

LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL
held via Skype
Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 7 pm

1. ATTENDANCE, apologies and Declarations of Interest

Present: Cllrs C. Harris (in the Chair), B. Cox, J. Farr, P. May, M. Philpott, R. Flavell-While, B. Ward

Apologies for absence: None

In attendance: DDC Cllr K. Parker, Lee Taylor DDC Environmental Improvement Officer

Declarations of interest: none

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 18 November 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chair.

3 MATTERS arising from the MINUTES

3.1 Warning signage Brampton Valley Way
A temporary sign has now been erected.

3.2 WCAG 2.1AA: compliance for website
Cllr Flavell While said that the compliance issue only applied if a service was provided. The current server was now obsolete and would be replaced with a new one within the next two months at which time the compliance issue would be resolved. The new server will be more up to date and user friendly and Cllr May confirmed that he would be prepared to update the new website once installed.

4 HIGHWAYS

4.1 Speeding and traffic issues: Lamport High Street
No further progress at present. The Clerk is awaiting an update report from Mark Herrod, Lamport Hall who has been provided with all the background information by Mark Stocker. When the report is received the Clerk will circulate it.

4.2 Grit Bins Hanging Houghton and Lamport triangle
The Clerk has received an email from NCC Highways advising that the NCC grit bin located in Hanging Houghton would be replaced and refilled when resources are in the area. Regarding the Parish Council owned bin adjacent to the Lamport triangle, the bin is half filled with a solid mass of grit. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways asking if they could remove the hardened grit and then refill it at the Parish Council's expense.

4.3 Footpath: Brixworth/Lamport
The Clerk and Cllr Cox referred to email correspondence received from NCC Highways about the poor condition of the footpath. NCC have advised that funding is only available to clear the footpath but unfortunately not provide a cycle lane along the A508 from Brixworth to Hanging Houghton, Lamport and Maidwell. This project would feed cyclists into the National cycle path of the Brampton way and enable travel to and from the Northampton area around Brixworth on to Market Harborough. Councillors were disappointed but not surprised at the response. Cllr Cox felt very strongly that as an environmental issue it was very important to enable members of the public to have use of a cycle lane and further commented that surrounding villages have much better footpaths. It was agreed that that the Clerk, in conjunction with Cllr Cox, would prepare a letter of response to Highways (copying in Lee Taylor).

5 PLANNING

5.1 DA/2020/0371: The Old Rectory, 5 High Street, Lamport NN6 9HB
Conversion of loft space above stables to be used as a separate residence and other associated building alterations and DA/2020/0372:
Application withdrawn

5.2 20/00075/WASVOC: Brixworth Landfill Site, Scaldwell Road, Brixworth NN6 9EN
Variation of condition 6 of planning permission 12/00034/WAS to allow retention of existing renewable power generation compound
No action required: paperwork for filing.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget circulated by email.
Balances at bank 20 January 2021: current account £1,246.61 and £3,728.68 in reserve account.
When payments totalling £896.44 are made at this meeting the true total balance will be £4,078.85.
£503.80 of the credit balance is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and the defibrillator.

6.2 Grass cutting grant 2021 season.
Confirmation that the £605.54 grant for 2021 has been received and the appropriate document signed and returned to Northamptonshire Highways. To reflect the increase in revenue a revised budget was circulated.

6.3 Items for payment:

Bank Payment	J. Denton – churchyard grass cutting	£400.00
Bank Payment	F.R. Allbury: Clerk’s Wages/Expenses	£406.44
Bank Payment	HMRC: Clerk’s PAYE	£90.00

Cllr Farr approved the items for payment: seconded by Cllr Flavell While. The Chairman would check the bank account to confirm that payments had been made in accordance with paperwork circulated.

6.4 Precept 2021
The Clerk said that the precept request in the agreed sum of £5,800 has been signed and despatched.

6.5 NatWest arrangements
In addition to the Clerk, three Councillors have now enrolled for online banking: Cllrs C. Harris, J. Farr and B. Ward. However Cllr Philpott decided not to proceed and would remain as a cheque signatory only. The Clerk said that she was seeking advice from the NcALC internal auditor with regard to amending the wording of the Risk Management Policy and Financial Regulations to cover online banking.

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME

To appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police

Cllr Flavell While said that he may be willing to take on the role depending on the amount of time it required and if he would have to attend external meetings. The accompanying documents did not make this clear. The Clerk will investigate and report back.

8 DEFIBRILLATOR

New heated back pad installed and working.

9. THE GRANGE, Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

Councillors discussed the unsightly mobile home and pallet fencing recently installed at the property. A number of residents have raised concerns. It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman would prepare a letter to be sent to the owner of the property (rather than the tenant) and Cllr Parker suggested asking someone from Planning Enforcement to visit the site. It was agreed that Cllr May would take more photographic evidence and forward them to the Clerk for this purpose.

10 LAMPOR T WOODLAND

The Clerk referred to an email from Mark Herrod together with an overview map showing the new proposed woodland planting being undertaken by the Hall. The Clerk would respond to Mark endorsing the initiative.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

An email received from Lee Taylor, DDC Environmental Improvement Officer had been circulated. Lee said that his objective was to collaborate on environmental projects and initiatives within local communities encompassing issues such as electrical vehicle charging, tree planting, wild flowers, grass verges wind/solar power etc. Grants of up to £1000 are available time limited to 1 April 2021 when the unitary authority takes over. Lee then left the meeting with the Councils thanks. It was agreed that Councillors would give consideration to any projects that fell within the scope of the project and advise the Clerk so that a list could be drawn up and passed to Lee.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Planning Meeting: 27 January 2021 at 7.00 pm via Skype
Parish Council Meeting: 17 March 2021 at 7.00 pm via Skype

The meeting concluded at 7.55 pm

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C. Harris, Chairman

Date:.....2021