

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

MINUTES of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire  
Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 7.00pm

1 **ATTENDANCE**, apologies and Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. C. Dugmore, J. Farr, R. Flavell While, C. Harris (in the Chair) P. May, D. Sinnott

In attendance: WNC Cllr Jonathan Harris, Mark Stocker and one further parishioner

Apologies: Cllr B. Cox, WNC Cllr K. Parker

No Declarations of Interest received.

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

Parish Council Meeting 17 July 2024

Cllr J. Farr proposed that the Minutes be adopted, seconded Cllr Dugmore.

3 **MATTERS** arising from the Minutes

3.1 Overgrown hedging, The Grange, Manor Road

The hedging has been cut back but the footpath is covered with growing ivy. The Clerk has requested that the footpath is cleared. Cllr Sinnott commented that the footpath from the corner of Manor Road along the A508 to The Swan also needed clearing. The Clerk will report this too.

4 **HIGHWAYS**

4.1 Speed Cameras, Lamport High Street

Mark said that he was still collecting data and charging batteries with work ongoing to find a location for the second camera. The Clerk will email Lamport Hall to try and make contact with the volunteers to assist with the cameras. It was agreed that because of the size and weight of the batteries currently in use, the Parish Council would purchase replacement lithium batteries which were lighter and therefore easier to instal and gave longer use between recharge. Mark will provide current costings for this. He said that two more jubilee clips were required. Cllr May said that Mark should be reminded that the lithium batteries needed a different type of charger.

4.2 Lamport Residents Safety Association (LRSA)

Update reports circulated 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

5 **PLANNING**

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

Construction of dwelling and outbuildings – pending.

5.2 2024/3069: The Nook 3A Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

Rear two storey extension, part loft conversion, garage loft conversion and external cladding – pending.

5.3 2024/2972: Meadowcroft, Manor Road, Hanging Houghton

Single storey front rear and side extension and rendering of all existing facing brick walling

Revised plans were circulated by email on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Councillors raised no objections to the revised plans and the Clerk would respond to Planning accordingly.

## 6 **FINANCE**

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

Accounts for the current year circulated by email with the agenda, show a balance of £3,866.09 in Current Account and £1,973.00 in Reserve Account. When payments listed below totalling £1,898.72 are paid, the true balance will be £3,940.37. £263.80 held in Current Account is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and defibrillator.

### 6.2 Items for payment: LGA 1972

F.R.Allbury: salary and travel	£484.72	S.112
HMRC: clerk's PAYE	£118.00	S.112
Countrywide Grass Cutting: July/August	£756.00	S.228
Lamport Hall: churchyard grass cutting	£540.00	S.228

The Clerk commented:

- Work to clear the debris from the lime trees in Manor Road did not necessitate the hiring of a skip at a cost of £100 plus vat.
- The second half of the precept of £4,290 was transferred into the Parish Council during September and would be shown on the next bank statement.
- An article in the most recent NcALC publication related to councils needing to verify any employees' entitlement to work including current staff. The clerk produced her own birth certificate which was verified by the Chairman.

The Chairman will access the Bank account online 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 Dugmore.

## 7 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

The Clerk said that she had obtained information about a new scheme: Northamptonshire Talking. The aim is for residents to sign up and then be notified of any crime or issues in their area. Details can be found online under the heading 'Northamptonshire Talking'. Cllr May will include this on the Community Link website. Cllr May said that he was aware of an abandoned vehicle in Hanging Houghton, but because it was currently taxed and insured it was not illegal.

## 8 **MEETING DATES 2025**

Draft meeting dates circulated with the agenda. Amendments were made bringing the Parish Council AGM forward one week to the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and making the 21<sup>st</sup> May the date of Annual Parish Meeting. The list would be forwarded to Lamport Hall for verification.

## 9 **CORRESPONDENCE**

An email from Cllr Jonathan Harris regarding a proposed new warehouse complex on a 107acre site at Rothwell Junction 3/A14. An information event is being held at Montsaye Community Sports Centre in Rothwell 3 October 2024 - 5 to 8pm. Details can be found on the website.

## 10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Parish Council Meeting 20 November 2024 at 7 pm in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed:

Date:

