

LAMPOR T AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 18 March 2020 in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall at 7 pm

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Due to the international pandemic coronavirus this meeting did not take place. However, the agenda, accounts and other supporting documents were circulated by email and the minutes reflect the comments and decisions made by Councillors via email.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 15 January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Defibrillator Signage

The Clerk said that Daventry District Council have confirmed that they now would permit the change of signage to reflect that the BT telephone box now contains a defibrillator and not a telephone, Cllr May has provided a quotation from Lance Tomlyn Associates to supply the correct signage at a cost of approximately £90. However, Martin Fagan, Community Heartbeat has said that he can provide signage with exact BT approved typeface and colour at a cost of approximately £35.00.

It was agreed by a majority to ask Martin to place the order.

3.2 Community Notice Board, Hanging Houghton

Cllr Ward has sourced a suitable A board online at a cost of £44.29 and as soon as he is sure about the delivery process at the current time, he will place the order.

4 HIGHWAYS

Speeding and traffic issues: Lamport High Street:

Traffic monitoring will start again soon. In the meantime, Tracey asks if the Parish Council could progress any funding for speed signs along the High Street especially in the light of two recent serious accidents both caused by bad driving.

The general consensus of Councillors was that bad driving is a matter for the police, and that the existing signage should be sufficient to deter speeding. Additional signage would not stop accidents.

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.

For information: application withdrawn

5.2 West Northants Strategic Land Availability

Circulated for information

5.3 DA/2020/0194: 16 Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

Two storey side extension

Having requested comment from Councillors by email, and no adverse ones having been received the Clerk will write to DDC Planning advising that they are happy for planning permission to be granted.

5.4 KET/2019/0711: Cransley Road, Loddington

Change of use from agricultural land to 8 pitches residential caravan site with 2 no. caravans per pitch including 6 no. utility buildings, hardstanding and access

For information: notice of refusal by KBC received

5.4 Settlement and Countryside Local Plan Part 2

A copy of the plan has now been received and passed to Cllr Cox. Cllr May would take delivery of the documents thereafter. Cllr Cox commented that he had read much of this long document, and he concluded that the point the Parish Council were trying to make with regard to the SLA had been ignored saying that there were three main areas in the provision but not the area which the Parish Council were concerned about. There was also an anomaly with the maps which still showed the valley protected by an SLA.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated by email. At 18 March 2020 the accounts showed a true balance of £4,540.64: current account £2,066.23 and £3,326.29 in reserve account less payments totalling £851.88 shown below. £641.80 of the credit balance is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and the defibrillator.

The Clerk commented that the accounts would not change between now and the end of the year. As a guide, we started the year with £4,146.27 and finished with £4,540.64. However, £324 was underspent on village grass cutting. There is a sum of £162.00 to reclaim on VAT in April.

6.2 Items for payment:

Chq No. 543	F.R. Allbury: Clerk's Wages/Expenses	£650.28
Chq No. 544	HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£93.00
Chq No. 545	Community Heartbeat: emergency phone annual fee	£60.00
Chq No. 546	A. Boullemier: Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter	£13.60
D/debit	Information Commissioner annual fee	£35.00

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

Tony suggested the implementation of a scheme to assist the elderly in the villages should isolation be imposed. He recommended that residents be encouraged to look after their near neighbours within the area they live in possibly with a flyer delivered to every household. Cllr Cox said that there had been a number of emails offering assistance to residents who have to remain indoors because of underlying health issue and recommended that some of the schemes should be investigated to see if they covered Lamport and Hanging Houghton.

8. MAY ELECTIONS 2020

Due to the coronavirus local elections have been postponed to May 2021.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Rainwater Harvesting

The clerk will forward information to all Councillors so that can make their own decision. Cllr Cox said that he had one installed at his home. It was very costly requiring a large hole to be dug in the garden to hold a tank for at least 1500 litres and probably only cost effective with newbuilds.

9.2 Litter Pick

The Clerk reported that all national litter picking initiatives had been cancelled and it was agreed to defer a local litter pick until later in the year.

9.3 Broken drain cover. Hanging Houghton

The broken drain has been surrounded with a barrier, but the situation needed to be resolved and repairs carried out. It was agreed to refer the matter to Mark Herrod at Lamport Hall for his opinion on the way forward.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A decision regarding the feasibility of holding the meetings shown below will be made nearer the time depending on national and local guidelines:

Parish Council AGM: Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 7.00 pm and Annual Parish Meeting 27 May 2020 6.30pm for 7pm

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C. Harris, Chairman

Date:.....2020