

ANNUAL MEETING OF LAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

7:33pm 24 May 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Yarrow (in the Chair), Bray, Moore, and Sweeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Collins and Newton.

Clerk: Alan Bravey

The Assembly met at Victory Hall, Laxton.

69/16 **ELECTION OF CHAIR – Resolved** – That Councillor Yarrow should be appointed Chair of the Parish Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2017. Councillor Yarrow thereupon took the chair of the meeting.

70/16 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – Resolved** – That Councillor Bray should be appointed Vice-Chair of the Parish Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2017.

71/16 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were no declarations.

72/16 **DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** – It was noted that all Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been signed and submitted to the Clerk.

73/16 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 April 2016 should be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

74/16 **APPOINTMENT TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Resolved** – That Councillors Moore, Sweeting and Bray should be appointed to the Personnel Committee.

75/16 **APPOINTMENT TO THE SIXPENNY WOOD FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT MEETING – Resolved** – That Councillor Moore should be appointed to the Sixpenny Wood Farm Community Benefit Meeting.

76/16 **APPOINTMENT TO SALTARSHE AND LAXTON CHARITY – Resolved** - That Councillor Yarrow should be appointed to the Saltmarshe and Laxton Charity and should provide an update report to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

77/16 **APPOINTMENT TO LAXTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE** - It was agreed to defer this appointment to the next Parish Council Meeting.

78/16 **APPOINTMENT TO THE LAXTON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE – Resolved** – That Councillor Sweeting should be appointed to the Laxton Allotments Committee.

79/16 **FUTURE MEETING DATES - Resolved** - That the Parish Council would meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

80/16 **VILLAGE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM REVIEW - Resolved** – (i) That the Parish Council would review the VETS system membership at every Annual Meeting and (ii) that no changes were currently required.

81/16 **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** – There were no updates.

82/16 **CLERK UPDATE** - The Clerk reported that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council had approved the road closure of Front Street, between the junctions of Station Road/Back Street and St Peters Lane/Chapel Street on the 12 June to allow for the Queen's 90th Birthday Street Party. Two road closure signs were required in order for the closure to be legal. East Riding of Yorkshire Council had indicated that the road signs on Cotness Corner would be installed by the end of June. East Riding Council's Dog Wardens had notified the Council that they had been patrolling the village and issued a fine to a resident for allowing dog fouling. The Clerk had met with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to discuss the roll out of superfast broadband in the area. Unfortunately, BT had indicated that it was not viable to provide the necessary infrastructure to allow superfast broadband in Laxton. The meeting discussed a national scheme which may cover a resident's installation costs for wireless or satellite broadband.

Resolved - (i) That the Clerk should attempt to borrow road closure signs but was authorised to spend £100 if necessary, (ii) the notice of dog warden patrols should be included in the next Laxton Village Newsletter and (iii) the Parish Council would discuss broadband provision again when details of the wireless voucher schemes became available.

83/16 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – There were no members of the public present.

84/16 **CORRESPONDENCE - Resolved** – that the following correspondence should be received by the Council:

- i. ERYC - Various Local Plan consultations
- ii. ERYC - Anti social behaviour statistics
- iii. ERYC - Closure of Saltmarshe Level Crossing for track maintenance - 23:00hrs 25th July 2016 to 05:00 hrs Tuesday 26th July 2016
- iv. ERNLLCA -April Newsletter
- v. Humberside Police - May Newsletter
- vi. Blacktoft Parish Council - Re Flood Defence Meeting
- vii. ERYC Update on Maintenance Schedule Works

85/16 **ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE, 19 MAY 2016** - Councillor Sweeting provided an update on the allotment committee. All plots were occupied other than one half plot. The Committee hoped to create a waiting list by advertising the allotments through the Parish

Newsletter. The Oak tree had been trimmed, which would help alleviate the shading of some of the plots. Councillor Yarrow reported that an application had been received for an allotment plot.

86 /16 **ALLOTMENT SITE VISIT** - The Parish Council had visited the allotments and commented that the gardens looked productive and well kept. It was pleased to see that the poultry were well housed and not causing any issues. The Council noted that some structures had been erected in the gardens without permission of the Parish Council, but considered that all structures were in keeping with the layout of the allotments and were not detrimental to other tenants.

Resolved - (i) that the Clerk would write to tenants thanking them for keeping the gardens in a tidy state, providing retrospective approval for the structures and reminding them of the process of seeking permission for future developments and (ii) that the Parish Council would offer to purchase a protective cover so that the vacant plot could be dug over and without becoming overgrown. .

87/16 **ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE** – The Parish Council discussed the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, which allowed community bodies to nominate a building or piece of land to be listed as an “Asset of Community Value”. If a listed asset is put forward for disposal by the owner, community interest groups are given the opportunity to show an expression of interest. This leads to a six month moratorium during which time the asset can not be disposed of, which was intended to allow community interest groups the time to raise money to bid for the asset,

Resolved - That the Parish Council should request that the Bricklayers Arms and the land surrounding the village allotment be registered as assets of community value.

88/16 **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** – It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

89/16 **HIGHWAYS, DRAINS AND DYKE** - It was noted that a site visit would be arranged shortly with the Drainage Board, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Ward Councillor Aitken and the Parish Council to discuss the smell from the drain near to the allotment.

90/16 **INTERNAL AUDIT FEEDBACK** – The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had completed his assessment of the audit return and raised no issues.

Resolved - That the annual return should now be submitted to the external auditor and made available for public viewing.

91/16 **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT** – **Resolved** – that cheques should be signed to pay the following accounts:

i.	Clerk Salary - May	£82.61
ii.	Post Office PAYE - May	£55.20
iii.	Clerk Reimbursement for 6 head	£61.62

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Thank You Cards

92/15 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Resolved** – a) That Public Rights of Way, fly tipping and litter picking would be added to the next agenda.

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