

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

A meeting of Laxton, and Moorhouse Parish Council was held in Laxton Visitors Centre on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 at 7.30pm.

Attendees

1. Mr M Manning(Vice-Chairman), Mr K Shepherd(Clerk), Mr D Brown, Mr R Hennell, Mr J Hill, Mr S Hill, Mr M Hennell.

Also Present District Councillor Mrs S Michaels and one Parishioner

Apologies were received from Mr J V Godson (Chairman) and County Councillor B Laughton.

Due to the absence of MR J V Godson Mr M Manning chaired the meeting

Parishioners Time (10 Minutes Set Aside Prior To The Meeting For Parishioners to Raise Any Items)

1. The Parishioner asked about some previous planning applications that appeared not to have been reviewed by the Parish Council prior to permission being granted. Mr M Manning asked the Parishioner if the matter could be discussed later as planning applications was on the meeting agenda, this was agreed.

As there were no more questions Mr M Manning opened the council meeting.

Previous Minutes

1. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on 27th January 2016 and an emergency meeting regarding the Parish Council accounts external auditors on the 23rd February 2016 were distributed to councillors and were accepted as correct.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

1. The clerk informed the meeting of the actual hours he had worked over the last two months, as he was asked to do this at the last meeting as a query had been raised regarding his hours after the running of the public toilets was no longer done by the council. The average hours worked over the last eight weeks were 3.5 hours per week and this was not counting telephone calls. The matter is to be discussed further at the next meeting as the Clerks pay is based on an average of 2.5 hours per week

Accounts

1. A bill for the new perspex for Moorhouse Notice Board had received and it was agreed to pay the £38.11p.
2. The current account stands at £4570.21 and the deposit account stands at £1125.06.

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Correspondence

1. A letter regarding the Code of Conduct of Parish Council towards its employees had been received and was read out to the Councillors. Dist. Cllr Mrs S Michaels said the Parish Council only has to follow existing rules. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting
2. An email regarding the bus service had been received but the matter was on the agenda so it was left until this matter was discussed
3. An email has been received from the Nottinghamshire Police regarding a new text alert service for people in rural areas informing them of recent incidents; advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime, what's being done to tackle rural crime etc. This is a free service and is available by logging on to the website and following the directions. Please see the below link:
<http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/alert>
4. An email regarding Recycling Centre Service Changes had been received; in the future all vehicles using the service must be registered with the county council which can be done on-line or by telephone to the Customer Service Centre (see details below). Two vehicles can be registered at any one address. The service starts on 1st April 2016 but a certain amount of leniency may be tolerated up to the 1st September 2016 when vehicles will be turned away. An article is also to be placed in the Open Field magazine to explain the new arrangement and how to register your cars
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling-centres/using-our-recycling-centres/register> or **0300 500 80 80**
5. Further correspondence has been sent by the District Council informing all residents of the new Garden Waste collection service which for a small fee per year is available.
6. The Citizen Advice had sent a letter asking for a donation, this matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Planning

1. It was reported that some planning applications in the Parish over the last 10 months had not been discussed by the Parish Council, the Clerk informed the meeting that on the two occasions that have been raised he had not received the plans that had reportedly been sent out. A further discussion took place and it was decided to ask for plans to be sent via E-mail for a trial period.

Defibrillator

1. Mr M Manning informed the meeting that the Sportsfield Committee had recently discussed with members of the Shepherd family about funds from part of Stuarts memorial football match and the Sports Field committee to provide a defibrillator for the village and would the Parish Council help with the purchase, it would require a donation of about £350. The council said in principal they would not be against this project.

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District and County Councils

1. Mr M Manning said he had recently been speaking to Mr C Ward at the County Council and no further progress had been made with regard to the revised bus services
2. A discussion took place about the length of time it took to get street lights repaired. The Clerk said he had been told that they needed three lights out to come to repair, he said there were now three lights out and he would again contact the county council after the Easter weekend.

Matters for Future Discussion

1. It was decided to put the Transparency Code on the agenda of the next meeting to ensure all aspects were being covered by the Parish Council. The Clerk felt that the Parish Council fulfilled the conditions as he was always available at reasonable times to meet with the Parishioners to review the accounts, the minutes were always available and financial payments and receipts were published in the minutes and a list of councillors made available on the website and in the magazine. Copies of the Transparency Code would be emailed to the Councillors following the meeting to help the discussion at the next meeting
2. The position of the 30mph sign on Moorhouse Road needs reviewing as it is blocking access to properties
3. Due to the narrowness of the road gateways are being used as turning points on Moorhouse Road and these were getting rougher.
4. There are some broken kerbstones near Kneesall Road corner which have been reported for a while and no action taken.
5. Village Hall re-development progress
6. The lack of Parishioners attending the Parish Council meetings and what can be done to engage with them more to ensure the Parish Council is dealing with issues which are important to them and the local community and not just items the Parish Council believe are important to them. Mrs S Michaels suggested that we invite other groups such as the W.I., Sports Field etc.

There being no further matters Mr M Manning closed the meeting at 9.20pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is arranged for 25th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Visitors Centre subject to no urgent matters arising sooner.

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