

LAMPORT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire Wednesday 19 March 2025

- 1 **ATTENDANCE** apologies and Declarations of Interest
Cllrs. F. Barclay, C. Dugmore, J. Farr, R. Flavell While, C. Harris (in the Chair), P. May, D. Sinnott, WNC Cllr K. Parker, Clerk Mrs F. Allbury

Apologies None

No Declarations of Interest
- 2 **MINUTES to be approved and signed**
Parish Council Meeting 22 January 2025
Minutes were approved and signed: proposed Cllr Flavell While, seconded Cllr May.
- 3 **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes: none
- 4 **RESIGNATION AND CO-OPTION**
Cllr Harris said that after many years' service on the Parish Council, Cllr Bob Cox had decided to step down. The Clerk read out bob's resignation letter dated 23 January 2025. Bob would be greatly missed by every member on the Council who wished to place on record their recognition of the considerable work he had undertaken on behalf of the community. The Clerk will write him a personal letter of thanks.
- 5 **HIGHWAYS**
5.1 Speed cameras, Lamport High Street
Mark Stocker reported that he was in touch with Kier with a view to identifying the post for the installation of the second camera. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sinnott for helping charge the batteries on the camera currently installed. It had been noted that speeding had been reduced when the camera was first installed but was now going up again. 5.2 LRSA
Sarah Lee reported that with the help of MP Stuart Andrew, Garmin and Apple have also demonstrated their willingness to change instructions in the same way as Google Maps so that traffic was not sent through Lamport. Highways have also indicated that there will be a change to 50 mph for part of Lamport High Street.
- 6 **PLANNING**
6.1 2023/0046: land at Dale Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell
Construction of dwelling and outbuildings – pending. Planning have confirmed that this application was still subject to ongoing discussions.
6.2 2025/0030/LBC: The Old Rectory, 5 High Street, Lamport
Relocation of consented staircase, form a new stair enclosure in the existing garage, with partial removal of ceiling structure to enable access up: pending
- 7 **FINANCE**
7.1 Balances at Bank and Budget/Expenditure for current year
Accounts for the year circulated by email with the agenda showing a balance of £5,033.19 in Current Account and £1,982.24 in Reserve Account. When payments totalling £943,66 are made, the true balance will be £6,071.77. £263.80 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and defibrillator.

7.2 Items for payment: LGA 1972

F. Allbury: salary and expenses	£821.86	S.112
HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£123.80	S.112

The Chairman will access the bank account online to verify that the payments have been made in accordance with those listed in the minutes. Cllr May proposed that the payments should be made, seconded Cllr Flavell While

7.3 The Clerk advised that the Information Commissioner annual fee which would be taken by direct debit at the end of March had increased from £35 to £47 for the current year.

8 OFFICE BEARERS

The Chairman read out the list of Offices which would be filled at the Parish Council AGM on 14 May 2025. He asked that all Councillors give some thought to their preferred role when the offices are discussed. In the meantime, the Clerk will contact Christine Ingram the Footpaths Warden regarding the Parish Paths Warden Scheme which is being reintroduced by Keir on behalf of West Northants Council.

9 LOCAL ELECTIONS 1 May 2025

The Clerk confirmed that all necessary nomination documents had been circulated to Councillors by email on 14 February 2025. The email included instructions, dates and deadlines for delivery to Electoral Services. The Clerk collected in all completed documents which would be delivered on 24 March in Northampton.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received a further communication regarding the Green Hill Solar Farm advising that all information had already been circulated by email

11 DATES AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire

Parish Council AGM 14 May 2025 at 7 pm

Annual Parish Meeting 21 May 2025 at 7 pm. It was agreed to utilise the Chairman's Allowance and offer light refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Signed:

Date:

