

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

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

		ACTION
LMPC/96/22	Apologies for absence: Mr Rose had been delayed. Otherwise, no absences.	
LMPC/97/22	Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 11 (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.	
LMPC/98/22	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/99/22	10 Minutes public speaking: An Egmonton resident was in attendance to share the outcome of their research into the NottsBus on demand pilot. Councillors agreed to bring forward item 13 (h) to after item 7 (Matters arising) for the benefit of the resident. A resident expressed concern that the 30 mph signs had all been moved to include all properties save for the road to Ollerton. The chair explained that this was in line with the work approved by NCC. The resident went on to refer to a lack of visibility entering the village from Egmonton because the sign is obscured by the hedge. Mr Pringle will take this up with Via/NCC. A resident expressed continuing frustration with the condition of the roads in the parish which councillors and Mr Pringle noted. A request was made by a member of the public for a public speaking opportunity at the end of future meetings. Councillors discussed the request and agreed to introduce an item at the end of their meetings allowing for 5 minutes public speaking.	MP
LMPC/100/22	Thoresby Estate report (if any): Councillors noted that no representative had been appointed and that communication was now with the office.	
LMPC/101/22	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 27 September 2022: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 27	

	September 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/102/22	<p>Matters arising: There were no matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.</p> <p>The meeting then moved to item 13 (h) as agreed under item a above (10 minutes public speaking).</p>	
LMPC/103/22	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Pringle reported on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The budget survey Devolution consultation Administrative changes at Via <p>Mrs Michael reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The NSDC resident survey had revealed a demand for kerbside glass collection which is going to cabinet on 23 February 2023 SNG had considered incidents in Winkburn and Knapthorpe. Residents were reminded to keep doors locked. Reports of the use of drones had also been discussed. 	
LMPC/104/22	Reports from councillors: None.	
LMPC/105/22	2023 meeting dates: The dates circulated by the clerk were approved.	
LMPC/106/22	Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any): Councillors noted that the new dog bin for the sports field had been delivered.	
LMPC/107/22	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applications: None To note planning decisions by NSDC: None Compliance: No matters raised 	
LMPC/108/22	Defibrillator inspection report: Mr J Hill confirmed that the defibrillator had been inspected and there were no issues.	
LMPC/109/22	<p>Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bar Farmhouse Councillors expressed concern that the roof was still not complete. Mrs Michael will refer the matter back to NSDC enforcement. Crime in the parish and communication group: The chair had received no expressions of interest. Parish litter pick: Mr J Hill will contact the landlord of the Dovecote to take the matter further. Parish roads and pavements – County councillor’s inspection visit 26 August 2022: Mr Pringle reported that, regrettably, there had been no progress on matters relating to the condition of the roads. He noted that Eel Lane is currently completely blocked even though the chair had reported the problem to NCC. Mr Pringle was meeting Jo Horton that week and would raise the matter with her. Fly tipping: Councillors noted that NSDC was responsible for removing fly tipping from common land but that there was no issue on common land in the parish at this time. Bench for Moorhouse: Mr S Hill apologized that he had not had the opportunity to take the matter of a replacement bench forward 	<p>SM</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p>but would do so with a view to installation in spring 2023.</p> <p>g. 2022 Christmas celebrations – Planning arrangements: Mr J Hill is collecting the trees later in the week with decorating them planned for Sunday 27 November 2022. The chair will check that the lights are working. He confirmed that he had applied to the Lady Rozelle fund for a £300 grant.</p> <p>h. NottsBus On Demand: This matter was considered after item 7 (Matters arising). The visiting resident shared his findings referring to the following in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The general feeling at NCC is that the pilot service is going well 2. Customer experience outside rural areas appears to be positive but there had been no apparent increase in regular users. 3. The lack of crossover between zones was an issue 4. The resident had spoken with Chris Ward at NCC bus services and there had been a meeting the preceding Friday, 18 November 2022 which had been constructive. 5. The time restriction on booking a return bus was a limiting factor on bus use 6. The freedom for residents to book buses to suit their immediate personal needs was resulting in inefficient allocation of vehicles, with duplication of buses the same area leaving other places in the locality without a service. <p>Councillors discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The possibility of using more smaller vehicles, such as electric taxis, to increase coverage and provide a more responsive, nimble service ii. The fear felt by former passengers that they would be left stranded at a destination because all the services had been booked out. <p>The chair will ask residents whether they would use the service if there was an additional stop which avoided the need to walk up the hill.</p>	SH
LMPC/110/22	<p>a. Financial position as at 30 September 2022: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 30 September 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved twelve payments totalling £1,547.80 noting the increase in local government salaries and associated back pay.</p> <p>c. Change of banking provider: The clerk had contacted potential providers of free banking but their ID requirements posed logistical issues. She will explore further but councillors agreed that their options were limited.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/111/22	<p>Service faults: The chair had reported lamppost number 18. There was discussion of whether to order more lamppost remembrance poppies. Councillors decided to discuss this and the possibility of purchasing a silent soldier for the Green at their July 2023 meeting.</p>	Agenda July
LMPC/112/22	<p>Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.</p>	
LMPC/113/22	<p>Agenda items for next meeting: See above</p>	
LMPC/114/22	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24 January 2022 in the Visitor Centre.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm