

## LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Councillors:

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

**In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Millward (Clerk)  
S. Michael (District councillor)  
Members of the public (x1)

	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>LMPC/100/18</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> No absences.	
<b>LMPC/101/18</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 14 a (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project).  There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
<b>LMPC/102/18</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> None required.	
<b>LMPC/103/18</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking:</b> The clerk will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report the poor road surface on High Street, Egmonton Road and Toad Lane</li> <li>2. Seek an update from Mr Keeling of NCC regarding the areas of standing water on Moorhouse Road and Kneesall Road</li> <li>3. Seek an update from Mr Pringle regarding relocating the 30 mph signs further out of the village.</li> </ol> Councillor Michael will seek an update regarding the condition of Bar Farmhouse	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b> <b>SM</b>
<b>LMPC/104/18</b>	<b>Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 25 September 2018:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
<b>LMPC/105/18</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b> <i>LMPC/95/18 – Service faults</i> – The clerk will seek an update from Mr Pringle regarding when fibre is likely to reach Moorhouse.  All other action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/106/18</b>	<b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> Mrs Michael reported that she had attended the recent SNG meeting where the police had warned of heavy objects being thrown from bridges on A1 between Carlton on Trent and Sutton on Trent between midnight and	

	2.00 am. Councillors noted that Inspector Louise Clark's successor, Heather Sutton, had been appointed. The clerk will ask Inspector Sutton to add the chair to her mailing list. The next SNG meeting is on 3 January 2019. NCC is meeting on 14 December 2018 to discuss moving to a unitary council.	Clerk
<b>LMPC/107/18</b>	<b>Reports from councillors:</b> The chair reported on an issue relating to Newark & Sherwood Homes and the steps taken by it to rectify inappropriate action it had taken in relation to a resident. Councillors were pleased that the matter had been resolved and Newark & Sherwood Homes had reviewed its processes. Councillor Michael confirmed that procedures were under review.	
<b>LMPC/108/18</b>	<b>Financial Matters:</b> <b>a. Financial position as at 31 October 2018:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 October 2018 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against the reserve bank statement. <b>b. Accounts for payment:</b> The council unanimously <b>approved</b> eleven payments totalling £726.03 noting that the new cheque book had not yet arrived. As a result there were no cheques available to sign. <b>c. Appointment of internal auditor:</b> Councillors <b>agreed</b> that Mr Roe should be asked whether he would be prepared to undertake the role for a further year. <b>d. Review system of internal control:</b> Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and <b>agreed</b> that it was adequate for the size and needs of the council and continued to operate effectively, subject to the appointment of an internal auditor which was in hand. <b>e. Consider need for interim internal audit:</b> The clerk advised councillors as to the on-going nature of the internal audit process. Councillors considered their financial affairs for the financial year to date. They <b>decided</b> that, given the thorough nature of the internal audit carried out by Mr Roe, an interim internal audit would be disproportionate and was not justified.	
<b>LMPC/109/18</b>	<b>Property matters including sports field:</b> The chair confirmed that payment of the council's rent invoice was in hand.	
<b>LMPC/110/18</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b> <b>a. Applications:</b> None <b>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC:</b> i. <b>18/00754/FUL - HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF END WALL OF EXISTING OUTBUILDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND DOOR AND WINDOW WORKS - 1 Church Cottages High Street Laxton:</b> Approval noted ii. <b>18/01910/TWCA – Work to pear tree and hawthorn - Moorgate Cottage, Moorhouse Road, Laxton:</b> Approval noted. <b>c. Compliance:</b> No issues raised.	
<b>LMPC/111/18</b>	<b>Village development including The Crown's long term strategy:</b> The chair reported: 1. That there was an update in the magazine 2. A meeting between potential partners in the village proposal had taken place earlier that day. 3. The Crown is waiting for bids and is believed to have receive two to date 4. The bidding process may not be completed until spring 2019	

	5. A meeting between tenants, the vice chancellor of NTU and Kay Cutts of NCC was taking place on 28 November 2018.	
<b>LMPC/112/18</b>	<p><b>Village environment and appearance, including:</b></p> <p><b>a. Village Hall refurbishment project:</b> The chair reported that the costs of the project had increased significantly and now exceeded the lottery award. The architect is reviewing the plans and is confident that the costs can be reduced. Councillors expressed regret that the village hall had been closed for a long period and was losing revenue. The chair invited interested residents to join the committee and help take the project forward.</p> <p><b>b. Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application:</b> Mr S Hill reported that Mr Keeling of NCC Highways to did not need to approve the design of the fingerpost because it is of a traditional design without artwork. Mr Keeling had also advised that the parish council was free to decide where to position the brown cycle way sign. Mr S Hill will decide whether this would be better incorporated on the new post or left on the existing.</p> <p><b>c. Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch:</b> No developments.</p>	<b>SH</b>
<b>LMPC/113/18</b>	<p><b>Service faults including landline telephone service and issues:</b> The chair reported that various issues had eventually been identified and BT had taken steps to address them. Initial reports are that the problems have improved. Any further problems should be reported to the council.</p>	
<b>LMPC/114/18</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> Item a – NCC – Winter salt order - The clerk will place the 2018 winter salt order to be delivered to councillor R Hennell</p> <p>All other items of correspondence noted.</p>	
<b>LMPC/115/18</b>	<p><b>10 Minutes public speaking time:</b> Mr Brown will take down the poppies in Laxton and Mr S Hill the poppies in Moorhouse.</p>	
<b>LMPC/116/18</b>	<p><b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> As above.</p>	
<b>LMPC/117/18</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 7.30 pm on 22 January 2019</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.