

LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire
Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7.00pm

- 1 **ATTENDANCE**, apologies and Declarations of Interest
Cllrs. B. Cox, C. Dugmore, J. Farr (in the Chair), R. Flavell-While, D. Gasson, P. May

Apologies: Cllr C. Harris and WNC Cllr K. Parker,

No Declarations of Interest received.
- 2 **MINUTES to be approved and signed:**
Parish Council Meeting 19 July 2023
- 3 **MATTERS arising from the Minutes:**
 - 3.1 Jubilee tree plaque
Cllr Gasson said that the plaque will be installed shortly.
 - 3.2 Ivy growing on Lamport Bus Shelter
Work completed by Lamport Hall ground staff.
 - 3.3 Notice Board, Hanging Houghton
Renovation work completed but the board needs new doors. A quotation is awaited by Cllr Harris..
 - 3.4 Community Governance Review
Following discussions at the previous meeting, the Clerk confirmed the Parish Council's wishes to maintain its independence in writing.
 - 3.5 Redundant Wordpress Email
Cllr Cox will investigate and remove.
- 4 **HIGHWAYS**
 - 4.1 Speeding issues, Lamport High Street
A Working Party has now been formed: Cllrs Colin Harris, Jonathan Farr and Dale Gasson, Sarah Lee, Mark and Tracey Stocker and Mark Herrod, Director of Lamport Hall. Two meetings have been held, one with Steve Barber, Northamptonshire Highways and a further meeting with the Working Party to discuss options. The following two points were confirmed: Mark Herrod kindly offered to cover the cost of the Section 50 Licence of £321 and Mark Stocker to take responsibility for the upkeep and recharging of the batteries. The clerk is currently awaiting a quotation from Elancity for the same equipment provided to Scaldwell and Creaton (approximately £2,150) Once received a further Working Party meeting will be held to progress this matter.
 - 4.2 Overgrown Lime trees, Manor Road
The Clerk said that this matter had been reported to Michael Venton, WNC Landscape Planning Officer who has passed it onto Highways earlier in the year. She would contact WNC once again as a number of trees were in a dangerous condition and strong winds were causing branches to fall into the road and footpaths presenting a serious health and safety issue. Cllr Cox said that the guttering along Manor Road had still not been cleared. Again the Clerk would take the matter up with WNC.

4.3 Autumn Litter Pick

Cllr Dugmore said that this would take place on Sunday 22nd October 2023: details to be published on the Parish Council and Community websites.

5 PLANNING

5.1 2023/0046: Land at Dale Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell

Decision still pending. This application will be heard by the Planning Committee.

5.2 2023/5883/Full and 5884/LBC: The Old Rectory, 5 High Street, Lamport

Full and Listed Building Consent for re-roofing works to main house including introduction of new ridge and parapet ventilation, repairs to dormers and new lead upper roof with access hatch: kitchen and stables alterations including attic conversion: repair to stable wall: removal of boot room, new side door and canopy: removal of existing shed, creation of new covered area and shed on existing shed footprint: altered external hard landscaping. Decision pending.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Balances at Bank and Budget/Expenditure for current year

The Clerk said that the accounts for the current year having been circulated by email with the agenda, show a balance of £3,091.19 in Current Account and £1,843.44 in Reserve Account.

When the payments listed below totalling £1,737.42 are paid, the true balance will be £3,197.21.

£483.83 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and

defibrillator. The Clerk confirmed that the remaining half of the precept of £3,900 will be received into the bank on 29 September 2023.

6.2 Items for payment

		<u>LGA 1972</u>
F. Allbury: salary and travel	£457.82	S.112
HMRC: clerk's PAYE	£109.60	S.112
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance: July/August grass cut	£1170.00	S.136

The Clerk said that up to the end of August 10 grass cuts had been undertaken with 2 remaining in line with the agreed number of cuts for the year.

The Vice-Chairman will access the Bank account online after the meeting to verify that the payments have been made in accordance with those listed in the minutes. Cllr Cox proposed that the payments should be made, seconded by Cllr Flavell While.

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

Report circulated by email. Peter said that thankfully there had been little to report and that Northamptonshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch Team continue to circulate details of the latest initiatives. Residents are urged to always report suspicious activity to the police rather than just on community social media pages.

8 MEETING DATES 2024

Proposed meeting dates for 2024 had been circulated with the agenda. Councillors agreed with the dates presented which would be sent to Lamport Hall for their approval before confirming them and publishing on the website.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk said that the CPRE Magazine was now being circulated by email rather than in the post and that she would send it round to all Councillors when received.

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting 15 November 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Signed:

Date: