

# LAMPORNT AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 7 pm in the Old  
Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire

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

Present : Cllrs B. Cox, C. Dugmore, C. Harris (in the Chair), D. Gasson, P. May, R. Flavell While, WNC  
Cllr Jonathan Harris, F. Allbury (Parish Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr J. Farr, WNC Cllr K. Parker

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 18 January 2023 were approved and signed.

## **3. MATTERS arising from the MINUTES**

### 3.1 Plant a tree for the Queens Jubilee

Cllrs Harris and Farr planted 4 crab apple saplings close to the Jubilee seat. The remaining saplings were handed to Lamport Hall who would plant them within the estate.

### 3.2 Ivy growth on Lamport bus shelter

Awaiting attention from Lamport Hall. No progress to report. The Clerk will ask Mark Herrod at Lamport Hall when his ground staff are able to carry out the work.

### 3.3 Conservation Area

A response has been received advising that the current project to add conservation status to qualifying villages has now closed, but our application will be considered if and when a further project is undertaken. Cllr Jonathan Harris asked the Clerk to forward him the email correspondence and he will take the matter up with WNC.

### 3.4 Annual Parish Meeting

A 6.30pm start was agreed and the Clerk will liaise with Lamport Hall to organise the agreed tour of the Hall commencing at 7.15/7.30pm. The Clerk will prepare a flyer for the notice boards and the website.

### 3.5 Defibrillator

Information from the Community Heartbeat Trust confirms that the current equipment installed in 2018 should last up to a further 10 years, before considering a replacement. It was unanimously agreed on a show of hands to earmark funds currently held in the Parish Council reserve account amounting to £1735.07 towards the cost of replacement equipment and that the Parish Council would add a further £100 every financial year so that the account will accumulate.

### 3.6 Social Events Fund

The accounts at NatWest Bank have been closed and the funds split equally between the new Community and Social Events group and the PPC for Lamport Church each receiving £139.79.

## **4. HIGHWAYS**

### 4.1 Footpath along A508 between Hanging Houghton and Brixworth.

Clearance work is being undertaken by WNC, some having been completed. Cllr Cox said that there was a considerable amount of debris consisting of dead leaves, broken twigs etc., lying in Manor Road and the adjacent cul de sacs. He will take some photographs and pass them to the Clerk who will open a new Street Doctor request for it to be cleared.

### 4.2 Road Safety Community Fund

The Clerk accessed the application form online and advised that a new scheme was scheduled to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. A considerable amount of information is required to complete the form including justification for the request, safety data and exactly what the Parish Council wish to purchase with the

funds. Cllr Jonathan Harris said that there were a number of initiatives by WNC and the police to address vehicle issues such as speeding etc and the possibility of installing ANPR. He also said that he has been in discussions with Mark and Tracey Stocker about Lamport High Street. The Clerk will contact them with a view to completing the new application form.

#### 4.3 Land at the entrance to Townsend Close, Hanging Houghton

Cllr Parker made enquiries at WNC and all the relevant information covering ownership of the land has been provided to the residents.

#### 4.4 Seat opposite The Swan on the A508.

Cllr Parker is endeavouring to give the Parish Council a contact of someone who could remove the seat. Cllr Dugmore commented that the seat may have been put there in memory of Roger Wood's mother. She will speak to Roger about the seat stating it is a health and safety hazard. If he agrees that it should be removed then Cllr May will put out a message on the community website asking if anyone would be able to either remove the seat or recommend someone who could.

#### 4.5 Notice Board, Hanging Houghton

Work in progress

### **5 PLANNING**

#### **5.1 WND/2022/0894: Station House, Harborough, Lamport**

Planning permission approved 21 February 2023

### **6 FINANCE**

6.1 Balances at Bank: accounts and budget for the current financial year circulated by email.

Balances at bank 8 March 2023: current account £2,783.85 and £1,735.97 in reserve account. When payments totalling £915.42 are made at this meeting the true total balance will be £3,603.50 £483.80 of this balance is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and the defibrillator.

6.2 Items for payment to be made by bank transfer

F.R. Allbury: salary and expenses	£769.82
HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£109.60
CPRE membership fee	£36.00

Cllr Cox proposed that the payments should be made, seconded by Cllr Flavell While. The Chairman will access the Bank Account after the meeting to verify that the payments have been made in accordance with those listed in the minutes.

The licence fee for the Information Commissioner for £35 will be taken from the bank account by direct debit on or around the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### **7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME**

Peter Dugmore's report for this meeting was circulated by email on 9 March 2023. Peter commented that thankfully there was little to report on crime incidents but quoted some interesting statistics in relation to crime in general within the county.

### **8 HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY**

After discussion it was agreed that due to financial constraints, the Parish Council could not sign up to the scheme.

### **9. FAXTON CHURCH GROUP NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Dugmore confirmed that she was now receiving deadline dates for copy for inclusion in the newsletter. The Chairman asked if Cllr Dugmore would also undertake to furnish the Editor of the Brixworth Bulletin with information on the Parish Council for publication. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward deadline dates for copy to her when received.

### **10 NO MOW MAY**

After discussion it was agreed not to participate in this scheme as the village grass cutter already leaves areas of grass to grow wild around the village to encourage wild life.

**11. WEBSITE**

Cllr Flavell While said that work was progressing well with the new format website. A further tutorial with the clerk, Cllr May and the Chairman will be held at Cllr Flavell While’s house on Saturday 18 March 2023 at 9.30 am.

**12. LITTER PICK**

Sunday 16 April 2023 at 11.00 am – everyone to meet on The Green. Cllr Dugmore will prepare suitable flyers for the notice boards.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Dugmore said that she had received a communication from the residents of Manor Gardens regarding structures that had been placed behind number 5. Concerns were raised regarding health and safety when cattle are released into the adjacent field with poor fencing in between. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mark Herrod on the matter.

The Clerk confirmed that the information received from WNC about the boundary review has been circulated to all Councillors.

**14. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Annual Parish Meeting: 10 May 2023 commencing at 6.30 pm followed by a tour of Lamport Hall at around 7.15 – 7.30pm at the conclusion of the formal meeting. Parish Council AGM: 17 May 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm both to be held in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.05 pm.

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Date:.....2023