortunately neither villages nor Lamport Hall had a flag pole to facilitate displaying a flag.

3.2 White lines in Hanging Houghton:

Work completed.

4 FINANCE

4.1 Balance at Bank

Accounts to 11 July 2017 showing a true balance of £1,891.72 in Current Account and £2,688.70 in the Reserve Account were circulated with the agenda. The Clerk said that the Reserve Account balance included a sum of £400 received from NCC Councillor's Grant towards the cost of a defibrillator. Budget/Expenditure circulated with the agenda showed that £3,568 has been spent from an estimated budget of £4,834.

4.2 Items for Payment

Chq. 476	F. Allbury: salary and expenses	£248.75
Chq. 477	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£58.40
Chq. 478	J. Bray: grass cutting August/September 2017	£520.00
Chq. 479	J. Denton: church yard grass cutting	£400.00

4.3 BDO External Audit and Notice of Completion of Audit

Paper not yet received.

5. HIGHWAYS

Closure of Byway DA13

It was agreed to once more try to get the byway closed during the winter months. Cllr Ward said that Highways had done this in the past with no intervention of the Parish Council. To ensure that the right byway is identified Cllr Cox will provide the Clerk with a highlighted map and Cllr Ward a written description of the area.

6 PLANNING

The Clerk has received a detailed response from Neil Lyon, Deputy Director, Lamport Hall Estates Office regarding the Hall's position on development of land in the future.

Part 2 Settlements and Countryside Local Plan: Neil said that it was inconceivable that any part of the village green would be sold off by the Trust for building land. Councillors therefore agreed not to identify the green as a Local Green Space for inclusion in the Annex of the Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan: Neil said that land to the west of the A508 could be disposed of by the Trust and the proceeds of sale reinvested. He could therefore give no guarantee about any sale of land in the future. In light of this information Councillors agreed to pursue the viability of writing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk would contact the Clerk to Maidwell and Draughton Parish Council who were currently in the process of writing a Plan asking for advice and also the name of the professional planner they were using from Market Harborough. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

7 **WEBSITE**

The new website is now up and running and information was now being added to it.

8 **ADOPTION OF TELEPHONE BOX, HANGING HOUGHTON/DEFIBRILLATOR**

The adoption process is now complete and the telephone equipment removed. Cllr Cox will organise a sub-committee consisting of parishioners and one parish councillor to take the defibrillator project forward. Estimated costs were: equipment £1300, training £150 plus approximately £200 annual running costs, depending on usage. In addition to the £400 received from NCC, £200 from Lamport Church, a further £115 was raised at the Bank Holiday BBQ held in the summer. Cllr Philpott said that the Social Fund would also make a donation. A request for volunteers would be put on the new website. It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to Lamport Hall asking if they would like to make a donation.

9 **DOG FOULING**

The dog poo spraying campaign is now in progress.

10 **GRASS CUTTING**

James Bray has submitted a quotation for grass cutting in 2018 at the same cost currently being paid. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation for next year. The Clerk would confirm and also thank him for his quality of work.

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

11.1 crime statistics have been circulated by email.

11.2 Speeding and antisocial behaviour

Since the low key intervention by councillors has been implemented, the situation appears to have improved. The Clerk is still awaiting the vehicle data requested after the last meeting.

11.2 Police Liaison Representative

Paperwork has been circulated to Councillors and will now be published online with the aim of attracting a volunteer.

12 **NCALC**

Report circulated by email

13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

13.1 The Chairman read an email received from Richard Fairfield tendering his resignation as a Councillor with immediate effect. All Councillors acknowledged and greatly valued his leadership and guidance over many years and his presence on the Council would be missed. Cllr Flavell While said that he would take over the Hanging Houghton notice board. Cllr Cox will get a spare key cut for this purpose. In order to fill the vacancy the Clerk has prepared a Notice of Casual Vacancy which will now be published on the notice boards and the website.

13.2 Emergency Plan: Councillors discussed the merits of implementing a Plan. The Chairman would fill in the online questionnaire and it would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

13.3 The Clerk has received and circulated an emailed patient survey for Northamptonshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. Councillors were encouraged to complete the survey and it would also be published on the website.

13.4 Paperwork regarding the forthcoming CPRE AGM on 25 September was handed to Cllr Cox.

13.5 The Chairman read out an email received from NCC Cllr Cecile Irving Swift regarding Brampton Valley Way asking for volunteers to join a project team to formulate a plan to develop and improve vision for the site. Cllr Philpott said that he would be interested and the Clerk will forward his email address onto Cecile.

14 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

14.1 Cllr Cox proposed the formation of a Cricket Club using an area of land within the Lamport Hall Estate. It was agreed that in the first instance advice would be sought from Brixworth who already run very successful cricket teams and Cllr Cox would write to Neil Lyon to assess their interest. It was felt that this project could be mutually beneficial for village residents and the Hall.

14.2 Cllr Philpott said that a very successful BBQ had been organised by the Social Committee on the August Bank holiday which was well attended. As an added bonus to the social event £115 was raised.

15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7 November 2017 at The Loder Hall, Maidwell at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

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