

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25 January 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/01/ 22	Apologies for absence: There were no absences. Apologies from Mr Pringle were noted.	
LMPC/02/ 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/03/ 22	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/04/ 22	10 Minutes public speaking: No public present.	
LMPC/05/ 22	Thoresby Estate report (if any): Councillors welcomed Mr Perry to the meeting. He reported that planning permission had been granted for School Farm.	
LMPC/06/ 22	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 November 2021: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 November 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/07/ 22	Matters arising: No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.	
LMPC/08/ 22	Reports from district and county councillors: Mrs Michael reported on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Covid vaccination uptake in all age groups in the district 2. The Newark test site had closed 3. The conservation officer is leading on Bar Farmhouse. A draft schedule of works has been sent to the owner with a March 2022 deadline for commencement. If the works are not commenced, NSDC will then take enforcement action. All agreed that the property was in a very poor condition and had been deteriorating for years. 	
LMPC/09/ 22	Reports from councillors: The chair reported on the success of the	

22	<p>Christmas lights event on 5 December 2021. There had been very positive feedback from village organisations and individuals. Councillors were pleased that they now had Christmas lights which could be used in future years, although disappointment was expressed at the limitations on the parish council's ability to expend the precept on the event. Councillors agreed that the 2022 event should be an agenda item for the September 2022 meeting to allow plenty of time for planning.</p> <p>Formal thanks were expressed to Mr Rose for all his efforts and to the Thoresby Estate for the donation of the trees and funding. These contributions had been central to the success of the event.</p> <p>Mr S Hill reported that the SNG meeting on 13 January 2022 had identified two priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of reporting all rural crime incidents using 101 or 999 as appropriate to their severity and of residents taking responsibility for their own security 2. Speeding traffic in villages. A new police camera car is in use. <p>Mr J Hill referred to hare coursing in Laxton which he had reported. Councillors noted that there had also been incidents at Maplebeck. There was also discussion of the theft of telescopic antlers for use in a subsequent cashpoint theft. They also noted the use of drones at night. It was recognised that activity had increased since Covid had eased. Councillors emphasised the importance of reporting any activity of potential significance.</p>	Sept 222
LMPC/10/22	<p>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy and associated legal services: Councillors noted that there appeared to have been a misunderstanding in relation to the acceptance of the Critchley's quote and payment of the deposit. The clerk had mistakenly been waiting to hear from Mr Rose. The position having been clarified, she would arrange for payment.</p> <p>Councillors noted that a query had been raised by the licensee in relation to insurance and the clerk was waiting to hear back from Larken & Co.</p>	
LMPC/11/22	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None c. Compliance: No matters raised. 	
LMPC/12/22	<p>Defibrillator inspection report: Mr Jem Hill reported that he had completed the inspection. There were no issues.</p> <p>Councillors noted that the defibrillator had been used two weeks previously. Mr Hill confirmed that there were spare in date pads. The clerk had ordered new ones.</p>	
LMPC/13/22	<p>Village environment and appearance, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Second defibrillator: The chair had included an article in the forthcoming Open Field seeking residents' views and reminded everyone where the defibrillator is located. He will share any responses received with councillors in advance of the next meeting on 22 March 2022. b. Use of telephone kiosk: Councillors agreed that the kiosk would benefit from some maintenance. It was noted that the conservation officer had indicated that the kiosk was a listed structure. The clerk will seek confirmation and establish what that means in terms of use and maintenance. c. Dog bin installation – Update: Mr J Hill had installed the bins. The clerk had advised NSDC waste collection to update their collection schedule to include the new bins. d. Relocation – 30 mph speed signs to village entries and NCC Highways (Via) formal notice: Councillors considered Via's 	Chair

	<p>advert letter dated 17 January 2022 and unanimously decided that they supported the re-siting of the three signs as proposed, but formally requested that the sign on Acre Edge Road is also re-sited as they had originally been seeking.</p> <p>e. Bar Farmhouse: See LMPC/08/22 (Reports from District and County Councillors) above</p> <p>f. Jubilee event and decorations: Councillors discussed the possibility of holding a village celebration during the four day jubilee period. They noted that the following suggestions had already been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Songs of Praise on the Sunday 5 June 2022 b. A street party, possibly around the Village Hall with the WI potentially providing food with a resident's support and residents more generally bringing their own drinks c. Planting a tree in Glebe Field. <p>Councillors went on to discuss how an event might be organised and unanimously decided that the parish council should set up a Jubilee Committee made up of three parish councilors and representatives from various village organisations. The event would be held under the parish council's auspices and direct oversight. As a parish council organised event, albeit with the involvement of wider groups, it should be covered under its insurance arrangements.</p> <p>After discussion, Mr S Hill, Mr J Hill and Mr M Hennel were formally appointed as the parish council's representatives on the Parish Council Jubilee Committee. It was also decided that, in the first instance, the following should be invited to join the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Institute Village Hall Committee Church Visitor Centre Young Farmers History Group Gaits & Commons <p>with proposals to be brought to the parish council's next meeting on 22 March 2022. The chair will assist in completing any funding applications and place an article in the Open Field.</p> <p>g. Laxton Conservation Area Character Appraisal – Update: Councillors noted that the consultation had begun and would run until 18 February 2022. The chair reported that his feeling from the event was that most residents were broadly supportive of the proposal. He encouraged residents to complete The NSDC on line consultation form.</p>	Agenda
LMPC/14/22	<p>a. Financial position as at 31 December 2021: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2021 (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 thirteen payments totalling £3113.55.</p> <p>c. To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2022/23 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2023: Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk. They noted the level of reserves, recognising that these were at a level which provided scope for investment on the parish environment. Councillors unanimously decided to retain the precept at £4000</p> <p>d. 2022-23 insurance arrangements: Councillors reviewed the renewal documentation. Councillors decided to enter into the 2022-23 insurance contract with Zurich.</p>	

LMPC/15/22	Service faults: The clerk will report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potholes on Kneesall Road at the bottom of Lansyke Lane 2. Potholes by Brockilow Bridge 3. Mud on road between Ide Farm and the water treatment plant 4. Damaged pavement surface on Moorhouse Lane between junction with Main Street to Green Lane. 	Clerk
LMPC/16/22	Correspondence: Item of correspondence noted together with the NCC minerals consultation.	
LMPC/17/22	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
LMPC/18/22	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22 March 2022	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm