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Flowers and Brasses Rota - suspended until further notice

Mr & Mrs S Clarke

Mrs M Beckitt & Mrs B Noble

Mrs S Rose & Mrs R Creighton

Coffee Morning Hosting Rota - will be published when they are resumed

We always welcome contributions and can help if you are not sure how to write what you want to say.

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Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

A Message from our Churchwarden, Brenda

From this month we are no longer part of the Group with Ollerton and Boughton. Bilsthorpe and Eakring have been split off from those parishes as well as from us. The new vicar will soon start work in the Ollerton and Boughton parishes, but the situation for us here is not so good.

We have been very grateful to Alistair Littlewood, who has a full time job but who has helped out with a lot of services recently. He is taking some holiday and will not be taking services during August and September. Margaret G is also taking some well earned rest.

This means that **during September and October our Holy Communion services will be on the first Sunday rather than the second.**

There is a particular shortage of clergy in the wider area. Our neighbouring group of churches - Ossington, Sutton on Trent, Carlton on Trent, Norwell, Caunton - is also without a priest-in-charge.

We are fortunate that Rev. John Chambers, who has been appointed as Rural Dean, doesn't have a parish and he is coming to take some services.

We are very grateful to lay readers, Heather Brown and Janice Hannington for continuing to offer to take services for us.

Churchwardens have been asked to take services. You will see from this month's diary that this will happen in Wellow. Eganton are fortunate to have Father James from Worksop Priory to take their services.

We will keep everyone informed about what is happening through 'Open Field', so please check for details each month.

Thank you - Church Bells

Thank you to Robert Wilson for coming to check our bells for us before they were rung again for the first time since the pandemic began.

On Monday 9th August our team of ringers came for a practice, so it was lovely to hear them ringing again. It must have been Harvest 2019 since they were last rung. That was when the new ropes were dedicated.

Then on Tuesday 10th August we could again hear them ringing at about 10:30 am. This was a team from Oxton. They had called Janet to ask if they could come and ring.

Thank you - Churchyard Help

Thanks again to those who have continued to do jobs in the churchyard over the last month. Special thanks to Wizz who has done a great job catching those dreaded moles who keep appearing in the churchyard.

Brenda

Registers - Ken Shepherd

A memorial service for the late Ken Shepherd was held in church on Wednesday 4th August at 2:30 pm, with many family and friends present. The service, which was nearly a year to the day after his death, was taken by lay reader Heather Brown. It made a nice change to be able to hear Graham playing the organ and everyone being able to sing hymns.

After the service Ken's ashes were interred in the grave of his wife, Mary, and son, Stuart,.

Covid regulations were kept to thanks to everyone wearing masks and names were taken for safety reasons as well.

Thank you and Goodbye - Pat & Jeff



Thank you to Pat N for her donation to church funds from the sale of her plants over the last few months, which was very much appreciated. She always seemed to raise a lot of money for her charities, which must have added up over the years.

Thanks also to Jeff for his service on the PCC and his help in recent years looking after the invoicing for the advertisements in the magazine. This has been much appreciated.

We were pleased to see both Pat and Jeff at the Lammas service, where they were presented with a card signed by us all, and also at the service of remembrance for Ken Shepherd, who was their neighbour for many years.

We will all miss both Pat and Jeff now they have left the village, as they did so much for the village and wider community. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

Lammas Service

Our last service in church was held on Sunday 1st August, which was a Lammas Day. This is one of our traditional rural services. The first sheaf of wheat is cut and brought into church to be blessed.

Our thanks to lay reader Janice Hannington for taking the service, as it was a first for her. Thank you to Stuart for the sheaf and everyone else who took part in the readings,

prayers and offering of gifts. This was the first time we had heard the organ being played since the start of the pandemic and the first time we were able to sing.



After the service Anna and Simon kindly provided BBQ bacon and

mushrooms outside so everyone had bacon butties and then Janet served tea.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

Get Well Wishes

We send best wishes to Eric for a speedy recovery and a much brighter view on the world very soon.

Good wishes go to everyone who is unwell, including those in the village recently recovered from Covid.

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SEPTEMBER CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event this month.

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Mel and Paula (both the big five 0), Jo, Jean, Melanie P, Christopher H, Amelie, Neil R, Diane W, Graham, Keith

We wish happy anniversaries to Neil and Rachel and to Roger and Alison, who celebrate their 30th anniversary this year as well as anyone else celebrating this month.

If you are celebrating a special date, we send best wishes.

We would love to give a mention to everyone for their special day, so please let Jean or Brenda have details with dates in good time.



The Return of Bell Ringing

After such a long period of silence, you may have thought you were dreaming when the bells of St Michael's sounded twice in 24 hours last month! With the relaxing of coronavirus restrictions, weddings are beginning to take place once again and the happy couple getting married on 21st August had requested that the bells be rung in celebration.



After such a long gap without any ringing, it was felt that a quick practice beforehand was required! The bells had already been checked over for potential hazards (in one bell tower in another part of the country the ropes were found to have been chewed through by squirrels, for example!), so with some trepidation the bells were rung for the first time in at least 18 months.

Despite reservations beforehand, the local ringers soon found their rhythm again, and so were able to ring for the wedding. On the morning after the practice a visiting band of bell ringers from **Oxton** had arranged to come and ring a 'quarter peal' (which takes about 45 minutes), one of five they rung that day travelling between other local churches, so this is why ringing returned to Laxton all at once.

The silencing of church bells throughout the land is almost without precedent in modern times. The last time that it was forbidden to ring was for security reasons during World War 2. The instruction was that they should only be rung in wartime if there was danger of invasion. At the declaration of peace at the end of the war the bells then rang out everywhere in celebration.

This time it has been a little different – the 'enemy' is unseen and all around us. Bell ringing has been one of the last activities to be

sanctioned again. This is because ringing chambers are often cramped, with little ventilation, and with the possibility of cross contamination because of the handling of the ropes by different ringers during a ringing session. It was illegal to ring for a considerable length of time during the various lockdowns, and even now ringing takes place cautiously with sanitising and face masks and as much fresh air as is possible.

Bell ringing is a very sociable activity, needing concentration, enthusiasm and practice to become proficient. You do not need to be musical, strong or even a churchgoer to become a ringer! New recruits are always welcome, so if you would like a taster to potentially discover a new and absorbing hobby, or would just like to know a bit more about it, please ring Robert Wilson on **01636 821265**.

Pat's Plant Stall



I think my mind must have been on other things last month. It certainly was not on adding up!

When I checked the cash prior to paying it into the bank, it did not tally with my total. An adding up error was the reason. The true figure should have been recorded as **£1199.40**

All money has now been sent off to the recipients. Thank you again to everyone who helped, either by donating plants or buying them or the books and bric a brac.

Pat

Amy-Eloise at the Olympics.

Congratulation to Amy-Eloise, granddaughter of the late Arthur (Son) and Eva Frecknall of Laxton on her performance at the Tokyo Olympics. The fist heat had been run extremely quickly and the British runner could not stay with the pace, finishing 3 seconds below her personal best.



Thanks to Pawel Skraba Sports Photography

Mike's Farm Sale

Laxton was the busiest it has been in many a long month on Thursday July 7th. Mike Jackson held his farm sale and it was very well



attended. The organisers were stationed by the gate checking everyone in, and fortunately it was a nice day so there was no problem for everyone being out of doors and well spaced. Mike will be staying in the village but has retired from the field work. We wish him a very happy retirement - if a farmer ever retires.

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The 'Flu Jab Campaign



From this month, the free flu vaccine will be offered to all secondary school students up to Year 11, children aged 2 and 3 on August 31, all primary school children, people aged 50 and over, pregnant women, unpaid carers, and frontline health and adult social care staff.

The enlarged flu drive will build on last year's expanded flu programme, which saw a record 19 million jabs being administered.

With the nation getting closer to normal life, we are having to learn to live with Covid-19 alongside other viruses. It is widely believed that our immunity to other illnesses such as 'flu will have diminished while we were all wearing masks and socially distancing. The big campaign is being mounted to ensure many more people are vaccinated and so protected from another nasty, potentially dangerous, illness.

Surgeries were unable to provide clinic / booking details before 'Open Field' was printed, but please check notices if you attend a surgery in the next few weeks and let us know so that we can share details next month.

Parish Council Open Meeting

We have now been able to fix a date for this event, originally scheduled for July. It has now been rearranged for

22nd September 2021 7pm

Village Open Meeting
arranged by the Parish Council

Gregor Pierrepont from The Trustees of
Thoresby Settlement, Laxton's new Landlord
will give a talk/presentation to the village

Please come along, bring your questions
and see if you can remember what the Hall looks like inside!!!!

The Religious Census, 1851, Part 1

In these modern times, it is hard to imagine the influence that religion had on village life just a few generations ago.

Victorian times saw a resurgence of religious practice and devotion that included a drive to restore and repair existing churches and the building of many new chapels.

Along with the devotion, there was a good deal of rivalry, sometimes fierce. This was not just a case of Church versus chapel but there were often two or three competing chapels in each village, each representing its own strand of Protestantism.

Roman Catholicism was, of course, widely considered completely beyond the pale and would routinely be referred to as 'popery'.

Even by the 1930s, when I was a child, religious observance was strong and the rivalries had only partially subsided.

After my mother became Sunday School teacher in Laxton, I found myself being forced to attend one service or another in Laxton or Egmonton up to five times every Sunday. Probably the reason I became an atheist!

Despite my lack of belief, I have retained a life-long love of the old Methodist Hymns and an interest in the buildings. I am pleased that, even if the chapels are no longer used for their original purpose, some have found new uses as lovely homes.

The 1851 religious census detailed the following chapels in Laxton, Egmonton and Moorhouse (with some extra notes from me):

Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings remain suspended for the time being. We will let you know when we plan to start again. The rota on the inside cover will restart to remind hostesses of when their turn is coming round.



MOORHOUSE.

(36) PRIMITIVE METHODIST, Erected about the year 1820,
Domestic chapel not used exclusively as a place of worship.



Space: free 16
Present: Morn Aft Eve
Gen. Congregation 4 - 12
Wm. Bartram, Class Leader

I am not sure where the 1820 chapel was located but, in 1856, a new Primitive Chapel was built 'on the common or waste' after Moorhouse was drained in the early 1850s. Some years ago, I found the date stone in a hedge bottom.

The chapel was used until c1916, when, due to WW1, the congregation became too small and there was a shortage of lay preachers.

The seats and pulpit were in place until 1930s (I remember playing in there and 'preaching' from the pulpit), after which it became a cow house and piggery.

It is now a stable and sometime goat or chicken shed

MWS



(32) MOORHOUSE, A CHAPEL OF EASE

Endowed: tithe, rent charge £82
Space: free 30, other 10, total 40

Remarks: The Hamlet of Moorhouse consists of a few scattered houses. Divine service is on the first Sunday in the month consequently there was no duty 30th instant.
No Sunday Scholars.

Average about 15 to 20.

Richard Procter,

The rental charge was because the Chapel stood upon private land. There is no right of way.

It is hoped to reopen the Chapel for Harvest Festival and Christmas Eve this year, 2021

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A Fond Farewell

After forty five very happy years in Laxton our departure was accelerated and we had little time to speak to friends.

Driving home from work, up Cocking Hill and across the common, always felt like entering a secret and special place with the panoramic views of the fields and beyond.

Jeff and I have enjoyed and embraced the traditions and community of Laxton and village life. We are proud to have been part of a community consisting of generous and friendly folk who quietly help and support. We will miss each and everyone of you.

As we turned the key for the last time in the front door of School House where we raised our family, along with 'Henry Dog' we realised the breadth of the challenges we face in our new home in Collingham.

There will be an open invitation to visit us when we are settled in and we look forward to continuing and maintaining our friendships. In the end we had to agree with an early prediction of Bob Froggett's - he reckoned many of the new folk in the 70's would be 'shallow rooters', soon gone, and so we have proved to be.

Jeff and Pat

Still Going Strong

This Field Marshall tractor was once owned by Ernest Sayer of Laxton, who was a contractor.

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Southwell Ploughing Match and Show

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There's truly something for everyone with classes for a wide variety of animals, produce and crafts, displays in the main ring and, of course, every conceivable type of ploughing alongside displays of agricultural equipment.



This year the main ring attraction is – **The JCB Balls Digger Dance** – always hugely popular. It's an exciting team driven entertainment show exhibiting the flexibility and talent of JCB operators. The Digger Dance team follow a precise choreographed routine to music, containing several daring manoeuvres. The team is sure to

have you mesmerised by an unmissable display of discipline and skill.

Advance tickets may be purchased at a discounted price of £10 per adult (including Senior Citizens) with no charge for parking. Children under 14 years may enter the event free of charge. VIP passes, limited in number, may also be purchased in advance at a cost of £60 for priority parking and 4 tickets.

Your local contact is: Jill Hoyland in Egmanton.

For further information and online ticket purchase visit –
www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

HC = Holy Communion EP = Evening Prayer MP = Morning Prayer
Es = Evensong WfA = Worship for All WS = Word Service

5th Sept

9 am	Egmanton	Mass	Father James
9 am	Kirton	HC	Margaret G
10:30 am	Laxton	HC	Margaret G
4 pm	Wellow	EP	Janice H

12th Sept

9 am	Walesby	HC	tbc
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19th Sept

9 am	Egmanton	Mass	Father James
9 am	Walesby	HC	tbc
10:30 am	Wellow	MP	Churchwarden

26th Sept

10:30 am	Kirton	Harvest	Janice H
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3rd Oct

9 am	Egmanton	Mass	Father James
9am	Kirton	HC	tbc
10:30 am	Laxton	HC	Rev Canon John Smith
4 pm	Wellow	EP	Janice H

Please note our September and October **HC** services will be held on the first Sunday of the month and not the second. This is due to shortage of priests because of holidays etc.

For any enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact our churchwarden, Brenda, (**870541**) while we have no vicar.



2021 *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

September

- Tues 14th History Group Get Together at Weston
- Weds 15th Rotary Golf Day
- Weds 22nd Parish Council Open Meeting
with Gregor Pierrepont
- Fri 24th Hall Farm Macmillan Cancer Support All Day
Coffee Morning at Weston
- Sat 25th Southwell Ploughing Match, Farnsfield
- WEDS 29th** Parish Council



Forward Planning

- Nov 13th Rotary 'Brass Plays the Proms', Ollerton

Regular Events:

Parish Council 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July,
September and November

Quiz Nights 1st Friday of December & March tbc

Copy Date for October: 12 noon, 16th September

Please let us have your contributions in good time. We do what we can to include last minute items, but it is not always possible. Late arrivals are unlikely to make it into print.



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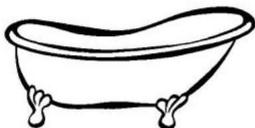
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Laxton WI



We are now nearly into September and things seem to be getting back to normal. We hope to be able to resume our meetings.

The committee are going to have a meeting at the end of August and we are hoping to have our first full WI meeting on Wednesday 8th September in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm. We haven't met since March 2020, so it will be good to catch up again.

The first thing we must do is to plan for the coming year and discuss what speakers we would like to have and what other things we are going to do. If anyone has any ideas for speakers etc. please let us know.



County Office are still trying to keep things going by having Zoom meetings and are now advertising more meetings.

In September there is a Zoom talk on 'teams 4Us' all about what happens to the gloves hats and scarves people knit to go abroad. There is another kurling competition, croquet, a talk on 'Women in Farming' with a harvest lunch, a music quiz, bingo and a talk on 'Fraud Awareness'.

If anyone who is new to the village would like to join us please get in touch with Brenda Noble on 01777 870541 or with Lesley Booth. You will be made most welcome. *Brenda*

Special Birthday Congratulations

In September we have two young ladies celebrating a big birthday. It's one that starts with a five and ends with a zero. Happy birthday and congratulations to Paula D and Melanie V. They started playgroup, school and secondary school together as well as attending confirmation classes together. Both sets of parents also still live in Laxton. This must be some sort of record in modern times. We hope you both enjoy your day.





Harvest Festival Services

Moorhouse Friday 10th September 7 pm
Preacher: Heather Brown

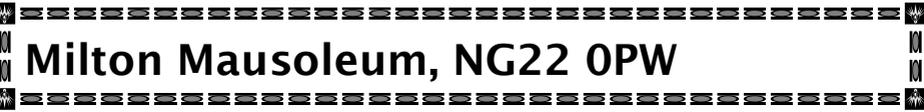
Kirton Sunday 26th September 10:30 am
Preacher: Janice Hannington

Wellow Friday 1st October 7 pm
Preacher: Heather Brown

Laxton Friday 8th October 7 pm
Preacher: Heather Brown

Egmanton Sunday 10th October 4 pm
Preacher: Heather Brown

Walesby Sunday 24th October 10 am
Preacher: Rural Dean Rev John Chambers



Milton Mausoleum, NG22 0PW

EVENTS FOR 2021

The seasonal opening of the Mausoleum continues and we are open every Sunday until 26th September 2021 from 2pm – 4pm. Government guidelines will be adhered to. This year's events are as follows:

Sat. 4th Sept at 7pm Community Concert – an informal medley of music and song with wine and refreshments. Tickets £8

Sun. 26th Sept 2pm - 4pm Last Sunday of the season

Sun.31st Oct. 12 for 12.30pm, Two-course Sunday Lunch at West Retford Hotel. Retford.£18 Adult / £9 Child

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With a distinct shortage of sisters at home and a girly social life required, where to go? There were no guide troops in our parish, so the Church Girls Brigade was the obvious choice for a seven-year-old girl looking for adventure.

I'd seen them marching with our Whitsun Walks and was enchanted. The uniform, the precision marching and, above all, the band with its drum major whirling the mace.

It was smashing, run by two single ladies who had been lifelong members of the brigade. There was so much to do and so much to look forward to - camping, team games, crafts and the monthly church parades where we showed off our marching.

Of course it couldn't last. My little brother Ian decided he wanted a piece of the action. He took to evading Mum and Dad and following me to the hut. The door would creak open just as we were getting into something interesting and his beaming face would appear. I was mortified. This was mine – he wouldn't let me play with him and John the Cloak, so why should he spoil my scene? Unfortunately, persistence was his middle name.

Dad eventually sorted him by sabotaging his metal pedal car so that it made so much noise he couldn't sneak off. It was a masterly stroke.

Once free of the nuisance, brigade life was good, varied, and exciting. We revelled in the challenges those lively and committed ladies gave us.

The call came when I was eight years old. Places were available in the band – who was interested? Was I just! Big base drum here I come!

Charging into the house I blurted out the news with a clarion call. I would ask to play the big drum. Wouldn't it be wonderful? The mental vision of this sent my then 16-year-old brother Eric into such paroxysms of hysteria my parents feared for his safety.

Perhaps I should explain that my dimensions at this time (confirmed by the order for my new uniform) were 3 feet 9 inches tall and vital statistics of 22", 22", 22". You can see his point. But it stung. Oh, how it stung!



However, to this day the identity of the individual who substituted a pair of little girl's white knickers for his rugby shorts in his next away game kit will not pass my lips.

They gave me a bugle.

I tootled away for some time and thoroughly enjoyed myself. The family were pleased- practice times were not done at home.

It stopped only when the bizarre arrangement of my front teeth meant that a brace had to be fitted. It felt like part of the Forth Bridge. And it plays havoc with the embouchure.

So they gave me a side drum.

This drove the family scatty, as it could be practised anywhere using a flat surface and anything remotely resembling a pair of drum sticks. Words were sometimes spoken!



Sadly, events at the church meant that all social activities were

suspended and the Church Girls Brigade joined with another parish temporarily, but it was too far for me to go.

Secondary education brought new opportunities, however. Our enthusiastic music teacher decided that members of the choir should 'experience' (i.e. learn to play) a musical instrument. Tuition would be free, and also the loan of an instrument – too good to miss.

Choice was limited, and popular ones like the guitar were soon claimed. The choice for the last few of us was a violin, or a violin. I cannot say my heart was in it. But we were encouraged to 'try our best'.

How the poor man who got landed with the four of us coped I do not know. He must have had the patience of a saint.

Reaction at home ranged from encouragement through gritted teeth to downright horror. Who could blame them, for I practised diligently. Eric took to wearing great wedges of cotton wool in his ears which flowed over his shoulders, and Ian ostentatiously went and sat in the back garden.

The violin lessons at school became more of a trial, lighted only by Margaret Lewis, who was an inveterate ghoulish storyteller who told us gruesome 'facts' about herself in graphic detail. A particularly horrific one was that if she drank kidney soup her left eye would drop out – I think it was the kidney soup that did it. She was great fun. I often wonder what happened to Margaret.



The end was inevitable. When after three terms we could only manage the most excruciating approximation of 'Air on a G String' the will to 'try our best' was gone. Eric by this time had christened me Yehudi Bloggins.

The joys of rounders, netball, gymnastics and swimming were calling and Saturday mornings were spent at a very lively art group.

With no reluctance on anybody's part, I hung up my violin.

I don't know whether Miss Roberts found any silk purses among the sow's ears, but the plan had a lasting effect. Whoever joined in (and their families) were left with a deep and abiding respect for those people who can, and do, play a musical instrument to the delight and benefit of us all.

Yehudi Bloggins

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Date	No	Name
17/7/21	01	ROLLOVER
24/7/21	59	ROLLOVER
31/7/21	48	Sam & Sophie
7/8/21	58	Anna Hill
14/8/21	58	Anna Hill

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the 14 spare numbers: **1, 2, 7, 11, 20, 23, 26, 27, 34, 51, 52, 56, 57, 59**. Please contact me on 870844. Thank you. *Michael Manning*

Laxton and Moorhouse Parish Council

The first meeting of the Parish Council meeting in person was held on Tuesday 21/7/21 at the Visitor Centre—see draft minutes in this edition..

The meetings are bi-monthly on the 4th Tuesday (Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May and July) and are held in the Laxton Visitor Centre (apart from the July meeting in Moorhouse Church). The September meeting however will be on Wednesday 29th September, all meetings after that will be on Tuesday as above.

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Recently we have welcomed a number of people who have newly moved into both Laxton and Egmonton and we welcome them to the group. The higher our volume order, the better our bargaining power!

The next order is expected to be towards the end of November to avoid the usual rush and associated price rise associated with the approach of Christmas. Please let me know from mid November if you are getting ready for your winter delivery. The first person usually indicates that there could be more coming close to needing to order.

Please include your latest contact details and delivery instruction such as lock, need advance notice of delivery etc, to your request. I pass your land line, mobile(s) and email address to the chosen supplier. If you haven't ordered for a while you may have overlooked passing changes on.

Anyone whose order can be placed by email is very welcome to join. Please contact me on oil@openfield.org.uk

The group currently covers an area of roughly 5 miles radius from Laxton.

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Notts Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 11th September

Sponsored Bike Ride

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council: Draft Minutes from 21st July 2021

Present: Councillors: M. Manning (chair), S. Hill, R. Hennell
M. Hennell, J. Hill, S. Rose, J. Godson

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Councillors regretted that at the last minute the intended venue, Moorhouse Church, had been unavailable. They apologised to the public for any inconvenience noting that the meeting had started late to allow anyone attending to drive to the replacement venue.
Apologies were accepted from councillors Michael and Pringle.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** The chair declared an interest as a member of the sports field committee in item 10 (Property matters – including sports field and Glebe Field and sub-tenancy and associated legal services).
There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
- 3. Dispensations:** None required.
- 4. 10 Minutes public speaking:** No public present. Nothing raised.
- 5. Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 25 May 2021:** The minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2021 were agreed as a true record to be signed by the chair at a later date when face to face contact is possible.
- 6. Matters arising:** No other matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.
- 7. Reports from district and county councillors:** Mr Pringle and Mrs Michael's written reports were noted.
- 8. Reports from councillors:** Councillors discussed concerns which had been raised regarding the accumulation of dog waste at Mill Field off Toad Lane. Councillors **agreed** that there was clearly a need for the means of disposal of dog waste at the site. Having considered the associated one off and ongoing costs and accessibility for the NSDC waste lorry, they **authorised** the clerk to order a new dog bin to be sited at that location.
Councillors discussed the arrangements for the village meeting to be attended by Mr Pierrepont on Wednesday 22 July 2021 and their hopes for a close working relationship in the future. There was discussion of then potential for interpretation boards and potential plans for the fields. The clerk will write to Mr Pierrepont with regard to developing a strong working relationship between the Estate and the village's elected representative body.
A need for 30 mph signs for Woodhouse was identified. The clerk will

make enquiries of Mr Pringle.

A report of overflowing drains at Toad lane was noted. The clerk will report to NCC.

9. Financial Matters:

a. **Financial position as at 30 June 2021:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2021 (incorporating the 2021-22 budget figures).

b. **Accounts for payment:** The council unanimously **approved** ten payments totalling £1899.89.

A request for a contribution to the machine maintenance costs in relation to a resident's cutting of the grass was noted. The chair will request a receipt and the contribution will be discussed at the September 2021 meeting.

Councillors **decided** that the Zoom subscription was no longer required.

c. **Use of reserves:** Councillors discussed the following potential areas of expenditure:

i. Event to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee

ii. Potential work to trees and boundaries at Glebe field

iii. New Christmas lights and decorations and possible event. The clerk will include this as an agenda item for the September 2021 meeting.

10. Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field and sub tenancy and associated legal services:

Councillors discussed the requirements for the lease. They discussed an informal report on the condition of the trees noting that it had not identified an issue. Given this and that the field was not open to the public, they **agreed** that any risk was low and a formal report was not necessary.

They asked the clerk to confirm the council's boundary responsibilities with its legal adviser. Subject to that, they **decided:**

1. The parish council would make good the boundaries

2. The tenant to be responsible for the maintenance of the field (including grass) and boundaries

3. The tenant to be responsible for maintaining the health of and protecting the trees in the field from harm but not otherwise responsible for the trees on the land

4. The land to be used for grazing only

5. The tenant to ensure that no invasive or notifiable plant species is introduced or allowed to grow on the land

6. The parish council to be entitled to terminate the lease in the event that the land or any part of it is required for cemetery or burial ground purposes.

The clerk will contact Larken & Co accordingly.

The chair and Mr Rose will make enquiries regarding soil which was currently blocking access to the field.

11. Planning matters:

a. **Applications:** Councillors noted an application just received, 21/01573/HOUSE - Proposed single-storey principle extension,

Bearing in mind the age of most members, we have decided that the Group will not restart meetings before the New Year. So that we can meet and discuss what we would like to do next, we are planning an informal get together over tea, cream scones and cakes at:

Hall Farm, Weston, Tuesday 14th September
2.00pm, £7.50 per head

Please contact Jean on **870276** to book your place **by 5th September** at the latest. All welcome but booking essential for catering purposes.

replacement of windows, conversion of a section of garage to bedroom, bi-fold doors to replace existing entrance door, replacement of window to entrance door and replacement of garage door to window - Walnut Cottage Toad Lane Laxton. They had no comments.

b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None.

c. Compliance: No matters raised.

d. Defibrillator inspection report: Mr M Hennell had reported that he had completed the inspection. There were no issues. The new pads had been delivered to the chair.

13. Village environment and appearance, including:

a. Relocation – 30 mph speed signs to village entries: Mr Pringle is progressing.

b. Fibre broadband for Moorhouse: The clerk will invite the NCC broadband officer to the November 2021 meeting, the village meeting with Mr Pierrepont of Thoresby Estate having been rearranged to September 2021..

c. Speeding traffic including possible weight limit: Councillors were pleased that the brickyard had confirmed that they would ask drivers to avoid the village where possible but regretted that this would not apply to the increasing number of high sided vehicles attending the site. These would still need to avoid Cocking Hill.

d. Bar Farmhouse: Mrs Michael had confirmed that the matter was in hand at NSDC.

e. Electricity for Christmas tree Installation: Councillors are exploring other sources of electricity. No longer required as an agenda item.

f. Rights of way enquiry: Councillors asked the clerk to make enquiries direct of NCC in relation to any proposed change to the definitive map, no statutory consultation having been received.

14. Service faults: None.

15. Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted

16. Agenda items for next meeting: As above

17. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29 July 2021

Councillors **agreed** that their regular meetings should revert to Tuesdays with effect from November 2021

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- ◆ **Yoga with Greg** – Resuming from September 7th. See below.
- ◆ **Egmanton WI** - Thursday 19th August in the Hall
- ◆ **Computer Problems?** - Call **01777 871171** for phone advice
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Village Notices

Mike Manning maintains a list of email addresses for villagers and other local people who want to receive up to date information.

If you are not already on the list and would like to be kept informed, please contact Mike at kneecott@googlemail.com

Laxton Defibrillator

The defibrillator in the Visitor Centre, is always accessible as neither the Visitor Centre door nor the cabinet housing it is locked.

Please do remember that the defibrillator must only be used once authorised by a call to 999.

Michael Manning

Yoga at Egmanton Village Hall

The popular 'Yoga with Gregg' sessions will be restarting in Egmanton Village Hall on September 7th at 7.30pm.

The price is £36 for a block of 6 weekly sessions and £7 paid on a drop in basis. Greg collects the money so please come with cash for your preferred number of sessions. Gregg will be contacting people for whom he has details, but the sessions are open to everyone so for more information please call Gregg on **07761344250**.

Useful Contact Details

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Friday 10th September 7 pm

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