

# LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL  
Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 7 pm  
in the Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire

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

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

Apologies for absence: None

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16 November 2022 were approved and signed.

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

3.1 Plant a tree for the Queens Jubilee

The saplings have now been received. Cllrs Harris and Farr will plant them adjacent to the Jubilee seat at the weekend.

3.2 Ivy growth on Lamport bus shelter

Awaiting attention from Lamport Hall

## **4 HIGHWAYS**

4.1 Footpath along A508 between Hanging Houghton and Brixworth.

Clearance work is scheduled to be undertaken by WNC.

4.2 Grants from Road Safety Community Fund

The Clerk asked Cllr Gasson if his wife who works for Moulton Parish Council could forward her a link.

4.3 Land at the entrance to Townsend Close, Hanging Houghton

Cllr Parker said that he was in touch with colleagues in Highways in order to ascertain ownership of the piece of land. Cllr Dugmore said that inappropriate parking was still causing concern. Cllr May will publish another reminder for residents not to park on corners which compromises the view of traffic.

4.4 Seat opposite The Swan on the A08.

The Chairman said that the concrete and wood seat was broken and sunken and possibly dangerous from a health and safety point of view. Cllr Parker said that he may be able to recommend someone who could demolish it. The Clerk said that it was listed on the Asset Register but with no record of who put it there.

4.5 Notice Board, Hanging Houghton

The Chairman said that the Hanging Houghton notice board was in a very poor condition but having looked online, new notice boards are extremely expensive. It was agreed that the Chairman would wait until the spring with better weather to see if it could be repaired. Cllr Dugmore offered her assistance.

## **5 PLANNING**

5.1 WND/2022/0854: Land adjacent Blueberry Farm, Harborough Road, Maidwell

Full approval given 16 December 2022

5.2 WND/2022/0894: Station House, Harborough, Lamport

This planning application was circulated by email since the last Parish Council Meeting. No objections were raised and the Council recommended approval. A decision is still pending.

## **6 FINANCE**

6.1 Balance at Bank: accounts and budget for the current financial year circulated by email. Balances at bank 30 December 2022: current account £3,556.97 and £1,732.65 in reserve account. When payments totalling £773.12 are made at this meeting the true total balance will be £4,516.50 £483.80 of this balance is allocated for maintenance of the telephone box and the defibrillator. The grass cutting grant of £605.54 has been received into the bank account.

6.2 Items for payment to be made by bank transfer

NcALC: balance of VAT due	£39.00
F.R. Allbury: salary and expenses	£589.72
HMRC: Clerk's PAYE	£144.40

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

6.3 Grass cutting contract, Village and Lamport churchyard.

Village grass cutting: CW Grounds Maintenance has agreed the 2023 contract: maximum 12 cuts @ £195 plus vat per cut.

Churchyard grass cutting: Agreed by Lamport Hall at the current cost of £450.

6.4 The precept application request 1.4.2023/31.3.2024 in the agreed sum of £7,800 was signed.

## **7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/CRIME**

Petr Dugmore circulated his report incorporated into his newsletter which has been circulated via the community contact list. One outstanding item to report is that he is awaiting an update from the police regarding the seemingly abandoned vehicle which has been parked outside 8 Manor Road for some considerable time. The Chairman was pleased to confirm that Peter will now continue in his role as Co-ordinator.

## **8 DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Cox said that new funding would be made available for defibrillators from the Department of Health and Social Care. The information provided states that recipients would be asked to match funding they receive either fully or partially. This would be filed for a time when the current equipment requires replacing. In the meantime the Clerk has emailed CHT asking about the lifespan of the current equipment installed in 2018.

## **9. CONSERVATION AREA**

An application for conservation status was sent on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022. A response is awaited.

## **10 MEETING DATES 2023**

Lamport Hall would be pleased to organise a tour of the Hall at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting. Final details can be confirmed nearer the time.

## **11. WEBSITE**

Cllr Flavell While said that he was working on the new website system which he hoped to complete by the end of the month. Cllr Dugmore said that there was an opportunity for the Parish Council to make use of the Faxton Church Group newsletter and asked that this be added to the next meeting agenda.

## **12. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL WORKING PARTY**

The Chairman said that a very successful carols event had been held by the new group with over 60 parishioners in attendance. The group had requested a reimbursement of expenses of £36.20. Discussion took place on whether to change the decision made at the previous Parish Council meeting that funds held in the longstanding Social Events Committee could not be used to underwrite expenses incurred by the new social group. It was subsequently agreed to refund £36.20 to Nigel Cole. It was also agreed that for simplicity, the total funds still held on behalf of the Social Events Committee of around £220 should be split between the Church fundraising group and the new social events working party, and the NatWest Bank account closed. Cllr Gasson would discuss this proposal with members of the group as a new bank account would need to be opened to accept the money, together with signatories and the need to provide accounts.

**13 CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Cox asked the Clerk to circulate an interesting article in the recent CPRE newsletter, regarding the expansion of planned warehousing in the county.

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

Parish Council Meeting: 15 March 2023 at 7.00 pm in The Old Laundry, Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.

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Date:.....2023