

LAXTON AND MOORHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7.00 pm on Tuesday 31 March 2026 Laxton Visitor Centre, Laxton, Nottinghamshire

Present: Councillors:

S. Rose
A. Moorhouse
R. Allarton (Meeting chair in Mr S Hill and Mr J Hill's absence)
R. Creighton

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)
D. Clark (County councillor)
Member of the public (x1)

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LMPC/21/26	Apologies for absence: Mr S Hill, Mr J Hill and Mr Hennell's apologies were received and accepted. There were no other parish councillor absences. Mrs Michael's apologies were also noted. In the chair and vice chair's absence, Mr Allarton was unanimously appointed chair of the meeting.	
LMPC/22/26	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
LMPC/23/26	Dispensations: None required.	
LMPC/24/26	10 Minutes public speaking: Nothing raised..	
LMPC/25/26	Thoresby Estate report (if any): No report.	
LMPC/26/26	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 January 2026: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27 January 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair subject to the amendment of minute LMPC/15/26 f to remove the words, "subject to Mr Goldsborough inspecting the Rufford Lane noticeboard and Mr Pearce the Bilsthorpe noticeboard, with all inspections to be quarterly rather than monthly" which had been included in error.	
LMPC/27/26	Matters arising: <i>LMPC/18/26 – 10 minutes public speaking</i> – It was reported that at least twenty people had attended the recent litter pick on 22 March 2026 and that they had collected around thirty five bags of rubbish. There were no other matters arising.	
LMPC/28/26	Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Clark reported that: a. The potholes between Kirton and Laxton had now been properly patched b. Mr Clark is following up on the other roads in the parish which were in a poor condition c. The large pothole on the way to Kneesall where the cattle cross has been patched temporarily and will be more permanently repaired once conditions were drier	

	d. Listed all the roads in the wider area being repaired or to be repaired imminently e. The length of High Street is in his list of top three priority roads for repair He urged councillors and the public to self-report all potholes or to email him with details. He also thanked residents for their patience in relation to the Main Street road surface which he assured councillors will be repaired within the next six months. Councillors requested an update in relation to the petition for a 30 mph speed limit through Moorhouse. Councillors noted that: i. The petition had been presented, taken forward and approved ii. Following its referral to officers, Mr Clark had received a list of options with the matter going to consultation iii. Mr Clark was supporting the proposed reduction iv. A speed limit reduction to 40 mph between Kirton and Laxton is ongoing and no petition is required. The 30 mph speed limit for Moorhouse was the subject of further comment by Mr Clark later in the meeting (see LMPC/38/26).	
LMPC/29/26	Reports from councillors: There were no reports.	
RPC/30/26	2026 Annual parish meeting - Arrangements: Councillors decided to hold the: a. Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 26 May 2026 b. Parish Council annual meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 May 2026. The clerk will invite Mr Pierrepont and a representative from the HS2 East pipeline project.	Clerk
LMPC/31/26	2025-26 changes to Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) - Update on adoption of generic email account hosted on an authority owned domain and councillor email addresses hosted on an authority owned domain: The clerk reported that laxtonmoorhouseparishcouncil.gov.uk was the parish council's new domain name with the new parish council email active and in use. She will share the log in details for the new email addresses for individual councillors separately.	Clerk
LMPC/32/26	Property matters a. Sports field, lease, pavilion (including maintenance update) and new litter bin: The clerk will contact Mr S Hill, the chair, for an update on the discussions were underway with the Sports Field Committee members regarding maintenance of the pavilion. She will also contact Helen Pick, the Committee's treasurer regarding reimbursement of the rent. Councillors noted that Ringrose Law had advised that registration at HM Land Registry would be necessary and had asked for further information regarding the lease documentation. The clerk will ask the NSDC officer to telephone Mr Rose regarding the proposed new litter bin. b. Glebe Field: Councillors will await Mr J Hill's report on his inspection of the tree.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
LMPC/33/26	Planning matters: a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None c. Great North Road Solar Park – Planning Inspectorate process - Update and any required decisions including JPAG: Mr Allarton updated the meeting as follows:	

	i. The Inspectorate's investigations were continuing with a recent round of questions to which JPAG had submitted a response where appropriate. ii. The consultant's invoice is expected to be less than initially thought. A reimbursement should follow. iii. Following a desktop flood risk modelling assessment, panels at Moorhouse had been moved away from the Beck but residents were concerned that any planting will cause water to back up adding to the risk of flooding in Moorhouse. iv. The Inspectorate will make its recommendation but the final decision rests with the Secretary of State. d. EN0610001 - H2East Pipeline: Humber to Nottinghamshire - EIA Scoping and Consultation and Regulation 11 Notification: It was noted that Cadent describes the pipeline course as mainly underground with six or seven above ground runs although these do not affect a large acreage. Concern was expressed that part of the route appears to run through the open fields which are part of the conservation area. The clerk will contact NSDC conservation team for clarification of the extent of the protection afforded by the conservation designation and any view they may have in the context of the open fields. Cadent representatives will also be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors also noted the content of Jayne Saunders of JPAG's email dated 26 March 2026 regarding JPAG's stance in relation to the proposal. e. Compliance: No issues raised.	Clerk
LMPC/34/26	Defibrillator: a. Inspection report: Awaited from Mr Hennell b. Replacement – update and any necessary funding approval: Councillors thanked the Thoresby Trust for its grant. The clerk will investigate AEDs and make recommendations before the next meeting. She will double check the status of the Moorhouse telephone box and include a defibrillator at Moorhouse on the agenda for the May 2026 meeting. c. Health emergency planning – Working group report: To continue to be carried over until the new defibrillator is available.	MH Clerk Clerk Agenda
LMPC/35/26	Parish environment and appearance, including: a. Parish benches: The chair's pictures of one of the benches are awaited to enable quotes in addition to Mr Rose's to be obtained. Mr Rose reported that the other bench has been removed because it was so unsafe. It was agreed that the plaque on the bench would be retained. A request from a parishioner to fund a replacement memorial bench was welcomed and discussed. Councillors agreed that they were happy to approve in principle. The clerk will share the details of the Moorhouse bench for Mr Rose to pass on to the parishioner with two other suitable alternatives. b. Parish roads and pavements: Discussed at LMPC/28/26 (Reports from district and county councillors) above. Councillors were also pleased to note that the Twitchell and pavement to Moorhouse had both been cleared. c. Flood resilience – Working party report and associated decisions: The clerk will make enquiries of Mrs Michael regarding new flood equipment cabinets. d. Litter pick 2026 - Report: Discussed at LMPC/27/26 (Matters arising)	Clerk Clerk

LMPC/36/26	Financial matters: a. Financial position as at 28 February 2026: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position as at 28 February 2026 (incorporating the 2025-26 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements. b. Approve 2026-27 dog bin emptying contract: 2026-27 dog bin emptying contract with NSDC was unanimously approved . c. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved five payments totalling £668.69.	
LMPC/36/26	Service faults: None reported.	
LMPC/37/26	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted. As regards the issue of dog fouling during the hunt, councillors agreed that, the concerns now being in the hands of the relevant enforcement authority, NSDC, no further action was appropriate.	
LMPC/38/26	5 minutes public speaking time: Mr Clark updated the meeting regarding the 30 mph speed limit in Moorhouse (see minute LMPC/28/26 above) and corrected himself having located the relevant document. The matter is not going to consultation. NCC is following Department of Transport guidance and is carrying out an assessment to determine whether a new speed limit is required. He will keep councillors updated.	
LMPC/39/26	Agenda items for next meeting: See above	
LMPC/40/26	Date of next meeting: Next regular meeting: 7.30 pm Tuesday 26 May 2026 at the Village Hall to follow the Annual Parish Meeting	

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm