

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at The Visitor Centre, Laxton

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)
S, Michael (District councillor)
B Perry (Thoresby Estate representative)

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LMPC/19/22	Apologies for absence: There were no absences. Apologies from Mr Pringle were noted.	
LMPC/20/22	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 maintenance and approval of licence). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/21/22	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/22/22	10 Minutes public speaking: No public present.	
LMPC/23/22	Thoresby Estate report (if any): Councillors welcomed Mr Perry to the meeting. He reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Some concerns had been raised that the toilets would not be ready for the jubilee. The delay was because the Estate had been waiting for the right weather to undertake the works. b. The interpretation boards around the village were being renewed. After discussing who was responsible for what, councillors agreed that there was some confusion regarding who was responsible for what stage of the renewal process. It was agreed that the first stage was a design. As a first step, the Visitor Centre would provide the content but the next stage would be to produce a design which would necessitate a professional service. The Visitor Centre will meet with Scott James of the Estate to take the boards further. 	
LMPC/24/22	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 January 2022: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 November 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/25/22	Matters arising: No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.	
LMPC/26/22	Reports from district and county councillors: Mrs Michael reported on the following:	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A s312 notice has been issued to the owner in respect of Old Bar Farmhouse. No further action may be taken during the notice period to allow the owner time to effect the repairs covered by the notice, which expires in August 2022. The owner is currently trying to sort funding. 2. NSDC is making £25,000 available in grants for jubilee events. 3. The new conservation area is due to be ratified on 23 March 2022. 4. The spring Covid 19 booster programme is underway. 	
LMPC/27/22	<p>Reports from councillors: Councillors noted reports that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tyres have been tipped to the side of Green Lane, next to the sewage works' entrance b. A manhole cover is missing outside numbers 1/2 Main Street c. A streetlight is also out in that location d. NCC had responded very quickly to the report of the hole by the gate at the bottom of Longsyke Lane. <p>The clerk will report all.</p>	
LMPC/27/22	<p>Annual Parish Meeting 2022 – Arrangements: After discussion, it was decided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The meeting should commence at 7.00 pm at the village hall, with the parish council annual meeting commencing at 7.30 pm. b. Mr G Pierrepont of the Thoresby Estate should be invited to speak. <p>The clerk will invite Mr Pierrpont.</p>	
LMPC/28/22	<p>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy and associated legal services: Councillors were pleased that the hedge had been relaid and looked great. It will need to be monitored or the ivy will take over. The heap had been burnt so was no longer a problem. The clerk will chase Larken & Co for progress on the licence.</p>	
LMPC/29/22	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 21/02514/HOUSE - Proposed replacement of windows and doors – Vicarage Cottage, High Street, Laxton - Approval noted. ii. 21/02354/FUL - CONVERSION OF EXISTING BARN TO FORM A SINGLE DWELLING – School Farm, High Street, Laxton - Approval noted. b. Compliance: No matters raised. 	
LMPC/30/22	<p>Defibrillator inspection report: Councillors noted that the battery was low. The clerk will order a new one. Councillors authorised payment up to £200 + VAT in advance.</p>	
LMPC/31/22	<p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Second defibrillator: The chair had not received any suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking residents' views on a second defibrillator. Councillors discussed additional defibrillator signage for the village and approved the purchase of three signs and the payment. b. Use of telephone kiosk: Again, the chair had not received any suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking residents' views. The clerk reported that the kiosk was listed. c. Bar Farmhouse: See LMPC/26/22 (Reports from District and County Councillors) above 	Chair

	<p>d. Jubilee event: The clerk reported that the insurers had advised that the policy will cover simple jubilee celebrations, provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The event has no more than 500 people attending at any one time. 2. All activities are properly risk assessed, and there are no unusually risky activities such as bouncy castles, fireworks, or a beacon. 3. Third party providers e.g. catering, have their own insurance in place. <p>It was reported that the Jubilee Committee had met the previous evening, 21 March 2022. The Dovecote landlord had not been able to attend but had agreed to shut the pub on Thursday 2 June 2022 with a village hog roast to take place on the car park. Entertainment would be needed for that evening. There was to be a meeting on 4 April 2022 to discuss an article for The Open Field. No event was planned for the Friday. On the Saturday 4 June 2022 there was to be a street party with bring your own food. A road closure would be required.</p> <p>The siting of beacons was discussed. It would need to be nearby to enable people to walk to it from the pub. The castle would not be appropriate because English Heritage would not permit it. There is to be a royal themed scarecrow festival with prizes for ten best scarecrow and buntinged house.</p> <p>On Sunday 5 June 2022, there will be a simple tree planting at, it was proposed, Glebe Field before an afternoon church service followed by an afternoon tea. Mr Perry kindly offered a tree on behalf of the Estate. Councillors agreed that Mr Pierrepont should be invited to plant the tree. Timings were agreed at 2pm until 3 pm. The clerk will issue the invitation.</p> <p>Mr Perry offered to request a contribution from The Estate to the jubilee celebrations and Christmas 2022.</p> <p>The clerk will order a flag. She will also submit an application for a grant from NSDC.</p> <p>Having considered the plans, councillors approved and endorsed the proposed events and arrangements.</p> <p>e. Laxton Conservation Area Character Appraisal – Update: Councillors noted that the consultation had supported the extension of the conservation area. Also discussed at LMPC/26/22 (Reports from District and County Councillors) above.</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>BP</p>
<p>LMPC/32/22</p>	<p>a. Financial position as at 28 February 2022: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2022 (incorporating the 2021-22 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved seven payments totalling £570.99.</p>	
<p>LMPC/33/22</p>	<p>Service faults: See LMPC/27/22 (Reports from councillors) above. Councillors noted that there would be four way signals Kersall to NW Woodhouse Road on 28 March 2022.</p>	
<p>LMPC/34/22</p>	<p>Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted together with the NCC minerals consultation.</p>	
<p>LMPC/35/22</p>	<p>Agenda items for next meeting: As above</p>	
<p>LMPC/36/22</p>	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24 May 2022</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm