

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 March 2018 at The Visitor Centre, Laxton commencing 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair)
M.Hennell
J.Godson
S. Hill
R.Hennell
J.Hill
D. Brown

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk)
S.Michael (District councillor)
M.Pringle (County councillor)
Members of the public (x2)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
LMPC/20/18	Apologies for absence: There were no absences. It was noted that a prior commitment had prevented Sir John Starkey's attendance but that he had provided an update.	
LMPC/21/18	Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 b (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project). Mr Brown also declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/23/18	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/24/18	10 Minutes public speaking: A member of the public enquired about a letter received from NSDC planning department regarding a structure which NSDC described as unauthorised and for which retrospective application for planning permission was required. Councillor Michael offered to discuss the planning requirements and necessary steps with the resident outside the meeting. The chair referred to a written request from the landowner for the removal of the defunct cricket pavilion and mower shed and restoration of the cricket pitch. Councillors agreed that this was a matter for the cricket club rather than the council but understood that the cricket club was aware of the need to remove the pavilion and would be doing so in due course. The clerk will write to let the landowner know.	Clerk
LMPC/25/18	Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23 January 2018: The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/26/18	Matters arising: <i>LMPC/4/18 – 10 minutes public speaking time:</i> It was noted that the new LED streetlights had been adjusted but that unlit spots remained. It was also noted that the lights mimic car	

	<p>headlights which can be confusing. The clerk will write formally to councillor Pringle to ask that the angle of the lights be changed to improve the spread of light emitted.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising.</p> <p>It was agreed that, for the benefit of a member of the public in attendance, item 14 e (Village environment – Parish footpaths) and then item 13 (Village development and future) should be considered next.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/27/18	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Michael reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There had been no developments regarding Bar Farm House. 2. Extra residential care facilities in Newark due to be opened shortly by NSDC and planned for at Ollerton. <p>Councillor Pringle reported on number of county council matters, including highways, social care and single use plastics. There was general agreement that the standard of pothole repair is unsatisfactory, particularly with regard to durability.</p> <p>Councillors thanked councillor Pringle for his Moorhouse finger post grant.</p>	
LMPC/28/18	Reports from councillors: No reports.	
LMPC/29/18	<p>2018 Annual Parish meeting arrangements and speaker: Annual parish council meeting to commence at 7.00 pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 pm. The clerk will invite Mr P Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and The Crown Estate. The chair will provisionally book the Village Hall for the meetings, with the location to be decided once it is clear which speakers if any will be attending.</p>	Clerk Chair
LMPC/30/18	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as at 28 February 2018: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2018 (incorporating the 2017-18 budget figures). b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved ten payments totalling £752.35. c. Appointment of internal auditor: The chair suggested a suitably qualified resident whom he will approach. Councillors agreed, by a majority of 6 with 1 abstention, that a payment of £100 should be made. 	Chair
LMPC/31/18	Property matters including sports field: The clerk will make the formal request for reimbursement of half the rent due in March.	Clerk
LMPC/32/18	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 17/02309/LBC Internal alterations and improvements, new external doors and fabric repairs. Replacement of existing roof coverings. Laxton Village Hall High Street Laxton - Approval noted c. Compliance: Save as discussed at LMPC/24/18 (10 minutes public speaking), no issues raised. 	

<p>LMPC/33/18</p>	<p>Village development including The Crown's long term strategy: This item was considered immediately after item 14 e on the agenda (Village environment – Parish footpaths) (see LMPC/26/18 Matters arising above). It was noted that Sir John Starkey had reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A review of the project costs was to be undertaken b. The Vice Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University is preparing a submission. <p>Councillors noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports that the Crown had measured all properties and undertaken energy surveys. 2. The update provided by Mr I Mills of The Crown Estate in his email dated 2 February 2018. <p>The clerk apologised for her oversight in communicating to all councillors the contact from and visit by BBC.</p> <p>Councillors will continue to await developments.</p>	
<p>LMPC/34/18</p>	<p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Location of and access to community resilience container: No developments b. Village Hall refurbishment project: The chair reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The legalities relating to the title to the land had been resolved but had caused delay. ii. The Lottery Fund's response to the Business Plan submitted is awaited. iii. A charitable incorporated organisation is being formed to manage the project c. Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application: NCC funding decision awaited. d. Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch: The chair had no update. e. Parish footpaths – This item was considered immediately after item 6 on the agenda (Matters arising) (see LMPC/26/18 above). Councillors noted NCC's emails dated 2 February 2018 explaining the cutting schedule and attaching a map of the paths which NCC cut. The member of the public outlined the cutting obligations and explained the cutting service provided by farmers in the parish to NCC. The resident will send details of that service. Councillors thanked the resident for the useful information. As agreed at LMPC/26/18 above, the meeting moved next to item 13 (Village development and future). f. 2018 dog bin emptying contract: Approved. 	<p>SH/JH</p>
<p>LMPC/35/18</p>	<p>Service faults including road closures (Marnham Road, Egmonton Road, Kersall to Norwell Woodhouse Road): The clerk will report that the ditch on the left hand side of Green Lane past Cophorne Lane end is in disrepair leading to water running down the road.</p> <p>Councillor Pringle suggested a walk round the parish roads in spring to inspect their condition.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed, by a majority of 4:3, that, subject to NCC approval, the council should purchase four flower boxes for the base of each village sign at a cost in the region of £50 +VAT. Mr R Hennell will forward a picture of the proposed design to the clerk. She will then seek NCC Highway's guidance.</p>	<p>RH Clerk</p>
<p>LMPC/36/18</p>	<p>Correspondence: Noted.</p>	

LMPC/37/18	10 Minutes public speaking time: Councillor Michael will make enquiries regarding the roof at Bar Farmhouse. As seen from the rear, it is collapsing and dangerous.	SM
LMPC/38/18	Agenda items for next meeting: As above.	
LMPC/39/18	Date of next meeting: 7.00 pm on 22 May 2018 – Venue to be decided depending on likely numbers.	

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.