

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Wednesday 26 September 2023 at Laxton Visitor Centre Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)
Members of the public (x1)

		ACTION
LMPC/205/23	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr J Hill. Mrs Michael and Mr Pringle had also sent apologies.	
LMPC/206 /23	Declarations of interest: Mr Hennell and Mrs Moorhouse declared an interest in item 13b (Finance – Accounts for payment). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/207/23	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/208/23	10 Minutes public speaking: Dissatisfaction was expressed with the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quality of recent road repairs and verge cutting, with grass being torn up rather than cut b. Debris left at Bar Farmhouse c. Inconsiderate parking – The chair had raised this issue previously with the then PCSO at a SNG meeting. He has been advised that the PCSO was able to visit the village and place a police notice on any inconsiderately parked cars d. Incidence of potholes and poor repairs. 	
LMPC/209/23	Thoresby Estate report (if any): Mrs Moorhouse presented a report on behalf of the Estate which referred to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A barn in the village which had collapsed b. Two prospective tenancies which had fallen through. 	
LMPC/300/23	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 July 2023: The minutes of the parish council meetings held on 12 July 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair subject to a change of meeting time to 7.30 pm, next meeting date to 26 September 2023 and amendment of minute LMPC/196/23 to state that the pinfold had "not yet" been painted.	
LMPC/301/23	Matters arising: There were no matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.	
LMPC/302/23	Reports from councillors: Mrs Michael and Mr Pringle were not in attendance. A written report from Mr Pringle referring to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. NCC's inability to assist with replacement Perspex for the 	

	<p>enquiries regarding the acquisition, installation and emptying.</p> <p>Further consideration was given to the issue of the ownership of the pavilion and nature of the Sports Field Committee constitution. The clerk referred the meeting to the minutes of the council meeting on 29 March 2017.</p> <p>Mr J Hill had inspected tree on the sports field which had been reported as dangerous. He had confirmed that it was a healthy tree.</p> <p>The clerk will report hedging which was overgrowing the footpath at Glebe Field.</p> <p>Mr Sheard had re-stained all the pinfold furniture with at least one coat of wood stain apart from one bench. He had also stained the benches on The Green.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Mr Sheard for all his hard work to improve and maintain the parish environment.</p>	
<p>LMPC/304/23</p>	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: 22/01308/HOUSE Demolition of existing Conservatory. Installation of external door and window. School House High Street Laxton Nottinghamshire NG22 0NX - Noted</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None</p> <p>c. Compliance: No matters raised.</p>	
<p>LMPC/305/23</p>	<p>Defibrillator inspection report: Mr J Hill to provide his monthly report to the clerk. She will also clarify the battery position with him.</p> <p>The potential obsolescence of the defibrillator was discussed. The clerk reported that internet research indicated that batteries were still available. The possible use of the CIL levy to fund a replacement was considered.</p>	
<p>LMPC/306/23</p>	<p>Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:</p> <p>a. WWI and WWII Remembrance – Permanent memorial: After discussion of a silhouette soldier, councillors agreed that they would prefer to purchase more frequent, smaller tributes. This year the clerk will order 20 lamp post poppies to supplement those remaining from previous years.</p> <p>b. Bar Farmhouse: Update at LMPC/302/23 (Reports from councillors) above.</p> <p>c. Parish roads and pavements, including Moorhouse village sign: Update at LMPC/302/23 (Reports from councillors) above. The clerk will report the condition of the Moorhouse sign.</p> <p>d. Bench for Moorhouse: Location still under consideration.</p> <p>e. Use of telephone kiosk: Councillors discussed using the kiosk as a village information base to be used for information such as bus flyers and warm homes by prescription leaflets. It was noted that this would require management to be kept up to date.</p> <p>f. Flood resilience: Mr Sheard reported that he had met with the NCC flood office whose main remit was road closure schemes. The officer had advised that Laxton would be eligible for warning signs or road closures. Councillors noted that road closure schemes were intended to stop traffic driving through flood water and creating washes which add to the damage to properties in the flooded area. Volunteers would be required to put out signs on Via's behalf. Training would be provided by Via. Councillors discussed how best to proceed and decided to set up a working party with Mr Sheard, Mr Hennell and any other</p>	

	<p>interested councillors as members. Interested councillors will let the clerk know that they would like to join.</p> <p>The first issue identified was drainage. Mr Sheard will collate the photos of problem areas held by a number of sources. This will inform the working party's planning. There was discussion of a source of advice for Thoresby Estate on the strategies for taking advantage of the natural environment to add to and enhance flood resilience.</p> <p>g. Housing, Planning (including neighbourhood plan) and Facilities: There was discussion of a neighbourhood plan in principle with councillors noting that any plan must, in any event, be aligned with national and NSDC's planning policies. Councillors recognised the importance of considering planning applications in advance. Going forward, the clerk will include the link to the relevant application page on the NSDC website.</p>	<p>Cllrs Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
LMPC/307/23	<p>a. Financial position as at 31 August 2023: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 August 2023 (incorporating the 2023-24 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 eight payments totalling £745.08. As it had still not yet been possible to change signatories, councillors authorised Mr Manning to sign the cheque to the clerk.</p> <p>c. Review fixed assets: Subject to the Sports Pavilion, the 2023 schedule was noted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
LMPC/308/23	Service faults: None reported	
LMPC/309/23	Correspondence: <i>Item 15 e – NALC - D Day 80th anniversary –</i> Councillors agreed to discuss a beacon at the January 2024 meeting.	Agenda Jan 24
LMPC/310/23	<p>5 minutes public speaking time: Councillors discussed planning for a Christmas 2024 event and decided to set up a Christmas 2024 working party with Mrs Moorhouse, Mr Sheard, Mrs Creighton and Mr Hennell as members. The working party was authorised to plan and deliver the event on the parish council's behalf with assistance from other parishioners, subject to approval of the plans at the November 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Councillors agreed a provisional date of Sunday 3 December 2023 provided it was convenient to the Dovecote. After discussion of previous years' events and the parish council's existing seasonal equipment, the working party was authorised to incur expenditure up to:</p> <p>a. £400 plus VAT on the choir, band, refreshments and incidental expenditure such as carol sheets, decorations and refreshments for the choir and band</p> <p>b. £300 plus VAT on PAST testing the Christmas lights and any required external grade extension cabling.</p> <p>Christmas event to be a standing item on future July and November agenda.</p>	<p>Agenda Nov</p> <p>Standing agenda July/Nov</p>
LMPC/311/23	Agenda items for next meeting: See above.	
LMPC/312/22	Date of next meeting: 7.30 pm Tuesday 28 November 2023 at Laxton Visitor Centre	

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm