

## LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at Laxton Visitor Centre, Laxton, Nottinghamshire

**Present:** Councillors:

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

**In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Wilson (Clerk)  
 S. Michael ( District councillor)  
 Members of the public (x3)

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>LMPC/78/22</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr S Hill. Mr Pringle was also absent.	
<b>LMPC/79/22</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters – including sports field and Glebe Field).  There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
<b>LMPC/80/22</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> None required.	
<b>LMPC/81/22</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking:</b> A resident explained that they had attended because they had understood that a police representative was attending the meeting. The chair stated that he had wanted to raise the issue of intruders and attempts to remove property which had recently been experienced in the parish. Mr Rose listed a number of different incidents which had occurred recently. It was noted that the police have a rural crime unit but it does not appear to be providing a deterrent. Mrs Michael drew attention to the role of the Safer Neighbourhood Group which discusses incidents in the villages in the area. However, the police often say that unless issues are reported at the time, it is difficult for them to take action retrospectively. Councillors noted that the next meeting is in 2 -3 weeks' time. The possibility of the resident in attendance joining SNG as a parish representative was discussed, the resident being a retired officer. Crime in the parish to be an agenda item for discussion at the November 2022 meeting. A resident requested an additional street light at the Bar near Cross Hill going up Egmanton Road. The chair will provide the lamppost numbers. The clerk will then raise a request with NCC. The clerk will also report debris in the tree at Cross Hill. A resident expressed dissatisfaction with the pilot NottsBus on Demand service. Councillors noted the difficulty of getting to Southwell particularly first thing in the morning but also between the two designated transport areas which are administered separately. Councillors recognised the need for a more joined up approach to bus services if they are to meet the parish's needs as a rural community. The chair reported that he had already raised concerns with Mr	<b>Agenda</b>  <b>Chair Clerk Clerk</b>

	Pringle. After further discussion, it was decided that the parish council should begin a petition to present to Mr Pringle seeking a revision of the pilot on demand scheme.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/82/22</b>	<b>Thoresby Estate report (if any):</b> No representative was in attendance. The clerk will invite Mr Perry's replacement to the meeting on 22 November 2022, requesting a written report if he was not able to attend in person.	
<b>LMPC/83/22</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19 July 2022:</b> The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19 July 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
<b>LMPC/84/22</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b> The History Group had requested that it be noted that they had made a contribution to the finger post in Moorhouse (LMPC/64/22). No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.	
<b>LMPC/85/22</b>	<b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> Mrs Michael reported that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning delegations had been reviewed and changed reverting to applications being called in if refused by the parish council</li> <li>2. Plans to move to devolution continue to be pursued.</li> </ol>	
<b>LMPC/86/22</b>	<b>Reports from councillors:</b> Concerns at speeding traffic and the volume of HGVs in were reported and noted.	
<b>LMPC/87/22</b>	<b>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any):</b> Councillors noted that the newly laid hedge in Glebe Field had suffered badly in the excessive heat this summer. Councillors discussed the matter and <b>agreed</b> that the lost hawthorn quicks should be restored. They recognised that it was necessary for this work to be completed at the right time of year which would be before the next meeting. With this in view they <b>authorised</b> Mr Rose and Mr J Hill to incur costs up to £250 plus VAT to repair the hedge.  Councillors discussed the issue of dog waste on the sports field. Councillors <b>agreed</b> to purchase a new dog bin for the sports field and that the bin at the village hall should be re-sited to somewhere more heavily used by dog walkers.	<b>SR/JH</b>  <b>Clerk MM/JH</b>
<b>LMPC/88/22</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Applications:</b> None</li> <li>b. <b>To note planning decisions by NSDC:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>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:</b> Approval noted</li> <li>ii. <b>22/01308/HOUSE   Demolition of existing Conservatory. Installation of external door and window.   School House High Street Laxton Nottinghamshire NG22 0NX:</b> Approval noted</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. <b>Compliance:</b> No matters raised</li> </ol>	
<b>LMPC/89/22</b>	<b>Defibrillator inspection report including spare replacement pads:</b> The chair confirmed that he had the signs which had been ordered at the same time as the new battery. He will display a sign on the Visitor Centre wall. After discussion, it was <b>agreed</b> that there was no need to order spare replacement pads as they were likely to go out of date.	

<p><b>LMPC/90/22</b></p>	<p><b>Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:</b></p> <p><b>a. Bar Farmhouse</b> Councillors expressed concern that the condition of the property was now worse than it had been before with the roof removed and a window out. The lack of protection meant that the floor would now be damaged. Mrs Michael will raise these concerns with enforcement and update the chair.</p> <p><b>b. Parish roads and pavements – County councillor’s inspection visit 26 August 2022:</b> The chair reported that, no one else being available, he and Mr Pringle had met on 28 August 2022 and inspected the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bar Road</li> <li>ii. Drain at then bottom of Hill Lane</li> <li>iii. The water pooling on Green Lane</li> <li>iv. High Street</li> </ul> <p>and discussed the volume of HGVs visiting the brickworks and the disproportionate the impact they have on road surfaces compared to cars. Mr Pringle will press NCC to restore the dilapidated road surface.</p> <p><b>c. Fly tipping:</b> The clerk is still awaiting a reply from NSDC.</p> <p><b>d. Bench for Moorhouse:</b> The chair had inspected the bench. He expressed the view that it should be removed. Mr S Hill will also inspect. The bench will be removed if unsafe. Mr S Hill and Mr J Hill will canvass the views of Moorhouse residents on a replacement bench and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>e. 2022 Christmas celebrations – Planning arrangement:</b> Councillors discussed arrangements and <b>decided</b> that the light switch on event should be repeated on 4 December 2022. They noted that the Christmas tractor run is to take place on 3 December 2022. A WhatsApp group of volunteers has been set up. The number of trees to be erected was discussed. Mr Rose will enquire of Thoresby Estate as to how many trees they would donate this year. Councillors discussed how best to undertake arrangements and <b>agreed</b> to set up a Christmas Committee comprising the chair, Mr J Hill, Mr Rose and Mr M Hennell to arrange the event. The chair will apply to the Thoresby Estate for a grant again this year. The clerk will establish the council’s powers in relation to expenditure of the precept on an event and confirm to councillors as soon as possible.</p>	<p><b>SM</b></p> <p><b>MP</b></p> <p><b>SH SH/JH</b></p> <p><b>Chair Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>LMPC/91/22</b></p>	<p><b>a. Financial position as at 30 August 2022:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 30 August 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p><b>b. Accounts for payment:</b> Councillors unanimously <b>approved</b> six payments totalling £428.80.</p> <p><b>c. Change of banking provider:</b> The clerk reported the outcome of her investigations into an alternative provider. She will contact potential providers of free banking to establish the opening requirements.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>LMPC/92/22</b></p>	<p><b>Service faults:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>LMPC/93/22</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> Item b – Winter salt - Councillors <b>agreed</b> that salt was not required this year. Item c – Devolution – See above at LMPC/86/22 above (Reports from councillors). All other items of correspondence noted.</p>	
<p><b>LMPC/94/22</b></p>	<p><b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> See above</p>	

<b>LMPC/95/ 22</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 22 November 2022 in the Visitor Centre.	
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The meeting closed at 9.30 pm