

LAMPORF AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 12 September 2018 in the Loder Hall, Maidwell at 7 pm

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest

Present: Cllrs Colin Harris (in the Chair), Bob Cox, Percy May, Mike Philpott, Bruce Ward, Richard Flavell While, Frances Allbury (Clerk)

Declaration of Interest: None

Apologies: Cllrs Jonathan Farr, Nick Bunting and Kevin Parker

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 23 July 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Overhanging foliage adjacent to The Grange, Hanging Houghton

The Clerk said that she is awaiting the result of a survey on the trees being carried out by the agent acting for the Landlord of The Grange.

3.2 Neighbourhood Link

Cllr Flavell While said that to date 15 residents had signed up to the scheme but no news has been posted to date. The advertising flyer prepared by the Chairman will be verified before delivering a copy to all households.

4. HIGHWAYS

41 Speeding and traffic issues: Lamport High Street

Tracey Simoniti-Stocker together with a number of other parishioners have prepared compelling evidence of speeding and dangerous driving through Lamport High Street. A meeting at Lamport Hall has been organised for 10.00 am on 5th October with the parishioners, Ian Boyes, Northamptonshire Highways, a police representative and Cecile Irving Swift on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council. Cllr Flavell While will be in attendance for the Parish Council. It is hoped that this meeting will provide constructive proposals to alleviate the problem.

5 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Quotations for the provision of village grass cutting have been received from Leicestershire Gardens, House to House Gardening Contractors (James Bray) and N. Pearson, Countrywide Grounds. After discussion it was agreed to award the contract to Countrywide Grounds for an initial period of one year.

6. PLANNING

Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2 and Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Cox and May attended the recent exhibition regarding the Plan. Councillors are still concerned about the removal of the Special Landscape Area (SLA) from an area south of Hanging Houghton -Brampton Valley Way to the A508 by DDC as they claim it does not meet the required criteria. In the light of additional information received from Cllr Nick Bunting the Parish Council agreed to prepare a response to DDC objecting to the removal of the SLA and the fact that they also are unable to offer green wedge status to the site. Cllr Cox will draft the technical data and the Clerk will progress this.

It was also agreed to review the Parish Council's decision not to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan until the SLA issue has been resolved.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated. As at 12 September 2018 the accounts showed a true balance of £1,428.20 in current account and £3,316.66 in reserve account. £761.88 of this is allocated for maintenance of the BT Box/defibrillator.

7.2 Items for payment:

Chq No. 506	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£403.50
Chq No. 507	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£99.20
Chq No. 508	Leicestershire Gardens: village grass cutting	£380.00

8. BT TELEPHONE BOX A508

The Clerk advised that BT have added this box to their painting list.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Tony Boullemier said that things had been fairly quiet over the summer months and that there was little to report. He did comment on the accident black spot outside The Swan on the A508 and it was agreed that it would be a good idea to raise this issue at the Lamport High Street meeting on the 5th October as speeding along the A508 affected the High Street.

10. LITTER PICK

Cllr Ward said that he would organise a litter pick on a Sunday in October.

11. COTTESBROOKE

The proposal to incorporate the village of Cottesbrooke into the Parish Council was discussed when all views were taken into account. It was agreed on a vote of 4 voting against and 1 abstention not to put the Council forward for this project. The Clerk will write to Jane Parry at DDC accordingly.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Chris Heaton-Harris MP outlining details of a proposed scheme to provide a privately funded and operated transport service to replace the current withdrawn local 'bus service. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the extremely high costs of participation as a stakeholder at a minimum of £5,000 pa based on 10 parishes signing up, plus £1 per mile for passengers made it too costly for the Parish Council.

Mr. Heaton Harris also offered to attend a local coffee morning to meet residents and councillors on an informal basis. The Clerk was asked to respond saying that the Council would be happy to arrange this on a mutually convenient time and date.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

All meeting dates to the end of 2019 have been agreed with Lamport Hall and Councillors with the exception of the Annual Parish Meeting. Lamport Hall has offered either the 22nd or 23rd May. The Clerk will liaise with Vicki Grimmitt to finalise this last date and then confirm to Councillors.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 The Chairman thanked Tony Boullemier and his colleague for clearing away the basal growth in Hanging Houghton. Tony said that there was also a large amount of basal growth around 4 trees at the entrance to the south side of Manor Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Lamport Hall if they could deal with this.

15. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7 pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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C. Harris
Chairman

Dated:.....