

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2019 at the Visitor Centre, Laxton commencing 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk)
S. Michael (District councillor)
M. Pringle (County councillor)
Members of the public (x7)

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LMPC/41/ 19	<p>Election of Officers: Councillors completed their acceptances of office and register of interest forms.</p> <p>The following were elected: (a) Chair – Mr Manning (unanimous) (b) Vice-Chair - Mr S Hill (unanimous) (c) Defibrillator inspection councillor - Mr M Hennell (unanimous) (d) Accounts scrutineer –Mr S Hill (unanimous) (e) Parish Council Representatives on other village organisations: • Safer Neighbourhood Group – Mr S Hill (unanimous) No other organisations requiring council representation.</p>	
LMPC/42/ 19	<p>Apologies for absence: There were no absences.</p>	
LMPC/43/ 19	<p>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 a (Village environment – Village hall refurbishment project).</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.</p>	
LMPC/44/ 19	<p>Dispensations: None required.</p>	
LMPC/45/ 19	<p>10 Minutes public speaking: Matters raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notification of elections – A member of the public had not been aware of the election of parish councillors. The chair confirmed that notices had been displayed on the noticeboards. The clerk confirmed that notice of the election had also been published on the website.2. Tree overhanging on The Bar/Cross Hill – Had been promptly removed3. Relocation of 30 mph signs to further out of Laxton village – Mr Pringle confirmed that these are to be included in the 2020-21 schedule of works	

	<p>4. Road conditions generally – Mr Pringle is visiting with the senior Highways officer to inspect the roads, pavements, signs, bridge and potholes. Although the meeting is not open, councillors were invited to attend.</p> <p>5. Speeding traffic in village – Mr S Hill will raise concerns at the next SNG meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the clerk should request the installation of speed monitoring strips with a view to collecting evidence of the need for a speed sign. The member of the public will provide details of the location with reference to the closest lamp post.</p> <p>6. Dog fouling – Councillors were disappointed that this remains an issue. A second dog bin is being installed at the bottom of the twitchell by the churchyard. The clerk will notify NSDC that it needs to be added to the emptying schedule.</p>	<p>SH Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
LMPC/46/19	<p>Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 26 March 2019: The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>	
LMPC/47/19	<p>Matters arising: All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.</p>	
LMPC/48/19	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Pringle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updated councillors on developments in the wider area 2. Reported on the proposals for A614 improvement. <p>Mrs Michael reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. NSDC's had undertaken a grading exercise in respect of listed buildings in its area. Bar Cottage had been graded at 3. As a result, action will be taken in relation to its deteriorating condition. b. The role undertaken by Newark & Sherwood Homes is being brought back into NSDC. This will result in a saving of approximately £1m. 	
LMPC/49/19	<p>Reports from councillors: Mr Hill reported on the matters discussed at the recent SNG meeting including lead theft and diesel and heating oil theft. He reminded residents of the importance of vigilance and appropriate security. Residents were invited to contact Mr Hill if they had any issues.</p> <p>Councillors noted that Inspector Sutton had not been able to attend this meeting. The clerk will invite her to the next 2019 meeting which she is able to attend.</p> <p>They also noted that PCSO Crowhurst had advised that parish councils are free to purchase speed guns, which the police would train volunteers to use. However, it would rely on volunteers.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/50/19	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as at 30 April 2019: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2019 (incorporating the 2018-19 budget figures). The clerk will increase the election reserve to £1000 and the sign reserve to £1300. b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved seven payments totalling £629.30. c. To agree the 2018/2019 annual accounts: Agreed. d. To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015: Councillors certified that, as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 	

	<p>2018/19 were less than £25000, and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and 3. The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2017/18 which precluded exemption and 4. The court had made no declaration under section 28(3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 <p>the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and authorised the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.</p> <p>e. Review system of internal control and internal audit system effectiveness: Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and agreed that it remained adequate and continued to operate effectively. Councillors also reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit system and agreed that, taking account of the straightforward nature of the council's transactions this year, it operated effectively on an annual basis.</p> <p>f. Risk assessment 2019 – 20: Councillors considered and approved the draft revised risk assessment for 2019-20 circulated by the clerk.</p>	
LMPC/51/19	Property matters including sports field and rent request: Noted that the sports field rent had been reimbursed.	
LMPC/52/19	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: 19/00220/FUL Barn conversion to form 2 No. holiday cottages and creation of additional vehicular access Brookdale Farm Moorhouse Road Moorhouse: Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided that they had no objections to the proposal</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: Approval noted.</p> <p>c. Compliance: No issues raised.</p>	
LMPC/53/19	Village development including The Crown's long term strategy: Councillors noted that a preferred bidder had been selected and then process is continuing.	
LMPC/54/19	<p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <p>a. Village Hall refurbishment project: The chair reported that work was proceeding well and should finish in July 2019.</p> <p>b. Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application: Councillors authorised the chair and Mr S Hill to sign the s115 permission and LIS capital funding agreement. Mr S Hill signed the documents which the clerk will submit to NSDC. Mr S Hill will progress the order.</p> <p>c. Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch: The chair continues to take matters forward.</p> <p>d. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: Mr Pringle continues to take matters forward.</p>	SH
LMPC/55/19	Service faults: The clerk will notify a loose kerbstone outside Blacksmith's Cottage, Main Street.	Clerk
LMPC/56/19	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.	
LMPC/57/19	Agenda items for next meeting: As above and speeding traffic and dog fouling	
LMPC/58/19	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>a. Annual governance matters: 7.30 pm on 11 June 2019</p>	

	b. Tuesday 23 July 2019 at Moorhouse Church	
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The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.