

LAMPOROT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire
Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 7.00pm

- 1 **ATTENDANCE**, apologies and Declarations of Interest
Cllrs. F. Barclay, J. Farr, R. Flavell While, C. Harris (in the Chair), P. May, D. Sinnott
F. Allbury (Clerk) Apology for absence: Cllr C. Dugmore There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 2 MINUTES to be approved and signed:
Parish Council Meeting 21 January 2026
Cllr Sinnott proposed that the Minutes be adopted, seconded Cllr Flavell While
- 3 **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1 Footpath between Hanging Houghton and Lamport.
Work in progress: WNC Cllr Cecile Irving Swift is trying to get the work completed.
 - 3.2 APM Speaker
Unfortunately, two Councillors are not now available on the previously agreed date of the 20th May and it was therefore agreed to move the date back a week to the 27th May 2026. The Clerk will contact the MP Stuart Andrew to see if he is able to attend on the new date and also The Hall.
 - 3.3 Rotting vegetation, Manor Road, Hanging Houghton
The Clerk reported this matter to Kettering Borough Council cleansing department (not WNC Fix My Street) under reference 232304. Although no work has yet been carried out, Cllr Barclay suggested that for the relatively small amount of wet leaves, could be dealt with by a working party.

Cllr Barclay commented that there were already a great many daffodils planted in Hanging Houghton and that no additional bulbs needed to be purchased and planted A footpath has been trodden along the newly seeded grass by dog walkers using the waste bin and asked if the bin could be moved to a new site.
- 4 **HIGHWAYS**
 - 4.1 LRSA
Work in progress – the Clerk will ask Sarah Lee to give a full report at the APM in May.
 - 4.2 Grass Cutting Contract 2026 season
The Chairman and Clerk signed contract. The grass cutting grant remains at £952.37.
- 5 **PLANNING**
 - 5.1 2023/0046: Land at Dale Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell
Construction of dwelling and outbuildings.
Planning Appeal refused: full report circulated by email 3 March 2026
 - 5.2 2025/4233/FULL: Blueberry Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell.
Demolition of existing house and garages and replacement with new house and garages and ancillary work.
Planning permission approved 17 February 2026
- 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 £8,396.40 in Current Account, and £2,108.20 in Reserve Account as at 27.2.2026. When payments are made at this meeting and taking into account payments made since the January meeting, the true balance will be £9,177.78. £203.80 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and defibrillator.

6.2 Items for Payment

Habitat Aid Ltd: fruit trees	£250.00	S.215
CJ Wildlife: nesting boxes	£556.83	S.215
C Payne: tawny owl box	£124.00	S.215
Luke Worth: gardening	£170.00	S.215
The Plantsman: plants	£87.50	S.215
LMR Building Supplies: gravel	£105.84	S.215
F.R. Allbury: salary and expenses	£835.68	S.112
HMRC: clerk's PAYE	£127.80	S.112
ICO direct debit annual subscription	£47.00	S.143
C. Payne: solar panel and camera	£121.50	S.215
Pondkeeper: wildlife pond	£34.98	S.215
Evergreener: rainwater barrel	£709.98	S.215
Evergreener: water butt and plants	£45.99	S.215

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

6.3 Cost of Grass cutting, Lamport churchyard

An email has been received from Mark Herrod, Lamport Hall advising that from 2027 the contract to cut the grass in Lamport churchyard would have to reflect the true cost of the work resulting in an increase to possibly £15,000. It was agreed to seek alternative quotations for the work in readiness for next year. Cllr Barclay would ask Luke the gardener assisting with the biodiversity project to submit a costing. The Clerk said that she may have the names of other gardeners in her file for comparative quotes.

7 **BIODIVERSITY PROJECT**

Cllr Barclay reported that a large working party has been visiting the site and some excellent work has been carried out. A further meeting of the working party will be taking place next Saturday to continue the work.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council AGM: 13 May 2026 at 7 pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall,
Annual Parish Meeting: 27 May 2026 at 7 pm - please note new date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed:

Date:

