

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23 July 2019 at Moorhouse Church, Moorhouse

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair)
 S. Hill
 R.Hennell
 M. Hennell
 J.Hill (from 7.50 pm)
 J Godson
 S,Rose

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk)
 S. Michael (District councillor)
 M. Pringle (County councillor)
 Inspector H Sutton
 Members of the public (x2 plus 2 from 8.00 pm)

		ACTION
LMPC/65/19	Apologies for absence: Mr J Hill was absent at the start of the meeting. Councillors consented to the absence.	
LMPC/66/19	Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the Laxton Visitor Centre and village hall committee in item 10 d (Donation), sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – Sports field) and village hall committee in item 15 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/67/19	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/68/19	10 Minutes public speaking: Matters raised: 1. The cleaning of the twitchell. The clerk will write a letter of thanks to the resident responsible. 2. Concerns in relation to footpath route in the village that this remains an issue which councillors noted although they regretted that they have no powers in this regard.	Clerk
LMPC/69/19	Open forum – Inspector Heather Sutton, Nottinghamshire Police: The chair welcomed Inspector Sutton to the meeting who reported as follows in particular: a. She is responsible for Southwell, Caunton and the surrounding villages in which overall crime has fallen by 10.5% between April 2018 and April 2019. b. Burglary, a key focus because of the proximity of A1 and the area’s isolated communities, has fallen by 16.7%. There have been a number of significant arrests. She reminded all residents of the importance of keeping their properties secure and remaining vigilant. The chair left the meeting at 7.45 pm during this part of Inspector Sutton’s presentation. c. Fuel theft on the A1 is in the top three priorities because of the damage it causes to farmland. d. In the previous three months, there had been two calls for service in Laxton, one of which was a hoax, and one for Moorhouse in relation to a stranger. All residents were urged to	

	<p>contact 101 in relation to any concerns they may have.</p> <p>e. Officers are to receive large animal handling training better to support with escaped livestock</p> <p>f. Domestic violence in rural communities is also a focus.</p> <p>g. A specific example of a lack of response to a reported incident was given and discussed. Inspector Sutton will investigate and contact the individual. Mr J Hill joined the meeting during this part of Inspector Sutton's presentation</p> <p>h. Police methods of communicating with its wider community were discussed. Inspector Sutton emphasised the use of Nottinghamshire Police Facebook page in this regard and urged residents to use the facility. She also sought expressions of interest by individuals interested in joining the Nottinghamshire Key Individual Network to act a point of local contact in the event of incidents in the locality. . Two members of the public joined and the chair re-joined the meeting at 8 pm during this part of Inspector Sutton's presentation.</p> <p>Inspector Sutton was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting at 8.10 pm.</p>	
LMPC/70/19	Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7 May and 11 June 2019: The minutes of the meetings held on 7 May and 11 June 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/71/19	Matters arising: All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.	
LMPC/72/19	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Pringle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updated councillors as to financial developments at NCC, including an £8 million overspend on children's services. 2. Reported that A614 improvement consultation is underway. 3. The local minerals plan will be published on 30 August 2019 4. The village walk had highlighted a number of concerns. <p>Mr Pringle was asked to note rotten gateposts on a footpath across the dyke. The clerk will report to NCC formally through the online system once she has been provided with more detail of its location.</p> <p>Mrs Michael reported that NSDC is reviewing the Laxton conservation area the boundaries of which were fixed forty years ago. Any change would involve an extension of the area.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/73/19	<p>Reports from councillors: Reports of dangerous parking in Laxton at the junction of Green Lane and Main Street were raised and discussed at length. Standing orders were suspended to allow the public to address the meeting. The possibility of raising the matter with PCSO Crowhurst was raised.</p> <p>Mr S Hill reported on the matters discussed at the recent SNG meeting including fuel theft and the consequent damage to land, other forms of theft and door to door salesman. The next meeting is on 24 October 2019.</p> <p>Mr S Hill volunteered to join the Nottinghamshire Key Individual Network for Moorhouse.</p>	SH
LMPC/74/19	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 30 June 2019: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2019 (incorporating the 2019-20 budget figures).</p>	

	<p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved ten payments totalling £2447.83.</p> <p>c. Removal of bank account signatory and appointment of new signatory: Mr Brown no longer being a councillor, councillors decided to remove him as a signatory and appoint Mr Stuart Rose, the new councillor, in his place.</p> <p>d. Donations: The chair reported that the Laxton Visitor Centre had donated the proceeds of the clothing bank, £2651.50, and the bank itself to the council. On the advice of the clerk, having disclosed a pecuniary interest at LMPC/66/19 above, the chair withdrew from the meeting. Mr S Hill chaired the meeting in the chair's absence and suspended standing orders to allow the public to address the meeting. Councillors noted from a member of the public that the offer had been made because of forthcoming changes in the village and the council, unlike the Visitor Centre Trust, is a statutory community body. After extensive discussion of the circumstances of the donation and need for clarification of the implications of being responsible for the clothing bank, councillors agreed in principle to take responsibility for the clothing bin, but needed confirmation that there is no restriction or other obligation on how the clothing bin proceeds are spent or otherwise attached to the bin itself. The clerk will seek the confirmation and include the matter on the agenda for the September 2019 meeting for a formal decision</p> <p>The chair returned to the meeting and was informed of the decision. The chair referred councillors to a request recently made from the Village Hall Committee for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A donation in the sum of £400 towards the cost of replacement glazing in the hall kitchen ii. A donation in the sum of £2300 towards the cost of providing a village cinema. <p>On the advice of the clerk, having disclosed a pecuniary interest at LMPC/66/19 above, the chair withdrew from the meeting. Mr S Hill chaired the meeting in the chair's absence and suspended standing orders to allow the public to address the meeting. The member of the public explained the cinema proposal and why the funding was needed.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the request and agreed to consider both requests at the September meeting when more information could be made available and the matters be included as a specific agenda item.</p> <p>The chair returned to the meeting and was informed of the decision.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Agenda</p> <p>Agenda</p>
<p>LMPC/75/19</p>	<p>Property matters including sports field and rent request: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>LMPC/76/19</p>	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 19/00220/FUL Barn conversion to form 2 No. holiday cottages and creation of additional vehicular access Brookdale Farm Moorhouse Road Moorhouse: Approval noted together with the approval of 19/00879/FUL Change of use of redundant agricultural building into a micro brewery Agricultural Building at Home View Farm High Street Laxton c. Compliance: No issues raised. 	
<p>LMPC/77/19</p>	<p>Village development including The Crown's long term strategy: Nothing to report.</p>	

LMPC/78/19	Defibrillator inspection report: Mr M Hennell will complete the inspection this week.	MH
LMPC/79/19	<p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <p>a. Village Hall refurbishment project: The chair reported that work would finish on 25 July 2019.</p> <p>b. Moorhouse – Village fingerpost including LIS funding application: Installed.</p> <p>c. Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch: Nothing to report</p> <p>d. Proposed new footpath – Norwell to Laxton – See LMPC/69/19 above (10 minutes public speaking time)</p> <p>e. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: Nothing to report</p> <p>f. Village cinema facilities: See LMPC/75/19 above (Financial matters – Donations)</p> <p>g. Speeding traffic: Strips have been requested.</p> <p>h. Dog fouling: Noted that a resident had requested that the dog warden visit. New dog bin making a difference.</p>	
LMPC/80/19	Service faults: None.	
LMPC/81/19	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.	Clerk
LMPC/82/19	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
LMPC/83/19	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24 September 2019 at Laxton Visitor Centre	

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.