

## **LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.00 pm on Tuesday 25 March 2025 at Laxton Visitor Centre, Laxton, Nottinghamshire**

**Present:** Councillors:

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

**In attendance at parish council meeting**

C. Wilson (Clerk)  
S. Michael (District councillor)  
Member of the public (x1) (from 7.25 pm)

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>LMPC/22/25</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Mr Pringle's apologies were noted.	
<b>LMPC/13/25</b>	<b>Review of Registers of Interest:</b> The clerk will circulate electronic copies of councillors' current registers for the purpose of annual review following new guidance received from NSDC. Councillors will review and confirm whether there have been any changes individually.	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Cllrs</b>
<b>LMPC/24/25</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
<b>LMPC/25/25</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> None required.	
<b>LMPC/26/25</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking:</b> No public present.	
<b>LMPC/27/25</b>	<b>Thoresby Estate report (if any):</b> No report. The clerk will contact Mr Pierrepont with details of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/28/25</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 January 2025:</b> The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 28 January 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
<b>LMPC/29/24</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b> <i>LMPC/09/25 – Reports from councillors</i> – Mr Sheard outlined the purpose of his envisaged aims and objectives. Councillors noted that his intention was to provide a measure against which decisions could be taken. Councillors will consider the idea which will be a formal agenda item for the May 2025 meeting.  There were no other matters arising.	<b>Cllrs</b> <b>Agenda</b> <b>May 25</b>
<b>LMPC/30/25</b>	<b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> Mr Pringle was absent. In her report, Mrs Michael referred to the following in particular: 1. Changes in the political make up and balance of NSDC councillors had had an adverse impact on the efficiency of decision making	

	<p>2. Proposed increases in council tax and council house rents had been reduced.</p> <p>3. Issues raised by the local government re-organisation and interim arrangements during the changeover to the new unitary councils.</p> <p>A member of the public arrived at 7.25 pm.</p>	
<b>LMPC/31/25</b>	<b>Reports from councillors:</b> There were no reports.	
<b>LMPC/32/25</b>	<p><b>Annual Parish Meeting 2025 – Arrangements:</b> Councillors <b>decided</b> to hold the:</p> <p>a. Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 27 May 2025</p> <p>b. Parish Council annual meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27 May 2025.</p> <p>The clerk will invite a representative from NCC Highways to the Annual Parish Meeting. She will also book the village hall.</p> <p>Councillors discussed ways of increasing engagement with the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	<b>Clerk Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/33/25</b>	<p><b>Property matters including sports field, condition report and Glebe Field matters including extension of licence for a further three years:</b> Having considered the matter, councillors unanimously <b>decided</b> to extend the licence of Glebe Field for three years to end on 31 December 2027 at an increased rent of £20 per annum. The Thoresby Charitable Trust’s decision on the funding application was still awaited.</p> <p>There was discussion of responsibility for the trees in Glebe Field. The clerk will check the licence terms and confirm the position. Councillors discussed the parish council’s boundary obligations and <b>approved</b> a proposal by the licensees to erect a stock proof fence on the Chapel footpath side.</p> <p>The chair and Mr Rose will undertake an inspection of the sports field and pavilion.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Chair/ SR</b></p>
<b>LMPC/34/25</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Applications:</b> None. A resident’s enquiry with regard to the location of the telephone box in Moorhouse was discussed. As a county council matter, the resident was directed to NCC Highways and Mr Pringle.</p> <p>b. <b>To note planning decisions by NSDC:</b> None.</p> <p>c. <b>Great North Road Solar Park – Update and consider contribution to planning consultant report to be commissioned by the local Joint Parish Council Action Group (JPAG):</b> The chair will attend the next JPAG meeting on 31 March 2025. Councillors discussed GNR Solar’s quarterly natural flood management update. The clerk will contact GNR Solar to ask that the parish council be included in those already included for identification by Trent Rivers Trust and GNR Solar’s hydrologists of the most effective flood mitigation strategies.</p> <p>d. <b>Compliance:</b> Councillors noted that, although NSDC regards the fence at Croftways as a breach of planning controls, the breach does not meet its criteria for enforcement action.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/35/25</b>	<p><b>Defibrillator:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Inspection report:</b> Mr J Hill replace the expired pads and confirmed that there were no issues with the defibrillator.</p> <p>b. <b>Replacement defibrillator and implications of listed status</b></p>	<b>Clerk</b>

	<p><b>of Laxton telephone kiosk:</b> Councillors noted that the kiosk had been listed on 14 December 2010. They <b>agreed</b> that the clerk should apply for permission to install a defibrillator.</p> <p><b>c. Dates and venue for community first aid training:</b> Councillors <b>agreed</b> that the best day for a training event was Tuesday. Given the value of training to the whole community, councillors also <b>agreed</b> that the parish council should fund the hire of the village hall as the venue.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>LMPC/36/25</b>	<p><b>Flood resilience working party – Report and any associated decisions:</b> Councillors discussed ditch maintenance responsibilities with particular reference to the verge from Corner farm to Brockilow Hill on the right hand side exiting the village. The clerk will contact NCC Highways to establish whether the land is in NCC's ownership.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>LMPC/37/25</b>	<p><b>Parish environment and appearance, including:</b></p> <p><b>a. Parish roads and pavements:</b> The Moorhouse Road pavement from Bottom Farm to Moorgate Farm had still to be cleared. The clerk will chase NCC. She will also report that the footpath up the side of Twitchell Farm to the churchyard was overgrown, muddy and slippery.</p> <p>It was also noted that a hawthorn was blocking visibility at Kneesall crossroads. Mr Rose will send photos to the clerk. Mr Rose will install two brackets to repair damage to the bench by the phone box. It was noted that the bench remains safe in the meantime.</p> <p>Mr Sheard reported that the litter pack had filled twenty bin bags. The litter collected included two tyres and a deep fat fryer.</p> <p><b>b. WWI and WWII remembrance memorial on the Green:</b> The clerk had twice contacted ATTFE to ask if their students would make a community memorial as a project but had yet to receive a response. There was discussion of a VE Day event. Councillors noted that there was a likelihood of NSDC funding. After discussion, councillors <b>decided</b> that the parish council would support an event organised by WI or via the coffee morning if NSDC funding was available. They regretted that council's finances at this time precluded parish council funding otherwise.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>SR</b></p> <p><b>SR</b></p>
<b>LMPC/38/25</b>	<p><b>Financial matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Financial position as at 28 February 2025:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2025 (incorporating the 2024-25 budget figures) which the chair cross referred to the bank statements. They noted that Mr Sheard had received a £20 refund from the expenditure funded by the Thoresby Estate grant.</p> <p><b>b. 2025-26 dog bin contract:</b> Councillors approved the 2025-26 NSDC dog bin contract and <b>authorised</b> the clerk to accept the contract on the council's behalf.</p> <p><b>c. Accounts for payment:</b> Councillors unanimously <b>approved</b> eleven payments totalling £1,418.07. Councillors noted that the Dovecote was unable to pay cheques into its bank account. After discussion, they <b>agreed</b> that the payment for the 2023 Christmas lights switch on should be made to Sophie Harrison t/a The Dovecote Inn and a receipt obtained from the pub.</p> <p>The clerk updated councillors with regard to developments in relation to the change of signatories and the complaint made regarding conflicting HSBC communications which had made it impossible to clear security. She is visiting the branch later in the week to try to resolve the matter.</p> <p><b>d. Appointment of internal auditor:</b> Mr Hill had followed up with the prospective appointee.</p> <p><b>e. Review 2025-26 risk assessment:</b> Councillors considered and</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<b>approved</b> the draft 2025-26 risk assessment.	
<b>LMPC/39/25</b>	<b>Service faults:</b> None reported	
<b>LMPC/40/25</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> <i>Item a – RCAN invitation to join Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust at no cost</i> - Councillors <b>decided</b> that the parish council should become a member. <i>Item c – National Grid – North Humber to High Marnham: Notification of statutory consultation launch</i> - The clerk will re-circulate. All other items of correspondence noted.	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/41/25</b>	<b>5 minutes public speaking time:</b> Concern was raised regarding damage resulting from the poor drainage from the dyke from Church Farm to Moorhouse Corner. There was also discussion of the speed limit through Moorhouse where there had recently been a fatality. The clerk will follow up with Mr Pringle. She will also send the chair a draft petition for a reduction. It was also noted that work is underway with Trent Rivers Trust to install a water reduction scheme and with the Internal Drainage Board opposite The Brecks. It was reported that a feasibility study is being undertaken into a merger of the Visitor Centre and Village Hall.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>LMPC/42/25</b>	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> Parish council aims and objectives Litter bin for sports field 30 mph speed limit for Moorhouse	
<b>LMPC/43/25</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 7.30 pm Tuesday 27 May 2025 at the Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm