

## LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Thursday 8 June 2023 at The Visitor Centre, Laxton

**Present:** Councillors:

S. Hill (chair)  
M.Hennell  
J.Hill  
A Moorhouse  
R. Creighton  
D. Sheard

**In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Wilson (Clerk)

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>RPC/178/23</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Mr Rose was absent. Councillors consented to the absence.	
<b>RPC/179/23</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
<b>RPC/180/23</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> No dispensations required.	
<b>RPC/181/23</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking:</b> No public present	
<b>RPC/182/23</b>	<p><b>a. 2023 schedule of fixed assets:</b> The council unanimously <b>approved</b> the schedule valuing fixed assets at £29,440. After discussion, councillors <b>decided</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The clerk should enquire of Mr Manning as to who owns the sports pavilion</li> <li>ii. A grit bin count should be undertaken on the walk round with Mr Pringle. Review of fixed assets to be an agenda item for the July meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. To agree the 2023/2024 annual accounts:</b> Agreed.</p> <p><b>c. To certify exemption from limited assurance review under section 9 Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:</b> Councillors <b>certified</b> that, as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Both the council's annual gross income and expenditure for 2021/22 were less than £25000, and</li> <li>ii. The council had been in existence since before 1 April 2014, and</li> <li>iii. The external auditor had taken no step in relation to 2021/22 which precluded exemption and</li> <li>iv. The court had made no declaration under section 28(3) of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 the council was exempt from a limited assurance review and <b>authorised</b> the clerk and chair to sign the certificate of exemption.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return:</b> The Annual Return was presented incorporating the completed internal auditor's report. Councillors considered the contents together with the internal auditor's comments. They unanimously <b>authorised</b> the chair and clerk to sign Section 1 (Annual governance statement) which they will arrange, socially distantly, councillors' approval having been obtained.</p> <p><b>e. To authorise the chair and the clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return</b> Having considered the contents, schedule</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p>

	of fixed assets and variances, councillors unanimously <b>authorised</b> the chair and clerk to sign Section 2 (Accounting Statements).	
<b>RPC/183/23</b>	<p><b>Property matters – Property manager’s report on Pinfold and actions:</b> Mr Sheard reported that the pinfold furniture needed some attention and making good. Councillors <b>agreed</b> that there should be a volunteers’ day to undertake the work and <b>authorised</b> Mr Sheard to spend up to £250 on materials for the project.</p> <p>There was discussion of a longer term asset plan and of flood resilience planning.</p> <p>The clerk will re-send the email from Mr Pringle regarding the village walk round.</p>	<p><b>DS</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>LMPC/184/23</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 11 July 2023 at Moorhouse church.	

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm