

# Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

A meeting of Laxton and Moorhouse Parish Council was held in Laxton Visitors Centre on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm.

## Attendees

1. Mr J V Godson(Chairman), Mr M Manning(Vice-Chairman), Mr K Shepherd(Clerk), Mr R Hennell, Mr J Hill, Mr S Hill, Mr M Hennell.  
Also Present County Councillor B Laughton and District Councillor Mrs S Michaels  
Mr D Brown was absent.

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

1. No items were raised at this point

## Previous Minutes

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were read and signed as correct.

## Matters arising from the previous minutes

1. It was confirmed that the clerk was paid two and a half hours per week. To assess if this is a true reflection of the hours worked by the Clerk it was requested that the Clerk should keep a log of the hours actually worked over a four week period for review at the next meeting.

## Correspondence

1. The Clerk had received a copy of Council News 2015 intended for Councillors He will forward to all following the meeting.

## Accounts

1. The Clerk confirmed the following accounts had been paid. The painting of the Moorhouse phone box Mr Cuddy £119.40, Parish Council insurance Zurich Insurance £244.88, Severn Trent Water for the Sports Field £333.13
2. Accounts to be paid. SLCC £65, Severn Trent for the balance of Water Rates up to 31/7/15 for the Toilets (£64.11), This will be the last payment for the toilets by the Parish Council as these have now been taken over by the Visitors Centre from 1/8/15.

## Moorhouse Notice Board

1. It has been reported that the Perspex in the doors of Moorhouse notice board had become scratched and needed to be replaced. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the Perspex to be replaced.

## Planning

1. It was reported to the meeting that there are some builder's works being carried out at Sunnyside Cottage, Moorhouse and Dist. Cllr S Michaels was to ask if this needed planning permission and if so why had the parish council not been informed. Dist. Cllr S Michaels will look into this and report back at the next meeting

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## District and County Councils

1. The emergency winter stores were to be moved from Holme Farm, Laxton to Moorhouse, Mr S Hill & Mr J Hill have agreed to arrange this. The parish Council would like to thank Mrs K Critchley for storing these supplies
2. No further information about the proposed bus service has yet been received to date although Mr M. Manning has e-mailed Chris Ward twice for the information to be sent.
3. County Councillor B Laughton confirmed there will be boundary changes made by the County Council by May 2017, Laxton & Moorhouse will now be joined to Ollerton. The Parish Council had objected to this proposal but their objections were overruled
4. All residents should by now have received letters informing them about the new garden waste collection being introduced and how they can apply for this if they would like to use the service. Notices regarding this have been placed in the notice boards in Laxton & Moorhouse
5. County Councillor B Laughton reported talks are being carried out for the amalgamation of the three local police authorities. Residents will be informed when any decisions are made.
6. It was reported that the 30mph sign on Moorhouse Road, Laxton had been knocked over. The Clerk confirmed he would report this to NCC
7. The Clerk tabled a copy of the Council News which is issued by NALC, a copy of this is to be distributed to the Parish Council
8. There have been several reports of people not keeping to footpaths and of Dog fouling, of particular concern as we are in the Lambing season. If anyone sees this please report it to County Council, District Council or the Parish Council and Mr Manning will place an article in next months Open Field AGAIN!!!

## Toilets

1. The Parish Council will make the final payment to Severn Trent and as previously stated the toilets are now managed by the Visitors Centre

## Village Seats & Moorhouse Phone Box

1. The phone box at Moorhouse has now been painted and the seats have been stained

## Matters for Future Discussion

1. No items were raised at this point

There being no further matters Mr J V Godson closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for their attendance,

## Next Meeting

Next meeting is arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Visitors Centre subject to no urgent matters arising sooner.

# **Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council**

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