

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 July 2021 at The Visitor Centre, Laxton

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

		ACTION
LMPC/59/21	<p>Apologies for absence: Councillors regretted that at the last minute the intended venue, Moorhouse Church, had been unavailable. They apologised to the public for any inconvenience noting that the meeting had started late to allow anyone attending to drive to the replacement venue.</p> <p>Apologies were accepted from councillors Michael and Pringle.</p>	
LMPC/60/21	<p>Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters – including sports field and Glebe Field and sub-tenancy and associated legal services).</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.</p>	
LMPC/61/21	<p>Dispensations: None required.</p>	
LMPC/62/21	<p>10 Minutes public speaking: No public present. Nothing raised.</p>	
LMPC/63/21	<p>Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 25 May 2021: The minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2021 were agreed as a true record to be signed by the chair at a later date when face to face contact is possible.</p>	Chair
LMPC/64/21	<p>Matters arising: No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.</p>	
LMPC/65/20	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Pringle and Mrs Michael's written reports were noted.</p>	
LMPC/66/21	<p>Reports from councillors: Councillors discussed concerns which had been raised regarding the accumulation of dog waste at Mill Field off Toad Lane. Councillors agreed that there was clearly a need for the means of disposal of dog waste at the site. Having considered the associated one off and ongoing costs and accessibility for the NSDC waste lorry, they authorised the clerk to order a new dog bin to be sited at that location.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the arrangements for the village meeting to be attended by Mr Pierrepont on Wednesday 22 July 2021 and their hopes for a close working relationship in the future. There was</p>	Clerk

	<p>discussion of then potential for interpretation boards and potential plans for the fields. The clerk will write to Mr Pierrepoint with regard to developing a strong working relationship between the Estate and the village's elected representative body.</p> <p>A need for 30 mph signs for Woodhouse was identified. The clerk will make enquiries of Mr Pringle.</p> <p>A report of overflowing drains at Toad lane was noted. The clerk will report to NCC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
LMPC/67/21	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 30 June 2021: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2021 (incorporating the 2021-22 budget figures).</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved ten payments totalling £1899.89.</p> <p>A request for a contribution to the machine maintenance costs in relation to a resident's cutting of the grass was noted. The chair will request a receipt and the contribution will be discussed at the September 2021 meeting.</p> <p>Councillors decided that the Zoom subscription was no longer required.</p> <p>c. Use of reserves: Councillors discussed the following potential areas of expenditure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Event to celebrate the Queen's 70th jubilee ii. Potential work to trees and boundaries at Glebe field iii. New Christmas lights and decorations and possible event. The clerk will include this as an agenda item for the September 2021 meeting. 	Agenda
LMPC/68/21	<p>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy and associated legal services: Councillors discussed the requirements for the lease. They discussed an informal report on the condition of the trees noting that it had not identified an issue. Given this and that the field was not open to the public, they agreed that any risk was low and a formal report was not necessary.</p> <p>They asked the clerk to confirm the council's boundary responsibilities with its legal adviser. Subject to that, they decided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parish council would make good the boundaries 2. The tenant to be responsible for the maintenance of the field (including grass) and boundaries 3. The tenant to be responsible for maintaining the health of and protecting the trees in the field from harm but not otherwise responsible for the trees on the land 4. The land to be used for grazing only 5. The tenant to ensure that no invasive or notifiable plant species is introduced or allowed to grow on the land 6. The parish council to be entitled to terminate the lease in the event that the land or any part of it is required for cemetery or burial ground purposes. <p>The clerk will contact Larken & Co accordingly.</p> <p>The chair and Mr Rose will make enquiries regarding soil which was currently blocking access to the field.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair/SR</p>
LMPC/69/21	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: Councillors noted an application just received, 21/01573/HOUSE - Proposed single-storey principle extension, replacement of windows, conversion of a section of garage to bedroom, bi-fold doors to replace existing entrance door, replacement of window to entrance door and replacement of</p>	

	<p>garage door to window - Walnut Cottage Toad Lane Laxton. They had no comments.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None.</p> <p>c. Compliance: No matters raised.</p>	
LMPC/70/21	Defibrillator inspection report: Mr M Hennell had reported that he had completed the inspection. There were no issues. The new pads had been delivered to the chair.	
LMPC/71/21	<p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <p>a. Relocation – 30 mph speed signs to village entries: Mr Pringle is progressing.</p> <p>b. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: The clerk will invite the NCC broadband officer to the November 2021 meeting, the village meeting with Mr Pierrepont of Thorseby Estate having been rearranged to September 2021..</p> <p>c. Speeding traffic including possible weight limit: Councillors were please that the brickyard had confirmed that they would ask drivers to avoid the village where possible but regretted that this would not apply to the increasing number of high sided vehicles attending the site. These would still need to avoid Cocking Hill.</p> <p>d. Bar Farmhouse: Mrs Michael had confirmed that the matter was in hand at NSDC.</p> <p>e. Electricity for Christmas tree Installation: Councillors are exploring other sources of electricity. No longer required as an agenda item.</p> <p>f. Rights of way enquiry: Councillors asked the clerk to make enquiries direct of NCC in relation to any proposed change to the definitive map, no statutory consultation having been received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
LMPC/72/21	Service faults: None.	
LMPC/73/21	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted	
LMPC/74/21	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
LMPC/75/21	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29 July 2021</p> <p>Councillors agreed that their regular meetings should revert to Tuesdays with effect from November 2021</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm