

LAMPORF AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 17 July 2019 in the Old Laundry, Lamporf Hall at 7 pm

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllrs B. Cox, C. Harris, (in the Chair), P. May, B. Ward, F. Allbury (Clerk)

In attendance: DDC Cllr Kevin Parker

Declaration of Interest: None

Apologies: Cllrs J. Farr, M. Philpott, R. Flavell While

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting 22 May 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

None

4 HIGHWAYS

4.1 Speeding and traffic issues: Lamporf High Street

The Clerk read an update prepared by Tracey Simoniti-Stocker advising that the Except for Access signage has been replaced with Except for Loading. New road markings have been painted and new signage is awaited. Now that the lorry park is open NCC Highways will be running a traffic survey and reporting lorries misusing the road. Tracey intends to write to Mercedes to seek a funding contribution and she has also received expressions of interest from other local business to fund the flowers by the road signs. Volunteers will be required to help with the traffic surveys.

4.2 Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan

This document had been circulated by email on 28 June 2019 in order to give Councillors time to read it through. No comments were made at this time.

4.3 Footpath along A508 between The Swann and Manor Road

The Clerk read a response received from NCC Highways advising that they would not be carrying out any work to the footpath stating that the pathway was not constructed to any greater width than it is currently. Highways did cut back some adjacent trees and hedges even though it was the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. The condition of the footpath would however be monitored through the year. Councillors commented that despite its width, the footpath was well used by residents.

4.4 Meadow flower verges

Cllr Cox suggested that some areas of the grassed verges could be planted with meadow flowers which would ultimately reduce areas to be mown. Cllr Cox passed a wildflowers catalogue to Cllr Ward who would speak to Tom Sanders who had experience of planting of this type for his advice. It was envisaged that initially an area near Cllr Ward's house at the top of Manor Road could be used to gauge the success or otherwise.

5 PLANNING

5.1 DA/20191/0144: Land west of Mercedes Avenue

Awaiting decision from DDC

5.2 Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2

The Hearing took place week commencing 10 June. Cllr Parker said that the Inspector of the Hearing had visited both the proposed Mercedes Avenue site and also the area which is the subject of an SLA. The result of the Hearing is expected late August/early September.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated. At 28 June 2019 the accounts showed a true balance of £1,889.71 in current account and £3,321.84 in reserve account. £701.88 of this is allocated for maintenance of the BT telephone box and the defibrillator. The Clerk said that she had updated the 2019/20 Budget to reflect the increased precept and the confirmed grass cutting grant from NCC.

6.2 Items for payment:

Chq No. 528	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£409.76
Chq No. 529	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£99.20

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Cllr Ward said there was nothing to report.

8 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Cox reported that a very successful training session had been held in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall on 29 June hosted by Chris Caitlin, a resident of Lamport with 8 parishioners present and at no cost to the Parish Council. The Clerk has written a letter of thanks to Chris for giving up his time to lead the training session. Cllr Cox said that 15 households were now part of the backup team and who could help in an emergency. He explained that as soon as it became necessary to use the defibrillator equipment, the very first thing that must be done is dial 999 which would then automatically alert the names on the backup team by rote.

9 COMMUNITY LINK

Cllr Harris circulated a flyer which he has prepared for distribution to every household, but before sending it out it would ask Cllr Flavell While to check it for accuracy. Cllr May said that if Cllr Flavell While did not have the time, he would be happy to co-ordinate the link for parishioners, all he needs is the password to the site.

10 BARRIER OF TREES ADJACENT TO ANGLIAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT

At the request of some parishioners who attended the recent Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk has written once again to Lamport Hall asking if they intended to replace the fallen trees that acted as a screen to the water treatment plant. A response is awaited.

11 BROADBAND CONNECTION

No further update to report. Cllr Cox said that it may be possible to run a connecting cable from a house immediately adjacent to his and other properties as its front drive is undergoing renovation, but this would only be possible within a short time because the slabs would be relaid shortly. If BT were agreeable residents could be connected to a BT box situated just outside the village, but the result would not give fibre optic speeds. Cllr May said that he was in contact with a very helpful person at Gigaclear at present and would pass details to Cllr Cox.

It was agreed that the Chairman would speak Cllr Flavell While for an update following his offer at the Annual Parish Meeting to contact BT and at the same time, he would also mention the updating of the website.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

NCC Highways, weekly Scheme of Works. Having circulated a copy by email for Councillors to read, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk need not sent round the updates received every week.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Grass Cutting

Cllr Ward said that four cuts have been carried out so far, not all entirely satisfactory. The Clerk is still awaiting an invoice for the most recent ones. It was agreed that Cllr Ward would liaise with the grass cutters as and when required without the need to revert to the Parish Council, as cutting was largely weather related.

13.2 Village Summer BBQ

Responding to a question about the date of the event this year, Cllr Harris said that he was sure it would be on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August as in previous years. He would however check with Cllr Philpott and suggested that a suitable flyer be delivered at the same time as the information about Community Link.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 September 2019 in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall at 7.00 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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C. Harris, Chairman

Dated:.....