

LAMPOROT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 14 November 2018 in the Old Laundry, Lampport Hall at 7 pm

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllrs M. Philpott (Vice-Chair), B. Cox, J. Farr, B. Ward, R. Flavell While, F. Allbury (Clerk)

In attendance: A. Boullemier, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and Tracey Simoniti-Stocker representing the action group on traffic along Lampport High Street

Declaration of Interest: None

Apologies: Cllrs C. Harris (Chair), K. Parker, P. May

Cllr Philpott, as Vice-Chair said that Cllr Colin Harris has stepped down from his post as Chairman for personal reasons. Cllr Farr was nominated to undertake the role of Interim Chairman in Cllr Harris's absence. Proposed: Cllr Philpott Seconded: Cllr Cox Carried unanimously.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12 September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Overhanging foliage adjacent to The Grange, Hanging Houghton
Work completed.

3.2 Proposed coffee morning with Chris Heaton-Harris
It was agreed to defer organising this event until a later date.

3.3 Basal growth around trees in Hanging Houghton
The work requested on the four trees at the entrance to Hanging Houghton to the south side of Manor Road remains outstanding. The Clerk will write to Lampport Hall to remind them.

4 HIGHWAYS

4.1 Speeding and traffic issues: Lampport High Street

Tracey Simoniti-Stocker updated Councillors with approximate costings, her report having been circulated with the agenda. Having looked through this document it was agreed that changing road markings and signage at an approximate cost of £1800 may be the best option and will await final figures from Northamptonshire Highways to enable Tracey to start fundraising. In the meantime it was suggested that progress could be made without the intervention of Northamptonshire Highways into identifying offending overweight traffic using Lampport High Street and writing to the companies concerned. Tracey will deal with providing the names, Cllr Farr will look at the list in order to eliminate those vehicles that have a legitimate right of access, and the Clerk and Tracey will prepare a suitable letter to send out. In addition the Clerk would email Ian Boyes, asking for an update on progress.

4.2 Reduction in 'bus services

Cllr Ward highlighted recent information circulated by the Clerk detailing the reduction in local 'bus services next year. Cllr Flavell-While will ensure details are posted on the Parish Council website.

5 PLANNING

Response to Local Plan Part 3: removal of Special Landscape Area protection from part of Nene Valley Way: Councillors thanked Cllr Cox for working with Nick Bunting in order to prepare a response to the proposed removal of the SLA area in Nene Valley Way. A large number of responses, on many aspects of the Proposed Submission Settlements and

Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) had been received by DDC. The plan will be submitted for examination and will be subject to approval by Full Committee by 24th January 2019.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated. As at 14 November 2018 the accounts showed a true balance of £3,102.08 in current account and £3,316.93 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. 509	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£403.30
Chq No. 510	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£99.40
Chq No. 511	CPRE: annual membership	£36.00
Chq No. 512	Loder Hall: room hire charge	£42.50

6.3 Draft Budget 2019/2020

Councillors debated the draft document prepared by the Clerk and circulated with the agenda. The Clerk said that there was no provision within the figures for any contingencies that may arise in future in relation to the lack of funds available from Northamptonshire County Council. In addition the grass cutting grant, currently £605, would not be payable next year leaving the precept as the only source of income. Figures showed a minimum projected shortfall in 2019/2020 with current levels of spending at £1587. Councillors unanimously adopted the document.

6.4 Precept 2019/2020

Cllr Farr read out figures provided by DDC showing how an increase in precept would affect parishioners and their Council Tax bills. Information received from NcALC also stressed the need for Parish Councils to ensure that they precepted sufficient funds to meet unexpected demand. After discussion, Cllr Farr recommended an increase for £1500 from £4000 to £5500. Proposed: Cllr Cox, seconded Cllr Philpott. Carried unanimously.

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Tony Boulemier was pleased to report that very little crime had taken place over the past couple of months and therefore did not propose to write and distribute a newsletter to residents. However dog fouling, and parking on grass verges still presented problems which require monitoring. The Clerk said that she had still been unable to make contact with PCSO Hutchinson to invite him to a Parish Council meeting to discuss Vehicle Recognition Systems but would keep trying.

8 LITTER PICK

Cllr Ward said this would take place on 25th November 2018. Helpers will meet on the village green in Hanging Houghton at 10.00 am. He would let the Clerk know if he wanted her to arrange for the filled sacks to be collected by DDC.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

None

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Flavell-While said that there was no lighting in the telephone box in Hanging Houghton. He will check to see if the bulb needs changing and if this doesn't work then the Clerk will contact BT who guaranteed electricity to the box for a number of years.

11 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7 pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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J. Farr – Interim Chairman

Dated:.....