

LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire
Wednesday 21 January 2026 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, D. Sinnott
F. Allbury (Clerk)

In attendance Bruce Ward

No apologies or Declarations of Interest received.
- 2 **MINUTES to be approved and signed:**
Parish Council Meeting 19 November 2025
Cllr Farr proposed that the Minutes be adopted, seconded Cllr Flavell While
- 3 **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes
3.1 Footpath between Hanging Houghton and Lamport.
The Clerk contact WNC to take the matter further.
- 4 **HIGHWAYS**
4.1 LRSA
Sarah Lee reported that this was still work in progress.

4.2 Manor Road, Hanging Houghton
Cllr Barclay commented that because WNC had not cleared away the fallen leaves in the autumn, the leaves had now rotted down and compacted making progress along Manor Road dangerous.
The Clerk will contact WNC to clear it away.
- 5 **PLANNING**
5.1 2023/0046: Land at Dale Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell
Construction of dwelling and outbuildings.
Decision pending.
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.
Decision pending.
5.3 Green Hill Solar Farm: letter regarding the acquisition of further land.
The Clerk was anticipating an email regarding this matter but none was received.
No further action required.
- 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 £10,026.71 in Current Account, and £2,103.21 in Reserve Account. When the payments totalling £701.48 are made, the true balance will be £11,430.44. £203.80 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and defibrillator. The Biodiversity Grant of £2,500 has been received. The Clerk will prepare and update a project statement listing all payments for auditing with the accounts at the end of the financial year.

6.2 Items for payment: LGA 1972

F.R. Allbury: salary, travel and laptop service (£50)	£573.68	S.112
HMRC: clerk's PAYE	£127.80	S.112

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

6.3 NatWest Bank Debit Card

As requested at the previous meeting, the Clerk applied for a Debit Card for use with the Current Account which has now been received. The Financial Regulations and Financial and Management Risk Assessment documents have been amended to cover the use of the debit card. A maximum value per cash transaction of £100 has been registered and included in the documents. As with all payments made by the Clerk, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman will ensure that payments match the relevant invoice/receipt.

7 **WEBSITE and DOMAIN/ASSERTION10**

The new .gov.uk email address has been received and installed by Cllr Flavell While. The Accessibility Statement relating to the website will be uploaded onto the website and be added to existing Policy document. Future emails to the current address will automatically be shown on the new one.

8 **BIODIVERSITY GRANT SCHEME**

Cllr Barclay said that a date to commence work on the project had been agreed as Saturday 21 February 2026 at 11.00 am at the church. Cllr May will advertise this on the community link. It was also agreed to hold a preliminary site visit on Saturday 7 February at 11.00 am to formulate a plan of action so that work could commence without delay on the 21st. The clerk will contact Habitat Aid to confirm the order placed by Cllr Barclay and make a payment.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting: 18 March 2026 at 7 pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall,
Cllr Dugmore agreed a date for the spring litter pick: Sunday 12 April 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Signed:

Date:

