

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6.30 pm on Wednesday 12 July 2023 at Moorhouse Church, Moorhouse, Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

S. Hill (chair)
M.Hennell
J.Hill
S,Rose
A Moorhouse
D. Sheard

In attendance at parish council meeting

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

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| LMPC/185/ 23 | Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence due to the change of date were received and accepted from Ms Creighton. Mrs Michael had also sent apologies for the same reason. | |
| LMPC/186 / 23 | Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda. | |
| LMPC/187/ 23 | Dispensations: None required. | |
| LMPC/188/ 23 | <p>10 Minutes public speaking: The condition of the roads in the parish was raised with concern being expressed, in particular regarding potholes and verges. The chair will take these concerns forward with Mr Pringle on the walk round. In response to the member of the public's concerns, he confirmed that the walk round will encompass Moorhouse and a 30 mph speed limit for the village.</p> <p>Councillors noted that concerns continue in relation to the condition of Bar Farmhouse with a particular focus on rubble and debris lying on the site, the removal of skylights and missing windows.</p> <p>It was confirmed to the public in attendance that the old bench in Moorhouse had been removed with the new bench being delivered next week.</p> | Chair |
| LMPC/189/ 23 | <p>Thoresby Estate report (if any): Ms Moorhouse presented a report on behalf of the Estate focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Grass sales had been disappointing b. Tenants had been lined up for High Street and Ide, with both properties being registered land c. Renovations to Step Farm are underway and are being carried out to a high standard. <p>Councillors expressed the hope that Mr Pierrepont would be able to attend their meetings in future.</p> | |
| LMPC/190/ 23 | Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 9 May and 8 June 2023: The minutes of the parish council meetings held on 9 May and 12 June 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair subject to the correction of the spelling of Ms Creighton's name to include an "i". | |

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| <p>LMPC/191/23</p> | <p>Matters arising: <i>LMPC/165/23 – Matters arising</i> - The clerk had obtained confirmation that the replacement interpretation boards had been completed.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.</p> | |
| <p>LMPC/192/23</p> | <p>Reports from councillors: Mrs Michael and Mr Pringle were not in attendance.</p> <p>The chair reported that the next SNG meeting was later in July and invited councillors or the public to contact him if there were any issues for him to raise. Speeding traffic was discussed. The chair confirmed that this is reported as an issue regularly by all parishes. Councillors noted that the police offer to train volunteers to use a speed gun. There was discussion of how a speed gun might be sourced and the likelihood of any appetite amongst residents to train and use a speed gun. Councillors noted that it was possible to purchase a speed sign. The chair will make enquiries at the next SNG meeting.</p> | <p>Chair</p> |
| <p>LMPC/193/23</p> | <p>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any): Councillors discussed their links with the sports field committee following Mr Manning’s withdrawal from parish council affairs. The decided that Mr Sheard should be the parish council’s representative on the Sports Field Committee.</p> <p>The chair and Mr J Hill will attend to fencing around the Glebe Field tree.</p> | <p>DS Chair/JH</p> |
| <p>LMPC/194/23</p> | <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> | |
| <p>LMPC/195/23</p> | <p>Defibrillator inspection report: Mr J Hill is awaiting a new battery but otherwise no issues. The chair had received correspondence from DHSC regarding the registration of the defibrillator. The clerk confirmed that it is registered with EMAS.</p> | |
| <p>LMPC/196/23</p> | <p>Property manager’s report including monthly asset inspection report: Mr Sheard reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rights and responsibilities for the Glebe Field hedging, post and rail fence and removal of the gate required clarification. Access and boundary ownership would also benefit from clarification. The clerk will check the documentation The benches on the Laxton grass triangle apart from the one painted by a resident required some repair and re-painting. Mr Rose will look at the benches. The pinfold furniture had been painted. The noticeboard perspex would benefit from replacement The glass in the Moorhouse telephone kiosk would also benefit from replacement <p>The relocation of the defibrillator to the telephone kiosk had been considered previously and the decision taken that, as the pub had high footfall and therefore increased risk of a medical emergency, the defibrillator should remain at the Visitor Centre.</p> <p>It was agreed that, going forward, Mr Sheard should inspect the council’s assets every six months, reporting to the March and November meetings.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>SR DS</p> |
| <p>LMPC/197/23</p> | <p>Archive of parish records – Update: Councillors authorised the clerk to sign the archive storage agreement.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |

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| <p>LMPC/198/23</p> | <p>Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:</p> <p>a. Community network group: No longer required as a standing item.</p> <p>b. Bar Farmhouse: Discussed at LMPC/188/23 (10 Minutes Public Speaking) above.</p> <p>c. Parish roads and pavements, including Moorhouse village sign: Discussed at LMPC/188/23 (10 Minutes Public Speaking) above.</p> <p>d. Bench for Moorhouse: Discussed at LMPC/188/23 (10 Minutes Public Speaking) above. Councillors will discuss the siting of the bench when delivered.</p> <p>e. NottsBus On Demand: No longer required as a standing item.</p> <p>f. Flood resilience: Councillors noted that Mr Sheard had:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inspected the resilience stores 2. Contacted the NCC flood officer who is visiting the parish on 27 July 2023 for a walk round with Mr Sheard <p>There was discussion of training for flood wardens to shut flooded roads.</p> <p>Following discussion it was decided that Housing, Planning(including neighbourhood plan) and Facilities should be an agenda item fir the September 2023 meeting.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>LMPC/199/23</p> | <p>a. Financial position as at 30 June 2023: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2023 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The clerk will add the expenditure deadline for the CIL levy to the accounts.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved ten payments totalling £1338.85. As it had not yet been possible to change signatories, councillors authorised Mr Manning to sign the cheque to the clerk.</p> <p>c. Review fixed assets: There was discussion of the Sports Pavilion ownership. The clerk will seek to establish the position from the records in her possession.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>LMPC/200/23</p> | <p>Service faults: None reported</p> | |
| <p>LMPC/201/23</p> | <p>Correspondence: None</p> | |
| <p>LMPC/202/23</p> | <p>5 minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised</p> | |
| <p>LMPC/203/23</p> | <p>Agenda items for next meeting: See above.</p> | |
| <p>LMPC/204/22</p> | <p>Date of next meeting: 7.30 pm Tuesday 28 November 2023 at Laxton Visitor Centre</p> | |

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm