

LAMPORF AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 15 January 2020 in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall at 7 pm

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

Declaration of Interest: None

Apologies: Cllrs P. May, C. Irving-Swift, K. Parker and M. Herrod, Lamport Hall

In attendance: Tony Boulemier, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 25 September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Defibrillator Signage

The Clerk read out an email received from DDC Conservation Officer advising that as the K6 telephone box located in Hanging Houghton is a listed building, the defibrillator signage must be removed and replaced with the original telephone signage. Councillors discussed this request and it was unanimously agreed to respond to the email stating that a telephone box which doesn't in fact contain a telephone is dangerous and possibly hazardous to anyone seeking to use a public telephone in an emergency. Although it could be argued that most people have use of a mobile telephone, it cannot be assumed that every single person does and should an emergency occur and that person needs to make an urgent telephone call for assistance, to find that the box doesn't contain telephone equipment could be catastrophic. The Clerk would respond to the Conservation Officer along the lines outlined above.

3.2 Community Notice Board, Hanging Houghton

After discussion it was decided that an A board might be more appropriate to advertise local events rather than a fixed notice board that might not be used for part of the year. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Ward would make enquiries regarding obtaining a suitable board for this purpose.

4 HIGHWAYS

Speeding and traffic issues: Lamport High Street: No update report available for this meeting.

5 PLANNING

5.1 DA/2019/0829: land at Blueberry Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling with detached garage/car port.

Awaiting decision by DDC Planning

5.2 DA/2019/0890: Land to rear of The Nook, 3A & Meadowcroft, Manor Road, Hanging Houghton
Change of use of agricultural land to garden.

Planning permission approved 17 December 2019.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated. At 15 January 2020 the accounts showed a true balance of £2,610.19 in current account and £3,324.64 in reserve account. £701.88 of this is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and the defibrillator.

6.2 Items for payment:

Chq No. 540	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£415.96
Chq No. 541	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£93.00
Chq No 542	CPRE annual subscription	£35.00

6.3 NCC Grass Cutting Grant

The Clerk said that the grant for the financial year April 2019-March 2020 of £605.54 has now been received into the bank account. She also received confirmation that the grant in the same sum will be paid for the next financial year April 2020-March 2021.

6.4 Grass cutting Lamport Church

The Clerk read an email from the church ward Mary Parker thanking the Parish Council for their continued support by covering the cost of churchyard grass cutting in the sum of £400.00 The Parish Council once again confirmed the arrangement for 2020 at the same cost.

6.5 Precept 2020-2021

The Clerk and Chairman completed and signed off the precept application form for submission to DDC in the agreed sum of £5,800.

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Tony said that thankfully both villages have been relatively quiet over recent weeks. The resident of Hanging Houghton who had been displaying anti-social behaviour in recent months has now left the village. Tony commented once again on the condition of the end of Manor Road. The Clerk said that she did email Lamport Hall following his comments at the previous parish council meeting and the Hall felt that the condition of the road would improve in better weather. Councillors expressed concerns regarding security at Manor Farm now that the site has been vacated by the tenant. The situation would improve once a new tenant takes possession and the site occupied.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 May Council Elections

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the impending deadline for applications for new Councillors at the May elections.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Flooding on A508 adjacent to the disused railway track.

The Chairman commented on the flooded roadways during recent very heavy rain. It has been noted that since the flooding, work has been undertaken by NCC which appears to have resolved the issue.

9.2 In her absence Cllr Irving Swift asked the Clerk to highlight two items of interest to Councillors:

- a) the X7 'bus new timetable (details already circulated by email), and
- b) the NCC Active Parks Project consultation. Councillors can log onto the website to complete a short survey with their views: <https://northamptonshire.citizenspace.com/bipm/active-parks-project/consultation>

9.3 West Northants Strategic Plan and proposed re-opening of railway along Brampton Valley Way

The Clerk said that she had received further communications from Alex Blake regarding this project. It was agreed that the Council would keep all the information under review and await further communications from Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift and Cllr Ken Parker who are monitoring the situation.

9.4 Village Broadband

Cllr Cox said that Gigaclear were still canvassing Hanging Houghton in order to sign up new customers but this has still to result in high speed broadband being connected.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.00 pm in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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C. Harris, Chairman

Date:.....2020