

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at Laxton Village Hall, Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

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LMPC/62/24	Election of Officers: The following were elected : (a) Chair – Mr S Hill (unanimous having been proposed and seconded) (b) Vice-Chair – Mr J Hill (unanimous having been proposed and seconded). (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/63/24	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mrs Creighton and Mrs Michael.	
LMPC/64/24	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/65/24	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/66/24	10 Minutes public speaking: No public present.	
LMPC/67/24	Thoresby Estate report (if any): No report.	
LMPC/68/24	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 21 March and 23 April 2024: The minutes of the parish council meetings held on 21 March and 23 April 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/69/24	Matters arising: <i>LMPC/53/24 – Reports from councillors</i> – Mr Sheard reported that a reply from the Internal Drainage Board is awaited.	
LMPC/70/24	Reports from district and county councillors: None present	
LMPC/71/24	Reports from councillors: It was reported that the hedge at Smithy Farm remained overgrown. The clerk confirmed that she had written to the proprietor drawing attention to the overgrowth and requesting that the hedge be cut back. It was also noted that there was overgrowth obstructing the Moorhouse Road pavement in the	

	direction of Marlow farm. The clerk will contact NCC. There was also discussion of the ongoing issue of potholes in the locality.	Clerk
LMPC/72/24	Property matters including sports field, lease and pavilion and Glebe Field matters (if any): Councillors discussed the sports field. The clerk will submit a formal request for the Thoresby Estate's consent to the council, as tenant, sub-letting the field to the Sports Field Committee. The clerk confirmed that the Pavilion is now insured in the council's name. She also confirmed that she had passed Mr Rose's specific enquiries on to the insurers and would share the reply when received.	Clerk Clerk
LMPC/73/24	Planning matters: a. Applications: None. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: Councillors noted the approval of 24/00206/FUL - Installation of 36 Panel Ground mounted Solar System. The Holdings Moorhouse Road Moorhouse Newark On Trent NG23 6LU received after the agenda had been circulated. c. Great North Road Solar Park – Consultation and update – Mr Sheard presented an analysis of the 93 survey responses received from Laxton & Moorhouse parish residents. These were as follows: 63 opposed 5 in favour 9 undecided 6 incomplete Councillors noted again that there was an opportunity to visit a working solar farm. d. Compliance: No matters raised.	
LMPC/74/24	Parish council use of social media: a. Approve and adopt Code of Practice: Councillors noted that the clerk had only just received the sample Code of Practice in an editable format. b. Progress update: The clerk reported that a Facebook page had been set up but that Facebook's settings require a restriction on public comment to be set separately for each individual post and do not permit an absolute bar on any comments, anyone referenced in a post being allowed to comment. Councillors recognised that the absence of complete control over third party comments represented a previously unanticipated risk which would require management. The clerk will revise the draft code of practice for the next meeting. Councillors nominated to publish posts will also be agreed at the next meeting.	Clerk Agenda
LMPC/75/24	Defibrillator: a. Inspection report: Mr J Hill confirmed that the defibrillator had been inspected and there were no issues. b. Replacement: The clerk will research the cost of a new defibrillator. It was noted that, if the parish council purchases its own, there will be no formal restriction on it remaining inside the Visitor Centre.	
LMPC/76/24	Flood resilience working party – Reports and associated decisions: Discussed in detail at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting attended by Ross Marshall, Principal Officer, NCC Flood Risk Management. Councillors discussed the natural flood management measures which would be of benefit to Laxton and the desirability of identifying and clearing drain blockages. As had been made clear at the Annual Parish Meeting, the latter would involve a cost which NCC would not support	

	because the parish was not high priority in comparison with the flooding which had occurred elsewhere in the county. Councillors asked the clerk to contact the new Mayor, Claire Ward, to request financial support from her for this historic village in the county.	Clerk
LMPC/77/24	<p>Parish environment and appearance, including:</p> <p>a. Date for 2025 litter pick: After discussion, councillors agreed that the event should take place on the second Sunday in March each year. The 2025 date would therefore be 9 March 2025. The merits of the parish council owning its own litter picking equipment were discussed with councillors noting that this would bring storage requirements. The possibility of Mrs Michale helping with their acquisition was discussed.</p> <p>b. Parish roads and pavements: Discussed at LMPC/71/24 (Reports from councillors) above and at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>c. New dog bins: Councillors discussed and clarified the additional fixings required for the new dog bins> the clerk will place the order for two bins and appropriate fixings.</p>	
LMPC/78/24	<p>Financial matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 31 March 2024: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 March 2024 (incorporating the 2023-24 budget figures).</p> <p>b. Financial position as at 30 April 2024: : Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2024 (incorporating the 2024-25 budget figures).</p> <p>c. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved four payments totalling £566.68.</p> <p>a. Review and approve 2024 risk assessment: Councillors reviewed and discussed the 2024 risk assessment. The risk assessment was approved but will be further reviewed when the insurers have replied to the enquiries raised by Mr Rose. Councillors decided that arrangements for a bench inspection should be considered at the July 2024 meeting. There was also discussion of the need for a formal complaints policy.</p> <p>b. Community Infrastructure Levy - £1,178.89 – Proposals for use: It was noted that the levy could be used to fund a defibrillator.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Agenda - July</p>
LMPC/79/24	Service faults: The clerk will report the faulty streetlight outside Bottom Farm on receipt of the lamp number from Mr Rose. Mr Sheard had reported a leaking valve which had been repaired. The clerk will report the flashing lamp at the corner of Lexington Court to NCHA.	Clerk SR/ Clerk Clerk
LMPC/80/24	Correspondence: <i>NSDC - Planning Scheme of Delegation to Officers and Protocol for Planning Committee</i> – The clerk summarised the changes and explained that the time limits were fixed by reference to the weekly lists which therefore needed to be monitored and the district councillor alerted to any applications which might be controversial and need to be called in. All other items of correspondence noted.	
LMPC/81/24	<p>5 minutes public speaking time: No public present. There was discussion of:</p> <p>a. A D Day celebration. It was agreed that, the anniversary being 6 June 2024, there was insufficient time to plan or publicise an event.</p> <p>b. The footpath near Bar Farmhouse where the view to the crossroads is obscured by overgrowth. Mr S Hill will obtain more details.</p>	

LMPC/82/24	Agenda items for next meeting: See above together with mowing of verges.	
LMPC/83/22	Date of next meeting: a. Annual financial matters – 7.30 pm Thursday 18 June 2024 at Laxton Visitor Centre b. 7.30 pm Tuesday 23 July 2024 at Moorhouse Church	

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm