

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23 March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Millward (Clerk)
M. Pringle (County councillor)

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| LMPC/20/21 | Apologies for absence: All present. Councillor Michael had not been able to access the meeting. | |
| LMPC/21/21 | Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 12 (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/22/21 | Dispensations: None required. | |
| LMPC/23/21 | 10 Minutes public speaking: No public present. Nothing raised. | |
| LMPC/24/21 | Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 26 January 2021: The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2021 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/25/21 | Matters arising: No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda. | |
| LMPC/26/20 | Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Pringle was prevented from providing a report because he was subject to pre-election purdah. | |
| LMPC/27/21 | Reports from councillors: It was reported that a resident had asked to relocate to a Newark & Sherwood Homes bungalow. The chair will make enquiries of Mrs Michael regarding the application process. Whilst councillors welcomed the improvements to The School House, concerns had been raised regarding site contractors' parking practices which were causing significant damage to the verge. The clerk will raise the matter with NCC Highways and the PCSO. Concerns were also raised in relation to mud on the road, damage to the verge and possible roadside storage of a trailer on Green Lane. The clerk will report the matter to NCC Highways. | Chair/ SM Clerk Clerk |
| LMPC/28/21 | Remote/virtual meeting arrangements - Return to physical meetings from 7 May 2021: Councillors noted that the statutory | |

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| | dispensation to meet remotely had yet to be extended beyond 7 May 2021. They will await developments. However, they also agreed that, if remote meetings are to continue, the council should share a month by month Zoom subscription with Rufford Parish Council. This would ensure unbroken meetings, flexibility to cease payment as regulations change and good value. | Clerk |
| LMPC/29/21 | <p>Annual Parish Meeting 2021 – Arrangements including speaker: Councillors noted that, as matters stand, the Annual Parish Meeting would take place physically and was scheduled for 25 May 2021. After discussion, it was decided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting should commence at 7.00 pm, with the parish council annual meeting commencing at 6.30 pm. Mr G Pierrepont of the Thoresby Estate should be invited to speak An offer from the NCC broadband access officer to attend a meeting to discuss superfast broadband for Moorhouse should be accepted for the July 2021 meeting. | Clerk Clerk |
| LMPC/30/21 | <p>Financial Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Financial position as at 28 February 2021: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2021 (incorporating the 2020-21 budget figures). Councillors viewed the balances as stated in the bank statements on line. Approve 2021-22 dog bin emptying contract: Councillors unanimously approved the 2021-22 dog bin emptying contract. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved eight payments totalling £766.18. Use of reserves: Councillors discussed potential uses for the council’s reserves, noting that £2759.50 derived from the clothing bank, an unpredictable source of income, rather than the precept. They agreed that, if they proceed with the installation of an electricity supply, the reserves will be required to fund the cost. | |
| LMPC/31/21 | <p>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy: The clerk reported that she had contacted Tallents in Southwell to instruct them in relation to Glebe field and the tenancy/sub-tenancy. However, they had declined to act on the basis that they were too busy at this time. After discussion, councillors decided that the clerk should instruct Larken & Co to act instead.</p> | Clerk |
| LMPC/32/21 | <p>Future of Newark livestock market: Councillors noted Mr Matt Lamb of NSDC’s reply and that the matter was due for discussion at NSDC. The clerk will request an update.</p> | Clerk |
| LMPC/33/21 | <p>Planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applications: 21/00130/HOUSE Conversion of attached outbuilding to residential accommodation Hollybush Main Street Laxton: Councillors noted that, although NSDC had granted an extension of time for comments, the extension appeared to have been overlooked: the application had been approved by NSDC on 18 March 2021. The clerk will make enquiries of NSDC. To note planning decisions by NSDC: The approval of 21/00130/HOUSE Conversion of attached outbuilding to residential accommodation Hollybush Main Street Laxton subsequent to the circulation of the agenda was noted (see a above). Compliance: No issues raised. | Clerk |

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| LMPC/34/21 | Defibrillator inspection report: Mr M Hennell had completed the inspection. There were no issues. Councillors had approved payment of the invoice for the new pads. | |
| LMPC/35/21 | <p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <p>a. Relocation – 30 mph speed signs to village entries: Mr Pringle will follow up for progress</p> <p>b. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: See LMPC/29/21 (Annual Parish Meeting 2021) above.</p> <p>c. Speeding traffic including possible weight limit: Councillors considered the possibility of signage rather than a weight limit. The clerk will write to the brickyard and Forestry Commission to ask that their vehicles take an alternative route to that through the village.</p> <p>d. Bar Farmhouse: The clerk will seek an update from Mrs Michael.</p> <p>e. Electricity for Christmas tree: The clerk had just received the quote from Western Power for the installation of a supply to the triangle of land at Main Street, High Street and Bar Road which she will circulate. Councillors will consider the quote and alternative sites (including the pinfold and grass area outside the pub)/power sources (including the phone kiosk) for discussion at the May 2021 meeting</p> | <p>MP</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clrs</p> |
| LMPC/36/21 | Service faults: None. | |
| LMPC/37/21 | Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted | |
| LMPC/38/21 | Agenda items for next meeting: As above | |
| LMPC/19/21 | Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 May 2021 | |

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm