

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 November 2020 via Zoom

Present: Councillors:

M. Manning (chair)
 R.Hennell
 M. Hennell
 J.Hill
 S,Rose
 J. Godson (by phone)

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk)

		ACTION
LMPC/23/20	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr S Hill.	
LMPC/24/20	Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (Property matters – including sports field and Glebe Field and sub-tenancy). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/25/20	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/26/20	10 Minutes public speaking: No public present. Reports of a noticeable increase in traffic speeding on entry to the village from Ollerton were noted. Councillors also noted that the volume of HGVs travelling through the village had increased although there was no obvious reason. The clerk will explore the possibility that the height restriction at Cocking Hill has been removed allowing more vehicles to pass through. The possibility that more vehicles were visiting the brickworks was also discussed. Mr J Hill will email the clerk with the bridge location. She will then make enquiries of NCC regarding any change in the restrictions applicable to the bridge. She will also: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make enquiries of Mike Pringle in relation to the implications and imposition of a weight limit for the village b. Establish with NSDC the nature of any special planning restrictions which apply in Laxton. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH/Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
LMPC/27/20	Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 22 September 2020: The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2020 were agreed as a true record to be signed by the chair at a later date when face to face contact is possible.	Chair
LMPC/28/20	Matters arising: None.	
LMPC/29/20	Reports from district and county councillors: None present. Mr Pringle had provided a written report.	
LMPC/30/20	Reports from councillors: No reports save as addressed at LMPC/26/20 above (10 minutes public speaking).	

LMPC/31/20	2021 meeting dates: Councillors approved the 2021 meeting schedule which the clerk will upload to the website.	Clerk
LMPC/32/20	Financial Matters: a. Financial position as at 31 October 2020: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 October 2020 (incorporating the 2020-21 budget figures). Councillors viewed the balances as stated in the bank statements on line. b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved eight payments totalling £530.75. 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. They also approved the purchase of £50 gift vouchers as thanks for undertaking the role voluntarily. 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. 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.	Clerk
LMPC/33/20	Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy: Councillors noted that there were limited documents in relation to the lease of Glebe Field to the former tenant. They agreed that the council should take legal advice on the position relating to the continuation or otherwise of the tenancy. The clerk will instruct Fisher German to advise.	Clerk
LMPC/34/20	Planning matters: a. Applications: None. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None c. Compliance: No issues raised.	
LMPC/35/20	Defibrillator inspection report: Mr M Hennell had completed the inspection. There were no issues.	
LMPC/36/20	Village environment and appearance, including: a. Relocation – 30 mph speed signs to village entries: The chair reported that he and Mr Pringle had met in the village to look at the location of the signs relative to the physical curtilage of the village. The 30 mph signs at the Kneesall Road, Moorhouse Road and The Bar entries to the village will be relocated beyond the last properties. However, NCC Highways had declined to agree to the re-siting of the Acre Edge sign. Mr Pringle is seeking a change in this stance. If unsuccessful he will request additional signage. Mr Rose will contact Mr Pringle regarding the dangers posed by cattle and tractors at the site. b. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: Nothing to report c. Speeding traffic: See LMPC/26/20 (10 minutes public speaking) and above at a.	MP SR
LMPC/37/20	Service faults: It was reported that: a. BT has arranged to re-paint the Laxton phone kiosk between April and September 2021. The clerk will enquire regarding the	Clerk

	<p>possibility of adopting the kiosk.</p> <p>b. The winter salt had been delivered.</p> <p>The clerk will request a replacement grit bin at Cocking Hill.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/38/20	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted. The clerk will recirculate the Housing Needs Survey to all councillors.	
LMPC/39/20	Agenda items for next meeting: Bar Farm House Village planning restrictions.	
LMPC/22/20	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 January 2021 via Zoom	

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.