

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6.30 pm on Tuesday 9 May 2023 at Laxton Village Hall, Laxton, Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

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

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LMPC/158/23	Election of Officers: The following were elected: (a) Chair – Mr S Hill (unanimous having been proposed and seconded and withdrawn for the vote) (b) Vice-Chair – Mr J Hill was proposed and seconded. Councillors noted the clerk’s advice that, ideally, the chair and vice chair would not be from the same family. Mr M Hennell was also proposed and seconded. Both withdrew from the meeting. Mr J Hill was elected by a majority of four. (c) Accounts scrutineer –Ms A Moorhouse (unanimous) (d) Defibrillator inspection councillor - Mr J Hill (unanimous) (e) Resilience store keyholder – Not required (f) Flood contact – Mr D Sheard (unanimous)	
LMPC/159/23	Apologies for absence: There were no absences. It was noted that Mr Pringle had a conflicting NCC commitment. The chair thanked Mr Manning for all the work he had done for the parish council and village in the past. He also recognised Mr Godson and Mr R Hennell’s contributions over the years. All present recognised the debt of service which was owed to the retiring councillors.	
LMPC/160 /23	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/161/23	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/162/23	10 Minutes public speaking: Nothing raised.	
LMPC/163/23	Thoresby Estate report (if any): The clerk reported that Mr Pierrepont had not been available to attend that evening.	
LMPC/164/23	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 28 March 2023: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 28 March 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/165/	Matters arising:	

<p>23</p>	<p>LMPC/139/23 - <i>10 Minutes public speaking</i> – The clerk will follow up on the outstanding highways matters with Mr Pringle. LMPC/151/23 - <i>Village environment and appearance:</i> d. <i>Bench for Moorhouse</i> – Councillors formally approved the purchase of the Wirksworth bench and hardstanding fixing at £385.55 +£27.80 plus VAT. e. <i>Coronation events</i> - Councillors were pleased that the coronation events had been successful with the litter pick being very well attended. The clerk will obtain an update on the replacement interpretation boards. There were no other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>LMPC/166/23</p>	<p>Reports from councillors: The chair reported that he had been unable to attend the most recent SNG meeting and asked Mrs Michael for an update. Mrs Michael reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Speeding traffic had been the main issue of concern b. Drones had also been discussed. <p>She also took the opportunity to thank Mr Manning, Mr Godson and Mr Hennell for the valuable work they had done over the years which had had a huge impact in the parish. This was echoed by all the parish councillors.</p>	
<p>LMPC/167/23</p>	<p>Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any): Councillors noted that the Glebe Field rent had been paid. They discussed keeping in touch with the sports field committee and asked the clerk to invite Mr Manning to provide a bi monthly report on sporting activities which were taking place. There was discussion of the condition of the pinfold furniture and benches in the village. The possibility of a community network refurbishment event was considered. Councillors agreed to appoint Mr Sheard as the property inspection councillor to inspect and report on the parish council’s assets bimonthly. Mr Sheard will provide an initial report at the annual financial matters meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>DS</p>
<p>LMPC/168/23</p>	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None c. Compliance: No matters raised 	
<p>LMPC/169/23</p>	<p>Defibrillator inspection report: Mr J Hill confirmed that the defibrillator had been inspected and there were no issues.</p>	
<p>LMPC/170/23</p>	<p>Archive of parish records: The clerk reported that NCC had inspected the records and were happy to store them in their archive. Councillors approved the deposit of the records and authorised Mr Manning to sign NCC’s deposit form.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p>LMPC/171/23</p>	<p>Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community network group: See LMPC/167/23 (Property matters) above. b. Bar Farmhouse: Mrs Michael Had been unable to follow up because of the pre-election period. c. Parish roads and pavements: The chair emphasised the importance of notifying all highways issues to NCC. d. Bench for Moorhouse: See LMPC/165/23 (Matters arising) above. e. 2022 Coronation Committee – Event arrangements: Councillors were delighted that the litter picking had been so well attended and successful. They noted that the Young Farmers had 	

	<p>also joined in covering the wider area. Twenty five bags of litter had been collected with sixteen filed in the pinfold. Waste had also been collected from the dyke. They thanked Mr Sheard for organising the day. They also thanked the residents who had organized the refreshments.</p> <p>f. NottsBus On Demand: The clerk would again invite the NCC officers being invited to attend a parish meeting</p> <p>g. 2023-24 dog bin contract: Councillors noted that the new dog bin had been installed. The clerk will arrange for this to be added to the emptying schedule</p>	Clerk
LMPC/172/23	<p>a. Financial position as at 31 March and 30 April 2023: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 March 2023 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). They noted that the April bank statement had not arrived in time for the meeting. The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved thirteen payments totalling £867.46.</p> <p>Councillors appointed Ms R Crighton and the chair as signatories in place of retired signatories, Mr Manning and Mr R Hennell.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/173/23	Service faults: None reported	
LMPC/174/23	Correspondence: All noted.	
LMPC/175/23	5 minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised	
LMPC/176/23	Agenda items for next meeting: See above.	
LMPC/177/22	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>a. Annual Financial matters - 7.30 pm Thursday 8 June 2023 in the Visitor Centre</p> <p>b. July 2023 - 7.30 pm Tuesday 11 July 2023 at Moorhouse Church</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm