

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at The Visitor Centre, Laxton

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

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| LMPC/37/22 | <p>Councillors noted that this annual item had been omitted from the agenda in error and agreed to consider the following as though they had been agenda items.</p> <p>Election of Officers: The following were elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Chair – Mr Manning (unanimous) (b) Vice-Chair - Mr S Hill (unanimous) (c) Accounts scrutineer –Mr S Hill (unanimous) (d) Defibrillator inspection councillor - Mr J Hill (unanimous) (e) Resilience store keyholder – Mr Roy Hennell and Mr J Hill (unanimous) (f) Flood contact – Mr M Manning (unanimous) | |
| LMPC/38/22 | Apologies for absence: There were no absences. | |
| LMPC/39/22 | <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 maintenance and licence completion).</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.</p> | |
| LMPC/40/22 | Dispensations: None required. | |
| LMPC/41/22 | <p>10 Minutes public speaking: Concerns were raised about the condition of the roads in the village. These included potholes on Toad Lane and flooding on Moorhouse Road. The public will provide the clerk with details and she will follow up with NCC and Mr Pringle.</p> | Clerk |
| LMPC/42/22 | <p>Thoresby Estate report (if any): Councillors welcomed Mr Perry to the meeting. He reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work was now underway on the toilets. The team is currently working to address damp issues and had had to wait for the warmer weather if these works were to be effective. The source of the damp had been cured and a new hand drier installed. Redecoration is planned for the end of the week so the toilets should be ready for the jubilee weekend. b. The content for the interpretation boards had now been provided and new wording prepared by a volunteer. The Estate was now looking for a volunteer to redo the photos. Sir John Starkey had offered support with the graphic design. As | |

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| | regards funding, Mr Perry will provide an application form available to the Lady Rozelle Charitable Fund. It was agreed that it would be sensible to mount the boards vertically to prevent water collecting at the bottom. | |
| LMPC/43/22 | Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 March 2022: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 March 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, subject to the amendment of "Landsyke" to "Langsyke". | |
| LMPC/44/22 | Matters arising: No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda. | |
| LMPC/45/22 | Reports from district and county councillors: Mrs Michael referred to her earlier report at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting reported and drew councillors' attention to NSDC's renewed community grant scheme. | |
| LMPC/46/22 | Reports from councillors: Mr S Hill had been unavailable to attend the last SNG meeting. Mrs Michael reported that very little had changed since the last meeting. The main concerns had centred on speeding. | |
| LMPC/47/22 | Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field maintenance and licence completion: Councillors noted that the sports field is being used for the jubilee. Mr Rose will liaise with the Glebe field tenant regarding the jubilee tree to be planted and appropriate protection. Councillors confirmed the chair's authority to sign the licence which the chair then did. There was discussion of the basis on which the cutting of the grass around the telephone kiosk was being undertaken. Councillors were grateful to the resident who was kindly undertaking the work. Mr J Hill will contact the resident to enquire whether the arrangement was suitable for them. | |
| LMPC/48/22 | Planning matters: a. Applications: 22/00440/FUL- Implementation of Phase One of Landscape Masterplan, plus new Extensions to the Ronson Building and the Cottages with associated alteration and refurbishment works. Alteration and refurbishment works to the Main House. Beth Shalom: After extensive discussion, councillors agreed that they had no collective comments to make. Individual councillors were free to comment in that capacity should they wish to do so. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None. c. Compliance: No matters raised. | |
| LMPC/49/22 | Defibrillator inspection report: Councillors noted that the clerk had ordered a new one but there were significant supply issues with none available from established sources. She is receiving regular stock updates. The delays appear to be caused by a combination of Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine. Councillors were concerned but recognized that their options were limited in the circumstances. | |
| LMPC/50/22 | Village environment and appearance, including: a. Second defibrillator: The chair had still not received any suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking residents' views on a second defibrillator. b. Use of telephone kiosk: Again, the chair had not received any | |

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| | <p>suggestions in response to his article in the Open Field seeking residents' views apart from the suggestion that a sign referring to the defibrillator location be displayed.</p> <p>c. Bar Farmhouse: No developments. The deadline for the owner to undertake repairs had not yet expired.</p> <p>d. Jubilee event: Mr S Hill reported that the council had received £150 grant from NSDC and £625 from Lady Rozelle Charitable Fund. Councillors expressed their thanks. Mr Hill went on to report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The events would begin at 9.45 pm on the Thursday night with a beacon being let by the Dovecote. 2. From 3 pm on the Friday there will be an ice cream van at the pub and also a hog roast with accompaniments provided by the Dovecote. 3. There would be a picnic at the sports field from midday on the Saturday and a band from 1 pm. 4. Sunday would see the tree planting by Sir John Starkey followed by a Songs of Praise at the church and a village hall tea provided by the WI. Residents must book if they would like to attend the tea, in the village from 3 pm on the Saturday. 5. Two competitions have been launched in the village: the best buntinged house and the bet royal scarecrow. 6. Commemorative mugs were being given by yeh parish council to all under 16s in the parish. These were being funded by the clothing bank. 7. The event has no more than 500 people attending at any one time. <p>e. Laxton Conservation Area Character Appraisal – Update: The extension of the conservation area had been approved by NSDC on 24 March 2022.</p> | |
| LMPC/51/22 | <p>a. Financial position as at 30 April 2022: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council discussed the discrepancy between the invoice received in relation to Glebe field and the hedge laying works, £1820, and the quote, £1150. They unanimously decided that only the quoted amount should be paid and approved fifteen payments totalling £2364.39.</p> <p>c. Review system of internal control and internal audit system effectiveness: Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and agreed that it remained adequate and continued to operate effectively. Councillors also reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit system and agreed that, taking account of the straightforward nature of the council's transactions this year, it operated effectively on an annual basis.</p> <p>d. Risk assessment 2022 – 23: Councillors considered and approved the draft revised risk assessment for 2022-23 circulated by the clerk.</p> | |
| LMPC/52/22 | Service faults: See LMPC/41/22 (10 minutes public speaking) above. | |
| LMPC/53/22 | Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted. | |
| LMPC/54/22 | Agenda items for next meeting: NSDC Community grant scheme and jubilee feedback | |
| LMPC/55/ | Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19 July 2022 at Moorhouse church. | |

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| 22 | Noted that this was one week earlier than usual. | |
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The meeting closed at 9.30 pm