

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors:

S. Hill
R.Hennell
M. Hennell
J.Hill
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In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk)
M. Pringle (County councillor)
Member of the public (x1)

		ACTION
LMPC/103/19	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Manning and Mr Godson.	
LMPC/104/19	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/105/19	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/106/19	<p>10 Minutes public speaking: The following were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An NSDC officer had visited and inspected Bar Farmhouse from the rear 2. The speed date strips had been installed but had now been removed. The clerk will request the data report. 3. Road conditions in the locality 4. A helicopter had recently landed in the football field 5. The irregular distribution of the Remembrance poppies around the village 	Clerk
LMPC/107/19	<p>Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 24 September 2019: The minutes of the meetings held on 24 September 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.</p> <p>The clerk apologised for missing the Open Field publication deadline that month. She confirmed that the minutes would be published on the website by that weekend.</p>	
LMPC/108/19	Matters arising: All action points having been completed, being in hand or appearing elsewhere on the agenda, there were no matters arising.	
LMPC/109/19	Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Pringle was in purdah. Mrs Michael was absent.	
LMPC/110/19	<p>Reports from councillors: A councillor will let the clerk know what sand stocks are needed. The clerk will then contact councillor Pringle with the order.</p> <p>The water flowing down Town End during the recent heavy rain was discussed. Councillor Pringle recommended that the clerk contact Ms Horton at NCC Highways direct.</p>	Cllrs/ Clerk

	Mr Hill had attended the SNG meeting on 24 October 2019. He reported that there had been a number of burglaries and encouraged residents to be vigilant. He will place a warning of the increase in rural thefts in the Open Field.	SH
LMPC/111/19	2020 meeting dates: Councillors approved the 2020 meeting schedule which then clerk will recirculate by email.	Clerk
LMPC/112/19	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 31 October 2019: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 October 2019 (incorporating the 2019-20 budget figures).</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved eight payments totalling £827.58. The clerk will contact the bank for a new cheque book, no new book having arrived in the post.</p> <p>c. Appointment of internal auditor: Councillors agreed that Halam parish clerk should be asked whether she would be prepared to undertake the role for a further year.</p> <p>d. Review system of internal control: Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and agreed 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.</p> <p>e. Consider need for interim internal audit: 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 decided that, given the thorough nature of the internal audit carried out by Halam parish clerk, an interim internal audit would be disproportionate and was not justified.</p> <p>f. Village project reserve fund and strategy: After discussion, councillors decided that a specific village project strategy and fund was not required, it being preferable for any projects funded by the council to be driven by the council and to be for the benefit of the whole village rather than individual groups. The possibility of the funds being used for a village event was discussed.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/113/19	Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field rent request: The clerk reported that the last rent received in respect of Glebe Field was £68 in July 2017. A councillor will let her have the tenant's contact details. She will then submit a rent request.	Cllrs Clerk
LMPC/114/19	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications:</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None.</p> <p>c. Compliance: No issues raised.</p>	
LMPC/115/19	Village development including The Crown's long term strategy: No developments. The sale process is expected to be complex and lengthy.	
LMPC/116/19	Defibrillator inspection report: Mr M Hennell had completed the inspection. The clerk had placed an order for the new pads.	
LMPC/117/19	<p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <p>a. Adoption of Moorhouse telephone kiosk: Councillors discussed the adoption and decided to adopt the kiosk for £1. The clerk will notify BT.</p> <p>b. Village Hall refurbishment project: Village hall reopened. No longer required as an agenda item.</p> <p>c. Permissive access – Land surrounding cricket pitch: No longer required as an agenda item.</p>	Clerk

	<p>d. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: Nothing to report</p> <p>e. Speeding traffic: See LMPC/106/19 above (10 minutes public speaking time).</p>	
LMPC/118/19	<p>Service faults: The clerk will report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Streetlight no.6 outside village hall faulty 2. Overgrowing hedge outside Smithy Farm, High Street 	Clerk
LMPC/119/19	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.	
LMPC/120/19	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
LMPC/121/19	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28 January 2020 at Laxton Visitor Centre	

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.