

LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 30 January 2018
at The Loder Hall Maidwell at 7.00 pm

1 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Apologies: Cllrs B. Cox, P. May and Mr. A. Boullemier

In Attendance: Cllr. K. Parker

Declarations of Interest: None

2 MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7 November 2017 were approved and signed

3 MATTERS ARISING from the MINUTES

3.1 Footpath long the A508

Work has been carried out to clear the path.

3.2 Key to Lamport notice board

There is only one key that fits this lock. It was agreed that Cllr Harris would collect the key from Richard Fairfield and give it to Cllr Ward who will keep the notice board up to date.

4 FINANCE

4.1 Balance at Bank

Accounts to 30 January 2018 showing a true balance of £2,909.85 in Current Account and £2,688.96 in the Reserve Account were circulated with the agenda.

Budget/Expenditure showed that £4,190 has been spent from an estimated budget of £4,860.

4.2 Items for Payment

Chq. No. 485 F. Allbury: salary and expenses £248.75

Chq. No. 486 HMRC: Clerk's PAYE £58.40

5. HIGHWAYS

5.1 Brampton Valley Way

The email from Ian Boyes, Northamptonshire Highways responding to the request from the Parish Council to reduce the speed limit along Brampton Valley Way to 20 mph. was discussed. Unfortunately the panel decided that there was no compelling evidence to support the introduction of a reduced speed limit. Councillors commented that traffic flow was increasing but felt that there was nothing further that could be done.

5.2 Parking in Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

Councillors all agreed that the Parish Council could do no more to influence the continuing problems with inappropriate parking and this matter would now be left.

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.

The plans were examined and Councillors recommended planning approval be given.

6.3 Pre-application Consultation: land to the north of Mercedes Avenue, Brixworth

No action is required by the Parish Council now, but Brixworth Parish Council will ensure that we receive a copy of the submitted application for formal comment when published.

Cllr Parker offered some useful insight concerning the possible development of one side of the valley between Brixworth and Hanging Houghton.

6.4 DDC Settlement and Countryside Local Plan (2)

The large document and plans were examined by the Chairman and Cllr Farr on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to register a comment that the age group 55 and over was not catered for in any category, housing being a good example of where there is a lack of provision for retirees who may wish to downsize but remain in the parish.

7 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN/EMERGENCY PLAN**

7.1 Emergency Plan: Councillors have received a report from Tony Boullemier who had been asked to read through and comment on recent documentation received regarding the implementation of an Emergency Plan. Mr. Boullemier did not consider that it was necessary to write an Emergency Plan for either village and Councillors agreed.

7.2 Pathfinder II Flood Resilience Project

A resident has written to the Parish Council advising that residents of Station Cottages and Station House have signed up to this project due to their vulnerability to flooding. It was agreed that the rest of Hanging Houghton and Lamport were extremely unlikely to suffer in this way and felt that it would therefore be unnecessary to join the scheme. The Clerk would advise accordingly.

7.3 Neighbourhood Plan

A total of 7 parishioners have offered to take this project forward with Cllr Percy May as lead Councillor. The Clerk will contact Cllr May and the parishioners in order to fix a convenient date for their first Steering Group meeting. She would also ask DDC if they could offer assistance and guidance to the Group to help them get started and hire a Consultant.

8 **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk reported that the Lottery Application form is being processed and will go to Panel for a decision shortly. It has been reported that the electric light in the telephone box is not working. Cllr Flavell-While will check to see if it needs a new bulb.

9 **GRASS CUTTING**

Having received two quotations to carry out grass cutting in 2018, it was unanimously agreed to offer the contract to Leicestershire Gardens. The Clerk would confirm the decision and ask for the necessary NCC compliance paperwork. Cllr Ward offered to liaise with the grass cutter during the season on behalf of the Parish Council.

10 **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2018**

Following an email from Tony Boullemier regarding this project it was agreed to register the Parish Council's interest in order to participate. Once registered information would be advertised on the notice boards and website.

11 **NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK**

Cllr May has suggested that the Parish Council set up a process of communicating with parishioners to advise on events, item for sale, requests for advice etc. Cllr Flavell-While said that he felt the most effective way would be through a subscription email list to which parishioners could sign up to if they wanted to be included. An application form could be published on the website for this purpose and further information provided at the Annual Parish Meeting later in the year. Information could also be included on the next neighbourhood watch newsletter.

12 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No formal report. A parishioner had suggested that the Parish Council consider installing dummy security cameras around the villages, but Councillors felt that this would be inappropriate. Cllrs said that residents should be vigilant at all times.

- 13 **ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY: Saturday 19 May 2018**
 Some parishioners had expressed a wish to organise a street party to mark this event. Councillors felt it would be difficult and extremely disruptive to arrange for the main road to be officially closed off by the police. However, Tom Saunders has offered the use of his barn and Councillors expressed an opinion that the village green would be the ideal place should the event go ahead. Cllr Harris would advise.
- 14 **OVERHANGING TREES MANOR ROAD, HANGING HOUGHTON**
 Some work has been carried out but not sufficient to clear the footpath. The Clerk would write to the managing agent to ask for further clearing to take place.
- 15 **CORRESPONDENCE**
 None
- 16 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
 Poppy Appeal: it was reported that Hanging Houghton had raised £126.00
- 17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
 Tuesday 13 March 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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