

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.30 pm on Tuesday 21 March 2024 at Laxton Visitor Centre Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)
S. Michael (District councillor)
Member of the public (x4)

		ACTION
LMPC/22/24	Apologies for absence: There were no absences. Mr Pringle had sent apologies. Mrs Creighton had been unavoidably delayed.	
LMPC/23/24	Declarations of interest: Mr Sheard and Mr Rose declared interests in item 13 a i (Planning – Applications - 23/02107/OUT). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/24/24	Dispensations: None required. Mrs Creighton arrived during this item.	
LMPC/25/24	<p>10 Minutes public speaking: It was reported that Mr Pringle and the Via officer had walked the whole of Laxton during which specific examples of the poor state of the roads had been drawn to their attention. Both had agreed that the condition of the roads was poor. Councillors encouraged residents to report all defects to NCC or the clerk. It was suggested that the Open Field include a link to the NCC report a fault page.</p> <p>Mrs Michael referred to the financial strain on NCC because of the high level of expenditure on child and adult social care. She also confirmed that Bar Farm is being proactively addressed by NSDC enforcement.</p> <p>Members of the public addressed councillors in relation to item 13 a I on the agenda (Planning – Applications - 23/02107/OUT) and referred to the following issues in particular arising out of the application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Poor visibility for access and egress b. The condition of the road c. Flood risk connected with an evident watercourse within 20 metres of the site d. The application states that the development will connect into the mains but there is no ability to connect at that end of Toad Lane e. The adjacent farm is a working farm with grain drying facilities which make a noise which could not be restricted for adjacent residents f. An old map shows a watercourse marked "trough" in the vicinity of the site. <p>Councillors noted the concerns raised in particular the absence of safe</p>	

	pedestrian access and pavement.	
LMPC/26/24	Thoresby Estate report (if any): Mrs Moorhouse reported that work has commenced on Ide Farm. The Estate had nothing further to report.	
LMPC/27/24	Flooding – NCC presentation and Q&A: It was decided that this would be deferred to the May meeting. Councillors will let Mr Sheard know the matters which they would like the NCC flood officer to cover	
LMPC/28/24	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 23 January 2023: The minutes of the parish council meetings held on 23 January 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
LMPC/29/24	Matters arising: <i>Item LMPC/5/24 – Thoresby Estate report</i> – Mr Rose reported that the meeting in relation to the Visitor Centre had taken place and that a letter of approval and a feasibility study are awaited. There were no other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.	
LMPC/30/24	Reports from district and county councillors: Mrs Michael reported as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NSDC glass recycling collections have begun b. Residents of the ROB area need to opt in to the NSDC scheme if they would like to participate c. Council tax is to increase by 2.99%. Efforts to keep the increase to 1.96% were overruled because of lack of numbers. d. NSDC is providing an additional £95,000 for arts in the community. Again, there were insufficient numbers to defeat the proposal. e. She had spoken with ROB who would collect from Moorhouse provided at least six properties wanted to participate. 	
LMPC/33/24	Reports from councillors: Mr S Hill reported that the next SNG meeting is on 18 April 2024. He is unable to attend but Mrs Michael will be able to raise any issues of concern. Mr Sheard has organised a litter pick for 14 April 2024. Mr Hennell will let the Young Farmers know. The pick will commence with safety briefing at 10.30 am at the Visitor Centre. There will be no refreshments this time.	
LMPC/34/24	Annual Parish Meeting 2024 – Arrangements: Councillors decided to hold the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 28 May 2024 b. Parish Council annual meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 May 2024. Mrs Creighton gave her apologies in advance.	
LMPC/35/24	Property matters including sports field, lease and pavilion and Glebe Field matters (if any): The clerk reported that the Glebe field rent had been paid. Mr J Hill will look at the new hedge which it was reported is leaning a little where it was laid. He will also attend to the fence. The clerk reported that her research had identified a number of issues which dated from over ten years ago, were complex and required discussion. Having considered the matter, councillors decided to hold an on line meeting to allow sufficient time to discuss the outcome of the clerk’s research and view the various documents she had collated. In the meantime, they noted the clerk’s advice that they insure the pavilion and, in view of the importance of doing so quickly,	

	authorised her to take out insurance up to a maximum premium in the sum of £500.	
LMPC/36/24	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications:</p> <p>i. 23/02107/OUT - New dwelling (access reserved) - Toad Lane, Laxton – Mr Rose and Mrs Creighton declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting. Councillors discussed the application and decided unanimously to object on the following grounds:</p> <p>aa.The development would pose a road safety danger to vehicles and pedestrians</p> <p>bb.The immediate area already suffers from high water levels and standing water leading to a flood risk</p> <p>cc. Loss of privacy for neighbouring properties</p> <p>dd.Contrary to the application, the adjoining farm is an active working farm</p> <p>ee.The application states that the proposal is not within 20m of a watercourse. However, there is evidence that this is not correct and that the development is within 20m of a watercourse. The existence or otherwise of a watercourse must be established.</p> <p>ii. 23/02039/FUL Remove the existing roof structure and replace the damaged rafters and wallplates and replace concrete footings under the load bearing wall - Church Farm High Street Laxton NG22 ONX: Councillors discussed the application and unanimously agreed that they had no objection to the proposal although they queried the accuracy of the address.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 23/02143/LDCP – Certificate of lawful use or development (Proposal) – Toad Lane, Laxton: Approval noted.</p> <p>c. Great North Road Solar Park – Consultation and update – Councillors had taken on board the JPAG questionnaire which had been distributed to the parish. They will analyse the results once available. The clerk will publish a post on the website encouraging residents to participate. Councillors unanimously appointed Mr Sheard and Mr J Hill to represent the council at future JPAG meetings.</p> <p>d. Compliance: No matters raised.</p>	Clerk
LMPC/37/24	Parish council use of social media: Deferred to an additional meeting to be called in April 2024 because of the volume of important matters to be considered at this time.	Agenda Apr 24
LMPC/38/24	<p>Defibrillator:</p> <p>a. Inspection report: Mr J Hill reported that, there were no issues and the new batteries were with the defibrillator and would be installed.</p> <p>b. Replacement: The clerk reported that funding applications had been made and the outcomes were awaited. It was noted that the CIL levy was available to fund any costs.</p>	JH
LMPC/39/24	<p>Flood resilience working party – Reports and associated decisions: Mr Sheard reported that flooding issues had ben considered as part of the village walk round with Mr Pringle and Via. Much of the issue was attributed to water coming off the land. Eel Lane, Toad Lane and Brockilow Hill were noted as areas which are particularly affected.</p> <p>It was agreed that these could be addressed by the flood officer at the Annual Parish Meeting together with flooding issues at Moorhouse.</p>	Flood officer

<p>LMPC/40/24</p>	<p>Parish environment and appearance, including:</p> <p>a. Parish roads and pavements: Discussed at LMPC/25/24 (10 minutes public speaking). It was noted that the hedge at Smith Farm is overgrowing the pavement. Mrs Moorhouse will let then clerk have Mr Reynolds’s contact details at the Thoresby Estate office and the clerk will let the Estate know.</p> <p>b. Bench for Moorhouse: The bench has been installed.</p> <p>c. 2024-25 dog bin contract: Councillors considered the contract and authorised the clerk to enter into the agreement on the council’s behalf. Councillors discussed the number of dog bins and agreed that they would like two more bins for Eel Lane and South Field. They asked the clerk to request a contribution from Mr Pringle.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>LMPC/41/24</p>	<p>a. Financial position as at 29 February 2024: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 29 February 2024 (incorporating the 2023-24 budget figures).</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved eight payments totalling £2165.81.</p> <p>c. Community Infrastructure Levy - £1,178.89 – Proposals for use: See LMPC/38/24 (Defibrillator – Replacement).</p>	
<p>LMPC/42/24</p>	<p>Service faults: None reported.</p>	
<p>LMPC/43/24</p>	<p>Correspondence: Councillors noted under item 20a that an alternative site had been located. All other items of correspondence noted.</p>	
<p>LMPC/44/24</p>	<p>5 minutes public speaking time: There was discussion of the sports field and pavilion and need for the circumstances in which it was constructed to be established and understood.</p> <p>Mr Sheard will find out about how the solar farm survey response rate is being monitored.</p> <p>There was discussion of using the village hall as a parish council meeting venue. Councillors decided to defer this for discussion at the May 2024 meeting.</p> <p>The members of the public in attendance left the meeting.</p>	
<p>LMPC/45/23</p>	<p>Agenda items for next meeting: See above</p>	
<p>LMPC/46/22</p>	<p>Date of next meeting: 7.30 pm Monday 22 April 2024 at Laxton Visitor Centre.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm