

LAMPORNT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 13 March 2019 in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall at 7 pm

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest

Present: Cllrs B. Cox, C. Harris, J. Farr (in the Chair), R. Flavell While, F. Allbury (Clerk)

In attendance: Tony Boullemier, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Declaration of Interest: None

Apologies: Cllrs M. Philpott, P. May and B. Ward

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9 January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Lighting in telephone box in Hanging Houghton

Cllr Flavell While confirmed that he had changed the light bulb and the power is now back on.

3.2 Classification of Merry Tom Lane

Following a query raised by Cllr Ward, the Clerk has received information from Nick Wedgbrow stating that Merry Tom Lane which runs from Northampton Road, Brixworth through to A5199 is made up of a Public Highway and a Public Bridleway with the Bridleway running from the railway back towards Brixworth stopping at a steel barrier approximately 200 metres from Northampton Road. Two steel barriers were installed some months ago at each end of the Bridleway to stop any unauthorised vehicles that should not be using this access. The Clerk has advised Cllr Ward of this response and Tony Boullemier will also put something about the classification of the road in his next neighbourhood watch newsletter.

3.3 Felled trees in Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

The Clerk said that she was awaiting news from Sheila Gilder, NCC to advise whether or not they would be replacing the felled trees. Further report at the next meeting.

4 HIGHWAYS

4.1 Speeding and traffic issues: Lamport High Street

The Clerk advised that NCC Highways will be replacing the current '7.5 ton except for access' signs with '7.5 ton except for loading' and that the 30 mph signage would be replaced with a larger size. Cllr Cox commented and his Satnav was now directing him away from Lamport High Street.

4.2 Temporary Road Signage

Cllr Cox said that he was still concerned about a temporary road sign that had been erected next to the A508 travelling towards Lamport. The sign advertises 'keep fit' but is positioned just before the right hand turning towards Old and Scaldwell. This is a difficult turn at the best of times and Cllr Cox felt that a distracted driver could easily drive into a queue of traffic that was waiting while a vehicle turned right. He has registered his concerns with Northamptonshire Highways and awaits a response.

5 PLANNING

5.1 DA/2018/1064 Blueberry Lodge, Harborough Road, Maidwell NN6 9JD

Altered window openings on north eastern and north western elevations of two storey extension, including roof alternations over ground and first floor windows.

Planning Permission approved by DDC.

5.2 DA/2018/1059 Blueberry Lodge, Harborough Road, Maidwell NN6 9JD

Land adjacent to Blueberry Lodge: demolition of existing barns and stables and construction of an American barn.

Planning Permission approved by DDC.

5.3 Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2

Cllr Cox said that he had been advised by Cllr Nick Bunting that the submission provided by the Parish Council had been included in the report sent to the Inspector who will look at every aspect of the local plan and may call on anybody who has objected to present their case if necessary. Nick recalled that using SLA's to object to planning proposals in the past had been very useful and successful. A response is not expected for possible three months. Cllr Cox will contact Nick for an update in case further input was required.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated. At 13 March 2019 the accounts showed a true balance of £2,011.78 in current account and £3,319.66 in reserve account. £761.88 of this is allocated for maintenance of the BT telephone box and the defibrillator.

6.2 Items for payment:

Chq No. 516	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£611.30
Chq No. 517	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£99.40
Chq No. 518	J. Denton: churchyard grass cutting 2018	£400.00
Chq No. 519	Information Commissioner	£40.00
Chq No. 520	ACRE: annual subscription	£35.00

6.3 Grass Cutting Lamport Church

The clerk said that she has received an email from Mary Parker, Church Warden requesting that the Parish Council once again cover the cost of churchyard grass cutting in the sum of £400 as per quotation received. The Parish Council unanimously confirmed their agreement.

6.4 Increased Precept

Tony Boullemier suggested that the Parish Council write something for the next newsletter to explain the reasons why the precept request 2019/20 had been increased.

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Tony said there was not too much going on at present but he commented that a broken and fire damaged safe had been found behind Tom's barn that had obviously been stolen. The police took it away. Some fly tipping that had been minuted at the last meeting had been removed but not the signage and cones. In order to tidy the site Tony took all the signage away and deposited it with other signage elsewhere awaiting collection.

8 DEFIBRILLATOR

8.1 Cllr Cox said that he had received notification from the Community Heartbeat Trust that the defibrillator had been removed from its housing on a specific date. Tony Boullemier advised that there had been an emergency in the village, the equipment had been removed but was not ultimately required for use.

8.2 Cllr Cox has received requests from a number of residents who would like to receive training in using the equipment. The cost of the training session would be around £175.00 so it was sensible to include as many people as possible to make it cost effective. Cllr Cox will consult those already interested and Tony Boullemier will publish something for the newsletter and the website so that a training session can be organised.

9 LITTER PICK

Date to be agreed. Once confirmed it would be included in the next neighbourhood watch newsletter.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk has received correspondence from Daventry District Council concerning a polling district, polling place and polling stations review which is held every five years. Councillors confirmed that they were happy with all the current arrangements. The Clerk would advise DDC accordingly.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Parish Council had received information from a parishioner regarding a resident of Hanging Houghton using intimidatory behaviour and allowing a dog to be out of control which was also raising concern. The situation would be carefully monitored and if necessary the owner of the dog would be reported to the Dog Warden. This matter would be an agenda item at the next meeting for an update.

12. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

After discussion it was agreed to revert to previous arrangements whereby the Parish Council AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the same day. It was therefore agreed on Wednesday 22 May 2019 in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall with the Parish Council AGM starting at 6.30 pm and the Annual Parish Meeting following on at approximately 7.30 pm. The Clerk would organise refreshments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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J. Farr, Chairman

Dated:..... 2019