

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at Laxton Visitor Centre, Laxton, Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)
Members of the public (x2)

		ACTION
LMPC/115/ 23	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Manning and Mr Godson. Apologies from Mr Pringle and Mrs Michael were also noted. Mr S Hill chaired the meeting in Mr Manning's absence.	
LMPC/116/ 23	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/117/ 23	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/118/ 23	<p>10 Minutes public speaking: A resident was pleased at the progress made at Bar Farmhouse.</p> <p>Concern was expressed at the ongoing poor condition of the roads in the parish. The clerk will raise the issue of cars parking on the verge at Mill Field with Mr Pringle.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider endorsing a new community network proposal to be made up of like minded people to undertake small jobs around the village. Expressions of interest are to be sought through the Open Field. After discussion, councillors agreed that they were happy to support the proposal and to take it forward under their auspices as the lead organisation provided the council had the final authority in relation to any decisions. Councillors emphasised their expectation that full risk assessments would be carried out for all activities. The clerk will confirm that the group's activities will be covered under its insurance policy with Zurich, the council's insurers. "Community Network" to be a standard agenda item going forward.</p>	MP
LMPC/119/ 23	Thoresby Estate report (if any): Councillors noted that a representative had still not been appointed.	
LMPC/120/ 23	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 22 November 2022: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 22 November 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, subject to the amendment of LMPC/109 (g)/22 to refer to £300 instead of £00 and the date of the next meeting to 24 January 2023.	
LMPC/121/ 23	Matters arising: There were no matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.	

LMPC/122/23	Reports from district and county councillors: None present.	
LMPC/123/23	<p>Reports from councillors: Mr Rose reported on a meeting between the Visitor Centre trustees and Mr Pierrepont to discuss ideas for the Visitor Centre. These had included a suggested location for a new classroom together with discussion of the bus parking, funding and staffing implications.</p> <p>It was also reported that the pavement outside Smithy Farm is being obstructed by grass growing over the pavement. This is narrowing the pavement and creating a slippery and hazardous surface. The clerk will report the issue to NCC.</p> <p>Mr S Hill reported that the next SNG meeting was on 26 January 2023 and asked councillors to let him know of any incidents or issues to be raised.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/124/23	2023 election - Publicity: The information circulated by the clerk were noted. The clerk will forward the information to the Open Field editor.	Clerk
LMPC/125/23	Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any): The fence to go round the tree is ready.	
LMPC/126/23	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: None</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None</p> <p>c. Compliance: No matters raised</p>	
LMPC/127/23	Defibrillator inspection report: Mr J Hill reported that one set of pads would expire in March 2023. The clerk will place an order. Councillors confirmed approval of a payment in advance if required. Mr J Hill confirmed that the defibrillator had been inspected and there were otherwise no issues.	Clerk
LMPC/128/23	Archive of parish records: Councillors noted the research undertaken by the chair into the storage facilities available. The clerk will make detailed enquiries of NCC.	Clerk
LMPC/129/23	<p>Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:</p> <p>a. Bar Farmhouse Councillors noted that the works appeared to have been completed although the scaffolding is still in situ. It was also noted that the property had not been restored to its previous condition and two skylights had been removed. Councillors were pleased that the property is now watertight. They thanked Mrs Michael for her efforts in relation to Bar Farmhouse and asked the clerk to request an update from Mrs Michael.</p> <p>b. Parish roads and pavements: The clerk will contact Mr Pringle to request his support in relation to water overflowing from the ditch from Copthorne Lane to East Park Corner and running down the road creating a slippery surface and damaging the road. This has been reported previously but Highways did not appear to regard it as an issue. She will also raise the issue of the poor condition of the road past the church.</p> <p>c. Fly tipping: Councillors were pleased that it had been confirmed that fly tipping on common land was an NSDC responsibility.</p> <p>d. Bench for Moorhouse: Mr S Hill confirmed that this was ongoing.</p> <p>e. 2022 Christmas celebrations – Report: Councillors were pleased that the celebrations had again gone well and</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/MP</p>

	<p>unanimously approved an additional payment of £66 for decorations. Mr J Hill did not participate in that decision. Councillors also noted that there had been expenditure on further Christmas lights in the sum of £192.75 but will await the associated invoice before approving any payment.</p> <p>f. NottsBus On Demand: Councillors noted a report of difficulties which had been encountered travelling between Ollerton and Laxton. Councillors asked the clerk to let Mr Pringle know that the service was not meeting residents' needs and to invite the relevant NCC officers to the next parish council meeting.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the coronation and agreed that the parish should hold a street party on the sports field to mark the occasion. They unanimously decided that the parish council should set up a Coronation Committee on the same basis as the Jubilee Committee. Mr S Hill, Mr J Hill and Mr M Hennell were formally appointed as the parish council's representatives on the Parish Council Coronation Committee.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/130/23	<p>a. Financial position as at 31 December 2022: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p>b. Lost cheque – Cancellation and replacement: Councillors formally discussed the cheque lost by a payee emphasising that the payment was from public funds. With this in view, they unanimously agreed to issue a replacement but only after the cheque had been stopped by the bank. They also decided that the bank's charge should be deducted from the amount of the replacement.</p> <p>c. 2023 – 24 insurance arrangements: Councillors considered the schedule of insured assets taking account of the schedule of fixed assets. They agreed that the following additional assets ought also to be covered under the above policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 5 benches - replacement value £400 each b. 5 dog bins - Replacement value £180 each c. Pinfold furniture - Estimated valued £1000 d. Wellington bomber memorial - Estimated valued £500 <p>The clerk will inform Zurich. Councillors unanimously approved the 2023-24 insurance arrangements subject to the above amendment.</p> <p>d. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved eleven payments totalling £2,356.94 including a donation in the sum of £60 to Kneesall School Choir. They decided that payment for the Christmas house prizes should be deferred to the next meeting pending provision of an amount and invoice.</p> <p>e. Community Infrastructure Levy - £1,178.89 – Proposals for use: Councillors will consider how the funds might appropriately be applied.</p> <p>f. To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2023/24 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2024: 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 £4600.</p> <p>g. Lady Rozelle donation: Update awaited at March 2023 meeting when Mr Manning will be present.</p> <p>h. Change of banking provider: Councillors discussed the market and issues with ID procedures and agreed that there appeared to</p>	Clerk

	be little viable alternative to the current provider.	
LMPC/131/23	Service faults: The clerk will report lamppost number 18.	Clerk
LMPC/132/23	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted.	
LMPC/133/23	5 minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised.	
LMPC/134/23	Agenda items for next meeting: See above	
LMPC/135/22	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28 March 2023 in the Visitor Centre.	

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm