

## LAMPOR T AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire  
Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Cllr D. Gasson, WNC Cllr. K. Parker

No Declarations of Interest received.

### **MINUTES to be approved and signed:**

Parish Council Meeting 15 November 2023

- 3 **MATTERS arising from the Minutes:**

3.1 Notice Board, Hanging Houghton

Renovation work completed but new doors are required - ongoing.

- 4 **HIGHWAYS**

4.1 Speeding issues, Lamport High Street

The cameras and ancillary equipment have been received and stored at Mark Stocker's place of work. It is unclear if the batteries supplied will need recharging between 3 or 12 days, depending on the flow of traffic. To exchange the current equipment for solar cameras would involve installing heavier duty posts at an approximate cost of £1,000 per post. Cllr Farr pointed out that even solar powered signs have batteries that would require charging throughout the winter months. A further option would be to return the current lead batteries and purchase lithium batteries, but this too would incur additional costs. It was recommended that a small team of parishioners should be available to assist in recharging batteries when necessary. Councillors will be kept informed of progress.

4.2 Overgrown hedging: The Grange, Manor Road

This matter was lodged on the Fix my Street website and the response advised that a Standard Enforcement letter had been issued to the owner on the 8<sup>th</sup> January. The outcome is awaited upon expiry of the letter.

4.3 Earthworks left by Cadent: the Clerk contacted Cadent regarding the earthworks on the corner of Manor Road and is awaiting their report to hopefully reseed the area in the Spring.

4.4 Trees, Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

The condition of the trees was reported on the Fix My Street website and were advised that upon inspection they were considered to be safe and not require any attention. However, some parishioners have raised serious concerns about branches blowing off in high winds possibly injuring pedestrians and falling on passing vehicles. Cllr Cox said that he had responded to the WNC tree survey also commenting on the dangerous condition of the trees, and the fact that due to stormy weather the recently cleared guttering is now, once again, filled with debris.

The Clerk was requested to prepare a report updating parishioners with progress on hedging, the earthworks and trees for publication on the community link. It was also agreed to add a paragraph about the continuing problems with inconsiderate parking in Manor Road. Cllr Dugmore suggested posting something about parking on Facebook. The Chairman said that, as previously agreed, parish council business should not be posted on Facebook, restricting posts to the Council website or the community link.

5 **PLANNING**

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

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

Accounts for the current year having been circulated by email with the agenda, show a balance of £3,292.13 in Current Account and £1,854.45 in Reserve Account. When the payments listed below totalling £775.26 are paid, the true balance will be £4,371.32. £483.83 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and defibrillator.

6.2 Items for payment:

		LGA 1972
F. Allbury: salary and travel	£623.86	S.112
HMRC: clerk's PAYE	£151.40	S.112

The 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 Farr proposed that the payments should be made, seconded by Cllr. Cox.

6.3 Precept Pre-estimated Form

The Chairman and Clerk signed the precept request in the agreed sum of £8,580, for onward transmission to WNC Finance.

7 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

A Report prepared by Peter Dugmore was circulated by email 15 January 2024. No specific crimes to report, but he emphasized the need for vigilance with regard to car crime and keeping doors and windows locked. Councillors also asked if Peter could once again speak to the Community Police Officer regarding the issue of inconsiderate parking.

8 **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VCSE ASSEMBLY LIMITED**

After discussion it was unanimously agreed not to sign up.

9 **CORRESPONDENE**

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After discussion it was unanimously agreed to continue mowing in May.

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting 20 March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed:

Date:

