

LAMPORT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire
Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 7.00pm

- 1 **ATTENDANCE**, apologies and Declarations of Interest
Cllrs. B. Cox, J. Farr, R. Flavell-While, D. Gasson, C. Harris (in the Chair), P. May
WNC Cllrs C. Irving-Swift, J. Harris and parishioner T. Simonetti-Stocker

Apologies: C. Dugmore, WNC Cllr K. Parker,

No Declarations of Interest received.
- 2 **MINUTES to be approved and signed:**
Parish Council AGM 17 May 2023
- 3 **MATTERS arising from the Minutes:**
 - 3.1 Jubilee tree plaque
Cllr Gasson said that the plaque was ready to instal but the grass surrounding the planted saplings was feet high. The Chairman said that he would cut down the grass to enable access.
 - 3.2 Ivy growing on Lamport Bus Shelter
Cllr Farr offered to cut the ivy at the main stems which would cause the rest to die back. The dead ivy could then be removed from the walls.
 - 3.3 Notice Board, Hanging Houghton
Work in progress.
 - 3.4 Notification to Parish Council on general queries
Cllr May will put a notice up on the community website suggesting that any queries or problems occurring in the villages should be addressed to the Clerk to the Parish Council rather than posting them on public websites such as face book.
 - 3.5 Footpath Warden
As agreed at the previous meeting, the Clerk contacted the Footpath Warden Christine Ingram who confirmed that she was happy to continue in the role.
 - 3.6 Debris in guttering along Manor Road
This matter was reported to WNC who referred the matter to Daventry DC. Awaiting action.
- 4 **HIGHWAYS**
 - 4.1 Speeding issues, Lamport High Street
An email received from Cllr Jonathan Harris prepared by Cllr Chris Reading on behalf of Creaton Parish Council outlining their Parish Council's experiences in the acquisition and installation of speed indicator devices was circulated to Councillors on 6 July 2023. Apart from deciding on the type of equipment suitable for Lamport, it was important to consider other implications such as maintenance. Cllr Harris had also been in touch with Steve Barber, Keir who would be happy to attend a Parish Council Meeting to take the matter forward. It was agreed to arrange a special meeting for this purpose that rather than fit the discussion into the next Parish Council meeting in September. The Clerk will obtain suitable dates from Steve and circulate. The meeting will not just focus on speeding but also large lorries flouting the HGV notices.

4.2 Overgrown Lime trees, Manor Road

The Clerk said that this matter was reported to Michael Venton, WNC Landscape Planning Officer who has passed it onto Highways for action.

4.3 Cadent update

The Clerk reported that having been in touch with Cadent they advised that they hoped to complete the work by 5th August and that all groundwork would be made good. He apologised that the work was taking longer than planned, but there had been a problem with a sub-contractor. Cllr May will post this information on the community website.

5 **PLANNING**

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

Notification of these planning applications was circulated to Councillors by email, requesting that the plans be examined online prior to this meeting. Councillors raised no objections and unanimously recommended approval.

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 £4,593.45 in Current Account and £1,837.90 in Reserve Account. When the payments listed below totalling £1,502.09 are paid, the true balance will be £4,929.09. £483.83 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and defibrillator.

6.2 Items for payment

		<u>LGA 1972</u>
F. Allbury: salary and travel	£456.46	S.112
HMRC: clerk's PAYE	£109.80	S.112
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance: April grass cut	£936.00	S.136

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

7 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

No formal report received for this meeting, but Councillors said that there had been no recent incidents to report.

8 **CPRE: changes to planning system**

Cllr Cox briefly outlined the main topics discussed at a recent planning roadshow presented by the CPRE Chief Planning Officer, the report having been circulated by email. Cllr Cox commented that national planning superseded local planning, therefore local areas were not always in control or able to influence local building, and he was concerned that planning was moving towards a digital system.

9 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

An email from the Communications Team at WNC regarding the forthcoming ward boundary review was circulated by email on 6 July 2023. Councillors had no specific comments to make now, but would wait for further information in the future. However, Councillors felt that the Parish Council would like to remain independent and not merge with another local Council.

10 **VOTING ID REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk had received and circulated information regarding new id voting requirements. Cllr May would display the flyer on the community website for the benefit of parishioners.

11 **WEBSITE**

Cllr Favell While was asked if it was possible to remove an old Wordpress parish council website. He said he would do his best in this regard commenting that the domain may have expired and possibly the current Parish Council could acquire it.

12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1 The Clerk referred Councillors to a mini update received by email from Danny Moody, NcALC and a paragraph regarding registering the defibrillator on the Circuit. Having taken advise from Martin Fagan CHT, he advised that the Parish Council did not need to take any action as our site is already registered with EMAS.

12.2 The Clerk read an email from Mark Herrod in response to hers thanking the Hall for their support and use of the Old Laundry during the year.

12.3 Referring to the way that Parish Councils and the Clerk access information from WNC Cllr Irving Swift said that a new WNC app which could be downloaded onto smartphones was a very useful and quick tool for this purpose.

13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting 20 September 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:

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