

## **LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
Monday 23 July 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, Frances Allbury (Clerk)

Declaration of Interest: None

Apologies: Cllrs Jonathan Farr, Kevin Parker and Cecile Irving-Swift

### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council AGM 22 May 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### **3. MATTERS arising from the MINUTES**

3.1 Overhanging foliage adjacent to The Grange, Hanging Houghton  
A report has been received from Sheila Gilder, Amenity Technician, Northamptonshire Highways following an inspection of the trees. Her report recommends a minimum amount of work that is required to make the trees safe. The Clerk will forward the full report to the agent acting for the Landlord of The Grange.

3.2 Neighbourhood Link

The Chairman said that he has prepared a flyer for distribution to all parishioners asking if they wished to sign up to the scheme and was awaiting confirmation of the wording and technical data by Cllr Flavell-While before printing and circulating.

### **4. HIGHWAYS**

4.1 Winter Maintenance

At the request of the Chairman Cllr Ward has examined the proposals for winter maintenance 2018/19 by Northamptonshire Highways in light of severe financial restrictions. Cllr Ward said that gritting on all roads would be reduced which would particularly affect the road between Lampport and Rothwell. In addition grit bins would not be filled as often. The grit bin situated in Hanging Houghton was the responsibility of Highways but not the yellow bin adjacent to the Lampport triangle.

4.2 Litter Pick

It was confirmed that another litter pick would be organised in September/October.

### **5 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

The Clerk has been in touch with Leicestershire Gardens to confirm the exact cost of grass cutting following changes to the original contract including an additional charge to strim the grass along Lampport High Street so that the correct amount could be paid.

James Bray has expressed interest in taking on the work again in 2019. A quotation has already been received and the Clerk was asked to write to James stating that grass cutting budgets would not permit two cuts per month and that if he were to be awarded the contract then the Parish Council would decide when the grass was cut. Cllr Ward said he would also obtain a quotation for the work from another contractor.

## **6. PLANNING**

**6.1 DA/2018/0297:** The Old Rectory, 5 High Street, Lamport  
Variation of Condition 5 of DA/2010/0082 (conversion of redundant bake house to Granny annexe) relating to annexe to enable letting as separate dwelling. Planning permission approved.

**6.2 DA/2018/0384:** 4 Manor Gardens, Hanging Houghton, Northamptonshire, NN6 9FJ Single storey rear extension. Application withdrawn.

**6.3 DA/2018/0260:** Land to the west of Mercedes Avenue, Brixworth  
Outline application with main point of access included for development to provide commercial floorspace for Class B1b, B1c, B2 and B8 employment uses. Application withdrawn.

## **7 FINANCE**

7.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated. As at 29 June 2018 the accounts showed a true balance of £4,694.75. £761.88 of this total is allocated for maintenance of the BT Box/defibrillator having spent £330 from the funds for repainting the box.

7.2 Items for payment:

Chq No. 501	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£405.91
Chq No. 502	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£99.40
Chq No. 503	D. Crouch: Painting BT Box in Hanging Houghton	£330.00
Chq No. 504	A. Boullemier: Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter	£12.00
Chq No. 505	Leicestershire Gardens: village grass cutting	£420.00

## **8. CPRE Report**

Cllr Cox reported on a recent CPRE meeting. Points covered relating to planning saying that Parish Councils had an important role to play by contributing to the whole planning system. Where possible Parish Councils would benefit from having a Local Plan which would give them greater influence on any proposed building development. Other planning issues discussed covered building/renovation in conservation areas and development of brown field sites

## **9. Travellers**

Cllr Cox asked who should be contacted should travellers arrive and illegally camp. The Clerk said that someone dial '999' and immediately inform the police.

## **10. Neighbourhood Watch**

Tony Boullemier circulated a newsletter in June.

## **11. Defibrillator**

All working and project now complete. It was agreed that all relevant paperwork would be kept by Cllr Cox as he was on site, rather than by the Clerk who did not live in the village.

## **12. Neighbourhood Plan**

Following a meeting of the Steering Group it was agreed to defer a final decision on whether to proceed with the plan until Daventry District Council publish their Housing Plan later in the year to see if any housing proposals would affect the villages. As both villages are classified as hamlets and small settlements it is unlikely they would be earmarked for development beyond any small sell offs by Lamport Estates which would still be the subject of planning consent.

**13. BT Telephone Box A508**

The Clerk has made enquiries regarding the feasibility of decommissioning this box and moving it to another site within Lamport Village. BT said that it would need a professional contractor to move the box as it was extremely heavy and there were other provisos regarding electricity supply. The Clerk has since spoken to Mr. George Drye who said that he thought it best to not proceed with the scheme, particularly as the box itself was in a very poor condition. It was agreed to contact BT again, advise them of the Parish Council's decision and ask them if the box could be repaired.

**14 Date of next Meeting**

The Clerk asked for comment from Councillors present to change the day of the week that meetings are held so that use could be made of the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall offered by Mr. George Drye. It was agreed to move meetings from Tuesdays which is not convenient for the Hall, to Wednesdays starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. This would be confirmed once the Clerk has been in touch with Victoria Howlett.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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C. Harris  
Chairman

Dated:.....