

## LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 at the Visitor Centre, Laxton commencing 7.00 pm

**Present:** Councillors:

M. Manning (Chair)  
S. Hill (Vice chair)  
J.Hill  
J.Godson (by phone)

**In attendance:**

C. Millward (Clerk)

	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>LMPC/01/20</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Mr M Hennell, Mr R Hennell and Mr S Roe were absent. Councillors consented to the absences.	
<b>LMPC/02/20</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.	
<b>LMPC/03/20</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> No dispensations required.	
<b>LMPC/04/20</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Confirmation of internal auditor:</b> Councillors <b>confirmed</b> the appointment of Ms Ricketts, Halam parish clerk, as internal auditor.</p> <p><b>b. To agree the 2019/20 annual accounts:</b> Councillors considered and <b>agreed</b> the annual accounts 2019/20.</p> <p><b>c. To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:</b> Councillors <b>certified</b> that, as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 2019/20 were less than £25000, and</li><li>2. The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and</li><li>3. The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2018/19 which precluded exemption and</li><li>4. The court had made no declaration under section 28(3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014</li></ol> <p>the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and <b>authorised</b> the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.</p> <p><b>d. To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return:</b> The Annual Return was presented incorporating the completed internal auditor's report. Councillors considered the contents together with the internal auditor's comments. They unanimously <b>authorised</b> the chair and clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual governance statement) which they will arrange, socially distantly, councillors' approval having been obtained.</p> <p><b>e. To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return</b> Having considered the contents, schedule of fixed assets and variances, councillors unanimously <b>authorised</b> the chair and clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements) )</p>	

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<b>LMPC/05/20</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 7.30 pm by Zoom	

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm