LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at the Visitor Centre, Laxton commencing 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk)

S. Michael (District councillor)

M. Pringle (County councillor)

Members of the public (x2)

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LMPC/21/ 19	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Brown.	
LMPC/22/ 19	 Presentation - Rural communities and an ageing population Councillors welcomed Mr John Gray to the meeting who gave a presentation on rural communities and an ageing population. Mr Gray referred in particular to: The delineation of the census area, which includes Ompton The value of the census in informing future plans and strategies for the area The increasing percentage of residents who are over 60 The needs of this ageing population and implications for the Laxton community in terms of services and sustainability. Councillors thanked Mr Gray for his thought-provoking presentation. 	
LMPC/23/ 19	Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 13 (Property matters – Sports field) and an interest as member of the village hall committee in item 16 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.	
LMPC/24/ 19	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/25/ 19	 Minutes public speaking: Matters raised: Brockilow Bridge - The clerk will again report water pooling at the bridge. Councillors agreed that it was caused by a combination of the drains being too high and blocking easily. Mr Pringle will raise concerns at the narrow width of the bridge. Relocation of 30 mph signs to further out of Laxton village - Mr Pringle confirmed that these will be moved although the work would take place when there is an opportunity to combine it with other work in the village. Tree overhanging on The Bar/Cross Hill - The clerk will report the issue to NCC. 	Clerk MP/Cllrs /SM

	Mr Pringle invited councillors and residents to join him in a parish walk round with councillor Michael to identify and photograph highway shortcomings more widely and form a view as to the priorities for repair and improvement which Mr Pringle will then raise with NCC.	
LMPC/26/ 19	Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 22 January 2019: The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/27/ 19	Matters arising : All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.	
LMPC/28/ 19	 Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Pringle: Updated councillors on developments in the wider area Reported that the NCC share of the precept would rise by 1.9%. Mrs Michael reported that: She had spoken with NSDC's enforcement officer who had inspected Bar Cottage but decided that its condition was not sufficiently poor to justify enforcement action. The recent NSDC survey had revealed that 90% of the ward's residents were either satisfied or very satisfied with the ward as a place to live. This contrasted with 13 areas in which fewer than 90% were satisfied. 	
LMPC/29/ 19	Reports from councillors: Mr Hill reported on the matters discussed at the recent SNG meeting. Residents were invited to contact Mr Hill if they had any issues.	
LMPC/30/ 19	2019 – Annual Parish Meeting date and arrangements: In view of the statutory meeting requirements in an election year, councillors agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and annual parish council meeting should take place earlier than usual, on 7 May 2019, at 8.00 pm and 7.00 pm respectively. The clerk will invite the Inspector Heather Sutton to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.	
LMPC/31/ 19	2019 – Parish council elections: The requirements for nomination were noted.	
LMPC/32/ 19	 Financial Matters: a. Financial position as at 28 February 2019: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2019 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures). b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved seven payments totalling £341.43. 	
LMPC/33/ 19	Property matters including sports field: Councillors noted that the sports field committee's contribution to the field rent had increased to 100% for 2019-20 onwards.	
LMPC/34/ 19	Planning matters: a. Applications: None	
	 b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 19/02351/TWCA – Crown unidentified tree – 9 Timothy Road, Laxton: Approval noted. c. Compliance: No issues raised. 	

	March 2019, in particular that the shortlisted bidders had been invited for interview. Councillors will await developments.	
LMPC/36/ 19	 Village environment and appearance, including: a. Village Hall refurbishment project: The chair reported that work commenced on 14 February 2019. b. Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application: Councillors authorised the chair to sign the s115 permission and LIS capital funding agreement. The chair signed the documents which the clerk will submit to NSDC. c. Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch: The chair is taking matters forward. Reports of an application to create a footpath from Norwell Woodhouse to Laxton were noted. d. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: Mr Pringle reported that £1m is to be paid by the EU irrespective of Brexit. Moorhouse is amongst the areas to benefit from the funding. However, work will only begin when the funding is received. 	
LMPC/37/ 19	Service faults: Discussed at LMPC/25/19 above (10 minutes public speaking).	
LMPC/38/ 19	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.	
LMPC/39/ 19	Agenda items for next meeting: As above.	
LMPC/40/ 19	Date of next meeting : 7.00 pm on 7 May 2019 as agreed at LMPC/30/19 above.	

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.