

## **LAMPORT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire  
Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 7.00pm

- 1 **ATTENDANCE**, apologies and Declarations of Interest  
Cllrs. F. Barclay, C. Dugmore, J. Farr, R. Flavell While, C. Harris (in the Chair) P. May.  
  
Apologies received from Cllr D. Sinnott.  
  
No Declarations of Interest received.
- 2 **MINUTES to be approved and signed:**  
Parish Council AGM 15 May 2024  
Cllr Farr proposed that the Minutes be adopted, seconded Cllr Dugmore
- 3 **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes
  - 3.1 Wall at the bottom of Manor Road, Hanging Houghton  
Work to rebuild the wall has been completed.
  - 3.2 Seeding/daffodil bulbs in Manor Road  
Deferred to the autumn. The Clerk will reimburse Cllr Barclay for expenses incurred.
  - 3.3 Telephone box outside The Swan, A508  
The box has now been repainted by BT
  - 3.4 Litter Pick  
The litter pick took place on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025, and Cllr Dugmore suggested arranging a further litter pick for the autumn. Saturday 27 September 2025 at 10.00 am, was agreed.
  - 3.5 Village grass cutting  
Bruce Ward, a former parish councillor has been in touch with the parish council grass cutters regarding the areas that must be cut and those that have been missed in recent months. It was noted that due to hot weather conditions in June no grass cutting took place.
- 4 **HIGHWAYS**
  - 4.1 Speed Cameras, Lamport High Street  
Discussion took place regarding the offer of an extended warranty: £199 plus vat per year for two cameras totalling £1200 over 3 years. The Clerk was asked to write to the provider to ask if the high cost could be reduced based on the size of the parish council, and also if the batteries would also be covered by the warranty. The Clerk would also ask the Clerk to Maidwell Parish Council if they took up the extended warranty.
  - 4.2 Lamport Residents Safety Association (LRSA)  
Nothing further to report at the present time.
  - 4.3 Dangerous footpath Hanging Houghton/Lamport  
Work completed on repairing the footpath
- 5 **PLANNING**
  - 5.1 2023/0046: Land at Dale Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell  
Construction of dwelling and outbuildings.

Still ongoing: apparently the applicants have already lodged an appeal, although the planning website doesn't show that a decision has been made.

## 5.2 Green Hill Solar Farm

Updated documents circulated to councillors as and when received. The planning process is still proceeding.

## 5.3 Planning Services

An email from WNC Communications Team has asked for feedback on how WNC engages with communities on planning services. The Clerk will respond commenting on the slowness of the service, not receiving plans for individual applications and the fact that WNC no longer notify the outcome of applications.

# 6 FINANCE

## 6.1 Balances at Bank and Budget/Expenditure for current year

Accounts for the current year having been circulated by email with the agenda, show a balance of £7,240.48 in Current Account, the payment of £32.59 having already been deducted, and £2,094.28 in Reserve Account which includes an additional interest payment of £1.96. When the payments totalling £1,242.05 are deducted, the true balance will be £8,092.71. £203.80 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and defibrillator. The Clerk advised that NatWest Bank branch in Kettering is closing in October. However, as all payments etc., are made online this would have little impact on Parish Council business.

## 6.2 Items for payment: LGA 1972

C. Harris: Chairman's Allowance – APM – paid 27.5.2025	£32.59	S.15(5)
F.R.Allbury: salary and travel	£523.26	S.112
HMRC: clerk's PAYE	£123.80	S.112
Countrywide Grass Cutting: May	£540.00	S.228
Cllr F. Barclay: seeds purchased for Manor Road	£54.99	S.137

The Chairman will access the Bank account online to verify that payments have been made in accordance with those listed in the minutes. Cllr Dugmore proposed that the payments should be made, seconded by Cllr Farr.

## 6.3 WNC village grass cutting contract 2025

The Clerk confirmed that the Contract for village grass cutting has been signed and returned to WNC.

# 7 DEFIBRILATOR TRAINING

The Chairman read out an email received from Bob Cox regarding possible defibrillator training advising that technically the actual equipment gives all the information needed to use it. The Clerk would discuss this with Lamport Hall who also have a defibrillator to see if it could be a joint project.

# 8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the suggestion of WNC Cllr Cecile Irving Swift at the Annual Parish Meeting Councillors once again looked at the option of writing a neighbourhood plan. It was unanimously agreed, after discussion, that the reasons for deciding not to write Plan when the matter was debated and investigated by a working committee in 2018 remain unchanged: Lamport and Hanging Houghton is designated a hamlet and small settlement making the option of expansion very limited: the villages are surrounded by land belonging to the Lamport Estate making large scale development extremely unlikely: no local services or infrastructure can be offered at all. In addition, grant funding for these schemes has now been completely withdrawn.

9 **CLIMATE AND NATURE CHAMPION SCHEME (NcALC)**

The information received from NcALC will be resent round as the original was not received. Cllr May will put it on the community link in the hope of finding a volunteer.

10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 Stuart Andrew MP would like to connect with local communities and groups and has asked to kept in touch with local events.

Cllr May will add Stuart Andrew to the list receiving the community link as the best way to keep him in touch with events in the parish.

10.2 Woodland Trust

The Clerk has received an offer of free saplings to plant in the villages from the Woodland Trust. As space is short for tree planting, the paperwork was forwarded to Mark Herrod at Lamport Hall who has placed an order for 420 saplings to be delivered in the autumn. He will keep us informed of progress.

10.3 Market Harborough Church of England School

Lamport Hall recently donated a raffle prize and in return the school unexpectedly expressed their thanks by voluntarily cleaning some public road signs around Lamport. Mark Herrod was pleased to welcome the gesture and a warming demonstration of community in action in our area.

11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting 17 September 2025 at 7 pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed:

Date:

