

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 March 2023 at Laxton Visitor Centre, Laxton, Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

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

		ACTION
LMPC/136/ 23	Apologies for absence: There were no absences.	
LMPC/137/ 23	Declarations of interest: The chair declared an interest in the sports field and Mr Rose in the village hall. There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/138/ 23	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/139/ 23	10 Minutes public speaking: The following were raised and discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The safety of Toad Lane corner where a resident had been involved in a road traffic incident. The view was expressed that traffic calming measures in addition to the existing chevrons would be of benefit. Frustration was expressed that NCC Highways/Via had refused the request to bring the 30 mph speed limit out beyond its existing position when the speed limit was extended at the other three entrances to the village. Mr Pringle informed the meeting that a new area manager had been appointed so a fresh approach would be worthwhile. The possibility of a 40 mph limits was discussed. Mr Pringle will raise the relocation of the 30 mph sign with officers. 2. Savannah Rags has ceased operations for now although the chair had encouraged the village to continue to leave donations as the bin was no to full as yet. 3. The possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed to manage potential construction in Laxton. The limitations on its effect because such a plan would be subordinate to NSDC's planning policy were noted. It was also noted that the conservation area had recently been reviewed to address potential construction risks to the locality because of its special importance. The matter to be considered at a future meeting. 	MP Agenda
LMPC/140/ 23	Thoresby Estate report (if any): The clerk reported that Mr Pierrepont had advised that currently no one is available to attend	

	meetings. Councillors asked the clerk to request an update on progress with the information boards.	Clerk
LMPC/141/23	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 24 January 2023: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 24 January 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/142/23	Matters arising: There were no matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.	
LMPC/143/23	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Mrs Michael reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A kerbside glass collection scheme being introduced elsewhere in the county As a result of new government regulations, soft furnishings and bedding must be collected separately at additional cost to residents giving rise to concerns at the potential for an increase in fly tipping Enforcement in relation to fly tipping, litter, waste transfer, dog fouling, and fly posting through penalty notices and fly tipping prosecutions. <p>Mr Pringle reported on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> New NCC Highways/Via personnel £3.3 million in a designated highways budget 30 March 2023 is a devolution vote day Lamp no. 18 has finally been repaired. 	
LMPC/143/23	<p>Reports from councillors: Mr S Hill reported that the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> last meeting had discussed fly tipping and speeding next SNG meeting was on 13 April 2023 and asked councillors to let him know of any incidents or issues to be raised. <p>The clerk will report a loose manhole outside 1 and 2 Main Street.</p> <p>Councillors noted a serious incident of fly tipping at hen bottom pf Brockilow Hill which had included asbestos. NSDC had cleared the site as it was on common land. The use of gates was considered but it was recognised that these bring their own issues.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/144/23	Review code of conduct: Councillors considered the revised code of conduct recommended by NALC and decided to adopt the new code with effect from 1 May 2023.	
LMPC/145/23	<p>2023 election: The chair reminded all present that nominations must be submitted by 4 pm on 4 April 2023. It was noted that there had been some interest in the village.</p> <p>Councillors listened with sadness to the chair’s announcement that, after 32 years, he would not be standing again and would cease to be a councillor from 10 May 2023. They thanked him for all that he had done for the village. Mr Pringle and Mrs Michael echoed their sentiments.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/146/23	<p>Annual Parish Meeting 2023 – Arrangements: Councillors discussed the statutory timing constraints in an election year and decided to hold the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council annual meeting at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 9 May 2023 Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9 May 2023 both in the village hall. The clerk will invite Notts Bus representatives, the NCC Local Area Co-ordinator, Mr Pierrepont and NCC 	

	Highways/Via officers to attend.	
LMPC/147/23	Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any): Councillors noted that trees had been planted up the side of the footpath. The Glebe field quicks damaged by the summer's unseasonable hot weather are to be replaced by a local resident volunteer. Councillors expressed their thanks. Activities resume shortly at the sports field. The dog bin will be fitted.	JH
LMPC/148/23	Planning matters: a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None c. Compliance: No matters raised	
LMPC/149/23	Defibrillator inspection report: Mr J Hill confirmed that the defibrillator had been inspected and there were no issues save that the new set of pads were awaited.	
LMPC/150/23	Archive of parish records: Councillors noted the outcome of the clerk's enquiries of NCC. The clerk will invite the office to visit to determine which records were of value and should be held in the NCC archive.	Clerk
LMPC/151/23	Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse: a. Community network group: Councillors noted that the chair's publicity had not generated many volunteers. They also noted that the fire service had offered to undertake a village safety check visiting the homes of more isolated residents. The resident who had raised this possibility will be able to speak to the village at annual parish meeting. b. Bar Farmhouse: Mrs Michael reported that the work necessary to satisfy the notice had been completed. NSDC is aware that the doors and windows are in poor repair and is looking into the issue. NSDC is also concerned about the interior. She noted a report of issues at the rear which are not visible from the road. She will notify the officer. c. Parish roads and pavements: NCC Highways/Via officers being invited to the annual parish meeting (LMPC/146/23) above. d. Bench for Moorhouse: Mr S Hill reported that he had researched benches and consulted Moorhouse residents. A wood effect bench was the favoured option and he had looked at a couple of designs with the preferred design being one called Wirksworth at a cost of £650 including VAT. Councillor looked at the model on line and agreed with the choice. e. 2022 Coronation Committee – Event arrangements: Councillors noted the muted interest in the village compared with previous events. The Dovecote is holding an event on Saturday 6 May 2023. It was noted that a litter pick had been organised for Monday 8 May 2023 for which refreshments would be required. The parish council considered and approved the arrangements. Mr S Hill will approve the risk assessment on the parish council's behalf and Mr Rose and Mr J Hill will support with the briefing and collecting the rubbish. There was discussion of the possibility of a street party. Councillors decided to support a street part on Sunday 7 May 2023 with a road closure between 9 am and 5 pm. The clerk will make the application. Mr S Hill will approve the risk assessment for the party on the parish council's behalf. The clerk will apply to Mr Pringle for a £200 donation towards the street party. A grant would also be available in the sum of £150 for the litter pick refreshment costs. The clerk will apply.	APM MS SH SR/JH Clerk SH Clerk Clerk

	<p>f. NottsBus On Demand: NCC officers being invited to the annual parish meeting (LMPC/146/23) above. The chair reported that a combined system of on demand and timetabled buses had been requested.</p> <p>g. 2023-24 dog bin contract: Councillors considered and approved the contract. Mr J Hill will let the clerk know when the new bin has been installed. She will then inform NSDC.</p>	JH Clerk
LMPC/152/ 23	<p>a. Financial position as at 28 February 2023: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2023 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p>b. Donation to flower festival: Councillors approved a donation in the sum of £50.</p> <p>c. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved ten payments totalling £989.42 together with advance approval of expenditure up to £650 on the bench to enable the clerk to place the order once confirmed by Mr S Hill. The need for a new signatory following the chair's announcement was noted.</p> <p>d. Community Infrastructure Levy - £1,178.89 – Proposals for use: Councillors will continue to consider how the funds might appropriately be applied.</p> <p>e. Lady Rozelle donation: The chair confirmed that a grant had been made to fund additional Christmas lights.</p> <p>f. Change of banking provider: Councillors discussed the market and issues with ID procedures and agreed that there appeared to be little viable alternative to the current provider.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/153/ 23	Service faults: None reported	
LMPC/154/ 23	Correspondence: None	
LMPC/155/ 23	5 minutes public speaking time: Concern at the infrequency of postal deliveries was raised. Delivery dates will be shared with the clerk by way of evidence to take up with Royal Mail.	
LMPC/156/ 23	Agenda items for next meeting: See above and noticeboard management.	
LMPC/157/ 22	Date of next meeting: 6.30 pm Tuesday 9 May 2023 in the Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm