

## LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 January 2021 via Zoom

**Present:** Councillors:

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

**In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Millward (Clerk)  
S. Michael (District councillor)

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>LMPC/1/ 21</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr S Hill and Mr R Hennell. Councillor Pringle had also sent his apologies.	
<b>LMPC/2/ 21</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> 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.	
<b>LMPC/3/ 21</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> None required.	
<b>LMPC/4/ 21</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking:</b> No public present. Councillors noted reports of damaged road surfaces at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kneesall Road just outside the village near the bridge</li> <li>2. Green Lane where the dyke was running onto the road near East Park Wood</li> <li>3. Ossington Road</li> <li>4. Outside Church Cottages</li> </ol> The clerk will report the damage to NCC Highways.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/5/ 21</b>	<b>Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 22 September 2020:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 were agreed as a true record to be signed by the chair at a later date when face to face contact is possible.	<b>Chair</b>
<b>LMPC/6/ 21</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b> <i>LMP/C26/20 – 10 Minutes Public Speaking</i> – The clerk will press Mr Pringle with regards to the weight limit.  <i>LMPC/37/20 – Service Faults</i> – Councillors were grateful for the replacement grit bin. However, the old one remained in situ. The clerk will request its removal.  No other matters arising.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/7/ 20</b>	<b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> Mr Pringle had provided a written report which the clerk summarised.  Mrs Michael reported on progress with the Covid 19 vaccination programme in the district. She will share the telephone number and link for those aged over 80 to book a test with the clerk. The clerk will	<b>SM Clerk</b>

	then publicise the availability of that information on the website for release to those who are eligible.	
<b>LMPC/8/21</b>	<b>Reports from councillors:</b> No reports save as addressed at LMPC/4/21 above (10 minutes public speaking).	
<b>LMPC/9/21</b>	<b>Remote/virtual meeting arrangements:</b> Councillors discussed whether to purchase a professional Zoom meeting package jointly with another local parish council. They <b>agreed</b> that the free service was sufficient for the council's needs and the cost of a subscription was not justified.	
<b>LMPC/10/21</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Financial position as at 31 December 2020:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2020 (incorporating the 2020-21 budget figures). Councillors viewed the balances as stated in the bank statements on line.</p> <p><b>b. Accounts for payment:</b> The council unanimously <b>approved</b> ten payments totalling £957.22.</p> <p><b>c. To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2021/22 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2022:</b> Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk. They noted the level of reserves, which were partially attributable to the clothing bank donation and set aside to support appropriate future projects in the village. They had intended to build a reserve which would allow them to enhance the village environment with items such as the dog bins acquired in recent years. They are exploring then installation of an electricity supply (item 16 e on the agenda) for the benefit of residents. Councillors unanimously <b>decided</b> to retain the precept at £4600.</p> <p><b>d. 2021-22 insurance arrangements:</b> Councillors reviewed the renewal documentation. Councillors <b>decided</b> to enter into the 2021-22 insurance contract with Zurich.</p>	
<b>LMPC/11/21</b>	<b>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy:</b> Fisher German being land agents, the clerk will instruct Tallents in Southwell to advise in relation to Glebe field and the tenancy/sub-tenancy.	
<b>LMPC/12/21</b>	<p><b>Future of Newark livestock market:</b> Councillors discussed the on-going closure of Newark cattle market and the impact locally of the loss of this valuable facility.</p> <p>After discussion, they <b>agreed</b> that the clerk should contact NSDC formally to express their concern at the lack of local market facilities, in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The lack of a local market for local farmers forcing them to take livestock further afield for sale</li> <li>2. The animal welfare implications of livestock travelling out of the area, in one instance, from Newark to Thirsk market to a buyer based in Boston</li> <li>3. Similarly, the environmental impact in terms of food miles travelled</li> </ol> <p>and request details from NSDC of its plans to ensure that market facilities are restored at Newark without delay.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/13/21</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Applications:</b></p> <p><b>i. 21/00135/S73   Removal of condition 3 (agricultural</b></p>	

	<p><b>occupancy tie) of outline consent OUT/99095 (alternative ref: 99/50925/OUT) in relation to 'The Orchard' and impose agricultural tie on Church Farm in lieu of this (resubmission of 20/01653/S73).   The Orchard Moorhouse Road Moorhouse Newark On Trent NG23 6LU:</b> Councillors discussed the application and unanimously <b>decided</b> that they had no objection to the proposal.</p> <p><b>ii. 20/02553/HOUSE   Construction of first floor to outbuilding to form home office   Vicarage Cottage High Street Laxton Newark On Trent NG22 0NX:</b> After discussion of the nature of the application, councillors <b>agreed</b> that they had no comment to make.</p> <p><b>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 20/02510/TWCA - Land Adjacent Twitchill Cottage Cross Hill Laxton – Beech tree - Noted</b></p> <p><b>c. Compliance:</b> No issues raised.</p> <p><b>d. Village planning restrictions:</b> Councillors noted that, aside from that part of Laxton within the conservation area and property specific listed restrictions, the village was subject to the same planning restrictions as other local hamlets.</p>	
<b>LMPC/14/21</b>	<b>Defibrillator inspection report:</b> Mr M Hennell had completed the inspection. There were no issues. The chair reported that the defibrillator had been added to the national database accessed by all ambulance services.	
<b>LMPC/15/21</b>	<p><b>Village environment and appearance, including:</b></p> <p><b>a. Relocation – 30 mph speed signs to village entries:</b> The clerk will request a progress update from Mr Pringle</p> <p><b>b. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse:</b> The clerk will forward the concerns raised by Mr S Hill to and request a progress update from Mr Pringle</p> <p><b>c. Speeding traffic including possible weight limit:</b> See LMPC/4/21 (10 minutes public speaking).</p> <p><b>d. Bar Farmhouse:</b> Mrs Michael reported that the matter is with the planning officer for a decision on what action should be taken. She noted councillors' view that the property presented a hazard to road users.</p> <p><b>e. Electricity for Christmas tree:</b> The clerk will explore the possibility of supplying electricity for a tree on the green from a street light. She will also investigate the installation of a supply to the triangle of land at Main Street, High Street and Bar Road.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/MP</b> <b>Clerk/MP</b></p> <p><b>SM</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>LMPC/16/21</b>	<b>Service faults:</b> None save as reported at LMPC/4/21 above (10 minutes public speaking time)	
<b>LMPC/17/21</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> All items of correspondence noted	
<b>LMPC/18/21</b>	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> As above	
<b>LMPC/19/21</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 23 March 2021 via Zoom	

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm