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Contributions for the next edition TO BE WITH THE EDITOR BY NOON ON 16th April 2023 PLEASE. EARLIER PREFERRED. You can send at any time.

A Message From Our Churchwarden



As the Open Field goes to press, we have just received the news that the Archdeacon will be interviewing a candidate on 23rd March to take up the position of a House for **Duty Priest** for our group of parishes.

We can only hope this is successful, and it's good news for us all. We have been most grateful to our regular priest, Margaret from Bilsthorpe. Although retired, she works three weekends a month in our group. We are grateful also to Father David and the Rev. Vaughan, and Heather, our Lay Reader, who has been a great help. With nine churches to cover it's a job trying to get a vicar for everyone to have services as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Hopefully this will help to solve the problem as it will be another person in the team and someone to have control.

'House for Duty Vicar' means the person will work three days a week and that covers the rent of one of the Deanery vicarages, if they choose to live in one.

Now we have to wait and see what happens. Hopefully it is good news. If this is successful, then we will probably have a different monthly rota because it will be organised by the new person and not from the Deanery office at Southwell. We also don't know when the official starting date might be because of the legal formalities.

Brenda

Churchwarden

Birth Congratulations - Eloise Felicity

We are pleased to announce the birth of Eloise Felicity Harrison. She is a second daughter for Sam and Sophie and a sister for Beatrice who is now 18 months old.

Eloise was born on Monday 20th Feb at midday exactly, weighing 7lb1oz. Soph and Eloise are both doing very well now.

Sympathy - David Bartle

We were sorry to hear of the passing of David Bartle of Newark. David died on 2nd February 2023 at the age of 81.

He leaves his wife, Audrey; two daughters, Sady Bartle and Kirstie Butler and also two grandsons, Samuel and Matthew Butler.

David lived for many years at School Farm, Laxton with his parents Bill and Olive Bartle and sister Cynthia Bartle.

He worked for many years in the signal box at Newark Castle Crossing and also for over forty years for the Newark Ambulance Service.

David's funeral took place at Sherwood Crematorium on Tuesday 21st February 2023.

Sympathy

Sympathy goes to Simon Hill and his family on the loss of his mother, Barbara, at the end of February.

Barbara lived at Barnby, but was a regular attender at Moorhouse and Laxton churches and our annual Garden Fêtes and other events.

Congratulations - Golden Wedding

Congratulations to John and Sue S, who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in April.

We hope you have a great day reflecting on all the good memories and making new ones.

Flower Festival

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April 10 am to 5 pm both days.

As we advertised in Open Field last month, we are holding a Flower Festival in church on the 22nd and 23rd of April to try to raise some funds for the upkeep of our lovely old church.

We must say thank you to those businesses, organisations, groups and individuals who have already offered their support with offers of flower arrangements, flowers or monetary donations.

If anyone else feels they would like to offer anything or possibly some flowers in memory of a loved one, please let us know. As we said last month, we want our lovely old church to look splendid over the weekend.

If any people new to the village have not been in our church before, we would love you to just come and have a look round and take in the

history. Maybe you will see some familiar faces from the recent Coffee Morning and there will be long standing villagers there to tell you about the church if you are interested to know more.

We will also be serving tea and cakes and would be grateful for any offers of refreshments. I know we have got some good bakers in the village. Hopefully we will have plenty of visitors over the weekend.



Brenda

Get Well Wishes

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery and to anyone who is unwell at the present time. Our thoughts are also with those awaiting hospital admission,

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St Michael the Archangel Church, Laxton presents

A Spring Flower Festival

Saturday 22nd April Sunday 23rd April

10 am - 5 pm, Admission £2

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Laxton WI

are holding a

Fashion Show & Clothes Show

by SOS clothing company

Laxton Village Hall

Wednesday 24th May 2023.

Tickets £6 inc light refreshments

7 pm refreshments for a prompt 7:30 pm start of show.

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LAXTON



The number of farmsteads is a distinctive feature of Laxton; there are 22 named farms which are now being worked as 15 units. Most villages would have been like this while they had an open field system in place

Everywhere else, the open fields were reorganised in a process called enclosure. In Nottinghamshire, most parishes were enclosed during the later 18th century. The land was measured up and landowners were given a share comparable to the area they had in the open fields, but consolidated into large blocks. The owners would often build a new farmstead on their block, away from the village, and the old farms there were demolished or reused as village houses.

THIS IS CORNER FARM

Here, the farmhouse is at the rear of the crew yard and the barn is on the right-hand side. On the other side of the road, a little further on at Step Farm, you can see the last remaining milk churn platform in the village set into the wall.







Farmsteads



Plan of a typical farmstead







Buildings at Town End Farm - stables with pigeonloft above

Many of the farmsteads in Laxton have a distinctive plan, with a range of buildinas around a yard. These buildings include a barn and farmhouse, with stables, cart sheds, granaries and pigeonlofts. The barn usually has its gable end onto the road and the farmhouse stands at the rear or to one side. The space in the centre is the crew yard, where animals

The barn, where the crops were stored and processed, was the most important structure. They were usually the biggest building in the complex, and many were very well built. Several of the barns and farmhouses have a date marked in dark brick in one wall. This is usually the date when they were built and, plainly, the owners took some pride in their new buildings. During the 18th century when these new structures were built, the favourite materials were red brick and pantiles, made from local clays. The older buildings that they replaced would have been timber framed or made of mud, with thatched roofs. At Bar Farm, there are a few courses of stone at the base of the brick farmhouse, and it is believed that these might have been the base of an older building, which has since been replaced in brick.



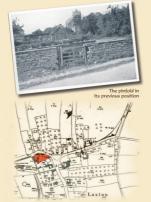
The pinfold was an essential feature of village life for hundreds of years The village pinder was responsible for rounding up any straying animals and securing them in the pinfold. The owners then had to pay a fine to retrieve them, and the cost depended upon the type of animal in 1789 this was 1 penny for a horse or beast, 2 pence for a score of sheep (a flock of 20) and 4 pence for a sow and piglets. Anyone caught recovering their animals without the pinder's permission could be fined by the manor court. Each year at Christmas, a fee was paid to the pinder - in 1789 this was 2 pence paid by each farmer and 1 penny by each cottager.

The pinder himself could be fined for not doing his job. In 1663, William Chadwick was fined 1 shilling and 6 pence "for not performing his office as beina pinder"

From time to time, the office of pinder was held by a woman – in 1754 it was Mary Palfreyman; from 1761 to 1769 it was Mary White; and Elizabeth Hempseed was pinder from 1801 to 1803.



The pinfold













It was essential to deal with straying animals, because in the open fields they could easily get onto other people's land and damage crops. Some of the rules of the open fields. such as ringing the church bell after harvest to let everyone know that animals could be turned out onto the stubble, were designed to provide grazing while preventing such problems.

The pinfold as you see it now is a relatively recent construction. There was a pinfold adjacent to this spot up until 1897, when a replacement was built over the road. Then in 1969, the pinfold was rebuilt in its present position. No fines have been collected since the 1930s, though a pinder is still appointed by the manor court (now one person acts as both pinder and bailiff).

Laxton History Group



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We were very grateful to David Ives for coming at relatively short notice when our booked speaker, Paul Everson, had to reschedule. David helpfully agreed to come and with his talk about 'Bomber Command in 1943 and the Wellow Crash'.

It was a fascinating evening in which we learned that the crash of a Wellington bomber from Ossington was the first of a plane from that airfield. The last crash from there was at Laxton, and it is marked by memorials at the road side on Moorhouse Road and in the church.

The pilot of the fated plane David spoke about was a 20 year old with just 17 hours flying experience in the Wellington. He would have been trying to turn the plane, whose right engine was failing, but turned in towards the failing engine, when he should have turned the other way. Many accidents and fatalities arose from the inexperience of the people involved at all levels of the air operations.

David had undertaken considerable research into all aspects of the crash. He took the story of one of the young men killed as a route to telling about how the pilots were trained and supplied to the bases to fly missions over Germany. He explored the background of some of the people making the strategic decisions and the tactics employed.

David began with an interesting discussion, illustrated in various ways, about believing what you are told. It is easy to spot misinformation if you know the facts, but if you don't, you have no reason to disbelieve what you are hearing from 'an expert'.

During the History Group's own research and the work Joan and Roger Cottee did with local schools on our behalf through the Michael Wood Award, we were at pains to find first hand evidence. Artefacts from the event, contemporary reports or letters or eye witness reports are always preferred to something handed down.

Our next meeting, on April 19th, will be our 125th and it coincides with our AGM. We will follow the business with social time where cheese and biscuits and cake will be available. Everyone is welcome, and attendance at the event marks the start of our new membership year. There is no membership fee, and you are automatically included if you join us at any time. We would love to see some new villagers coming along. On this occasion there will be time to chat and ask some of those questions you may have been storing up since you arrived.

Our next speaker will be an old friend, John Whitfield, who will be with us on May 17th, will speak about 'The Controversial Mountbattens'.



Publishing Full Names in Open Field

The editorial team know that many readers share our frustration at not being able to print full names in the magazine. This article is prompted by Helen Sheard's item about the Coffee Morning, which she sent in with surnames of all involved. She explained how it made it difficult for her, as a newcomer, to know who the item she was reading referred to or to find those people should she need to.

When the laws on personal information changed a few years ago, the Diocese took advice on the use of full names in prayer requests, prayer lists for the sick and other items of church news. The then vicar, Zoe Burton, told us that we should not use the full name of anyone who had not given explicit permission for that to happen.

The magazine is run under the auspices of the church and so we are obliged to follow their guidance. In line with this, surnames have been removed from Helen's article for people who have not told us we may use them.

If you are happy for your name to be included in full in this publication and in the on-line version, please let Jean Hennell or Joy Allison know. We have started a list of people we may name and would like to be able to add you to it. If there are circumstances in which you do not want to be named in full, please let us know that too. Obviously the more permissions we get, the fewer frustrating 'Jim X' references we will have.

Thank you

Jean & Joy

Coffee Morning Thanks

From Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

The coffee morning on 11/3/23 was a huge success and many thanks go to Helen Sheard for all the organising.

It was so successful that another is already planned for SATURDAY 15th April 10-12 so please come along and meet everyone again!

Best Wishes Michael Manning

Community Coffee Morning



May I convey on behalf of my fellow organisers, (Lesley Booth, Joan Cottee and Karen S) our heartfelt thanks to all the individuals who attended our first Laxton and Moorhouse community coffee morning on Saturday 11th March 2023. The collective generosity of those who joined us on

the 11th was amazing, we raised £300 (less expenses) towards village events, societies, clubs and charity.

We were joined by around 100 people. The room was buzzing with chatter as we supped on tea, coffee and



enjoyed delicious homemade cakes (kindly donated by Lesley Booth, Janet Cooke, Lynne H, Duncan & Sarah L, Karen S and Steph T.) May I also thank Di & Mike J for allowing me to publicise our event on the side of their roadside barn.

Thanks also go to Roger Cottee, Amanda H, Margaret P, Dave and Angelina Sheard and Joyce S for their sterling work both 'front of house' and in the kitchen.

Both long established villagers and friends met new residents; such as David and I, who have moved to this beautiful village in the last few



years. Many remarked upon the manner in which the Covid pandemic had frustrated their efforts to integrate or keep in regular touch with the



wider community. Hopefully these events and others organised by the various village groups such as the Parish Council, History Group, WI, the congregation of St Michael the Archangel and village sports teams will see us all get to know and support one another more and more.

We look forward to seeing

you again, or indeed for the first time, on Saturday the **15th April 2023 10-12** noon in the Village Hall.

Don't be shy, come in and see us! Once again any donations of cake on the day or offers of help would be greatly appreciated in order to spread the load moving forward.



Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Elections 4/5/23

Just a quick reminder of the Parish and District elections taking place on 4/5/23. Anyone living in the Parish can stand and I have a number of printed Nomination Packs available, please let me know if you would be interested.

Completed Nomination Forms have to be returned to Newark Council by hand no later that 4/4/23.

Best wishes

Michael

News About Postage Stamps

Please note that the closing date for swapping our your old style stamps for the bar coded versions is now 31st July.

You may also like to stock up on new ones in advance of the price rise, which comes into effect on 3rd April 2023. You do not have long to act if you are reading this!

The new prices for the most common stamps will be £1.10 for first class, a rise of 15p and 75p for second class, up by 7p. This is the first time that the £1 barrier has been broken for a stamp to send a simple, basic size and weight first class letter.

Egmanton Upcoming Event

As an opening event for the Coronation weekend, on **Friday 5th May** at **7:30pm** we are holding a folk music evening with the Scratchy Beard Quartet.

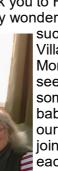
They play a variety of upbeat music - gypsy jazz, Celtic folk, story telling and rootsy blues. There will be a bar and snack food available.

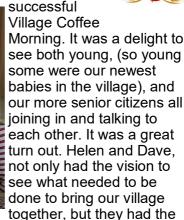
Tickets should be purchased through our website 'Events' page.

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 8th April, 10 - 12. All welcome.

Village Hall News

This is by way of an enormous thank you to Helen and Dave Sheard. They organised a truly wonderful and very





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energy and commitment to carry it out. Thank you both from all of us.

The cakes, provided by villagers, were superb and, as ever, the kitchen volunteers did a cracking job, serving coffee, tea and cake and washing up afterwards. A big thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who gave.

It was so good to see our village hall being used as it is meant to be, as a facility for the whole village, that was our purpose in the renovation of the hall, and now it's being used again as it was before lock-down and before the renovations began; village groups meet there regularly, training takes place there, children's parties and adult parties. Everyone is welcome



to book it for a special occasion. It is yours to use.

The one activity which will stick in my mind, and which summed up the atmosphere of the coffee morning and the good will of the villagers, was the cleaning of the hall at the end. Volunteers wiped



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window ledges, hoovered throughout, thoroughly cleaned the kitchen and toilets and even washed the indoor windows! Never has the hall had such a thorough spring clean! If anyone is in need of a real clean up, can I suggest they contact Helen Sheard and Karen Sanford, whom I am told may be willing to hire out their wonderful husbands





for spring cleaning duties. Sorry Dave and Richard!

Thank you again everyone who helped Helen and Dave realise their vision of a whole village get together, it certainly worked.

Joan Cottee, on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees.

The Walks of Life Museum 33 Lincoln Road Tuxford Invite you to their

Craft Fair

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Monthly on the first Saturday of the month:

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The Museums of Tuxford

We are grateful to Diane Hunt for forwarding this item and hope to receive more in the future.

The Walks of Life Museum was very grateful to Mr Whitlam for donating the Tuxford railway sign. This instigated research by Elizabeth Szarelise, and the production of a timeline display alongside the railway carts.

Thanks also to Tuxford goods yard who have given us a collection of images on a memory stick. This will be unveiled on Thursday 6th April at 2 pm. We would love you to join us and share your railway stories especially if you or your family worked on the railways. Celebrate with tea and cakes



The museum will be open on Good Friday 7th April and Easter Saturday. Look out for the chickens and eggs round the museum. Visit and enter the draw to win an Easter egg. If the weather is fine it will be a good chance for the little ones to race around the field with the hobby horses and look at in our stables.



The Museum of the Horse has a racing department. The first meeting of the flat racing season is held at Doncaster.

The famous jockey Pat Eddery (1952 -2015) was born in Ireland, the son of a jockey and his mother was the daughter of a jockey. His greatest wish was to win the Derby. He won three and rode 4,632 winners in England and all over the world. He was Champion Jockey 11 times. We are lucky enough to have his boots, britches, whip and saddle.

The life of a jockey is hard, constantly having to watch your weight and often going to more than one racecourse in a day. Sadly he suffered from alcoholism and died aged 63 of a heart attack.

Do call in at the museum and explore how many different aspects of your history and life today are influenced by horses.

The walks of life museum is holding craft fairs on the first Saturday of each month. On 4th, May Election Day, the Lincoln Road Polling station will be at the museum. We will also have a cake stall, fruit, vegetables plants and a craft stall on site as well as the museum being open. Do come and join us whether you are voting here or somewhere else. We will be very pleased to see you.



APRIL SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

2nd April Palm Sunday

10:30am LaxtonHCRev Margaret10.30am KirtonHCFather James4pmWellowEPHeather B

6th April Maundy Thursday

7pm Eakring **HC** Rev Margaret

7th April Good Friday - Stations of the Cross

12 noon Kirton Father David

9th April Easter Sunday

9.00am Egmanton HC Father David tbc
10.30am Kirton HC Father David
10.00am Walesby HC Rev Vaughan
10.30am Wellow MP Heather B

16th April - No Services

12 noon Laxton Baptism

22nd Laxton Flower Festival

23rd Laxton No Services Flower Festival

30th April - No Services



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023

April

Weds 12th WI

Sat 15th Coffee Morning in VH

Weds 19th History Group

22nd & 23rd April Flower Festival



Forward Planning

Sat 6th May Coronation Party at The Dovecote

Sat 13th May Nottinghamshire 'Hands On Heritage Day'

Sat 13th May Nottinghamshire County Show, Newark

Weds 24th May WI Fashion Show

Mon 31st July New last date to use non bar coded stamps

Sat 30th Sept Southwell Ploughing Match, South Muskham

Regular Events:

Parish Council 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July,

September and November

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Laxton WI



Members were welcomed to the meeting on what was a not very nice evening with the cold and snow.

The business part of the evening started with an invitation to East Markham WI's birthday party in March. Sue and Margaret accepted the invitation.

Our Annual Spring Council Meeting will be held on the 25th March at Southwell Minster School. The County Federation hope that by having it on a Saturday and at Southwell, it will be more convenient for people. Southwell falls in the middle of the county. Everton is at the top of the north end and Normanton-on-Soar is the furthest south.

The speakers are Tom Kerrs, whose subject is 'The Moon and You' and Andrea Beddows, from the wool and well-being farming charity.

We have sent our annual donation to the ACWW (associated country women of the world.)

Unfortunately, at this meeting, we were to have a PowerPoint presentation called 'Masters of Mirth', but our speaker Mike Storr had been giving a presentation in the afternoon and his projector had decided to die on him, so we had a talk instead.

Mike told us about Old Music Hall stars and their sayings. This varied from some really old ones, which most of us could remember, like Rob Walton and Stanley Holloway to more recent ones, finishing with the poet, Pam Ayres. He recited some of her poems to us, and he has got her voice off perfectly.

We all ended up with a good laugh, as we've used poems like these in a lot of the pantos that we used to do. The one about Albert and the Lion, associated with Stanley Holloway, was a favourite. I bet a lot of people can remember 'There's A Hole In My Bucket'. Most of us can probably still remember the words to it.

Plans were made for a fundraising Fashion Show on Wednesday 24th May. Thank you to Margaret P for organising this for us.

Our next meeting is on April 12th and will be our AGM which will be followed by a light supper.

Recent Bonus Ball Winners

Thank you.

18/2/23	29	Lucille M
25/2/23	35	ROLLOVER
4/3/23	07	ROLLOVER
11/3/23	49	Joan and Roger

We have various numbers available. Here is the up to date list of the spare numbers: 7,11,13,20,26,32,34,35,37,38,40,41,44,51,52,53,57, and 59. Please contact me on 870844.

Michael Manning





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Our Dementia Choir with Vicky McClure Saturday 3 June, 7.30pm, Southwell Minster

Tickets for this event are now on sale.

'Our Dementia Choir' began as part of a documentary created for BBC1 in 2018, formed by BAFTA award-winning and local actress, Vicky McClure. Their recent series – the third one for the choir – 'Our Dementia Choir Sings Again' was aired on BBC1 in October 2022.

The choir has had such an immeasurably positive effect that it's members continue to meet and has become a registered charity in its own right, supporting people in the Nottinghamshire area who are living with dementia.

Under the charity management of Karen Bonser, the charity team of supporters and volunteers, together with the exceptional musical leadership of Mark De-Lisser and Daniela Smith, the choir has continued to meet and sing and showcase exceptional performances in a variety of ways! Their biggest audience to date was singing at Splendour Festival to 24,000 people in the Summer of 2022.

The Choir aims to support venues and charities across the county and have partnered with Southwell Minster for this amazing summer event! It is sure to be an emotional performance as the Choir performs with local school children from across the county, as well as other guests!

When you see the choir sing – you will be exposed to a range of emotions – joy, sadness, laughter, excitement, amazement – and more often than not you will have no choice but to get up and sing along!

You've probably seen them on TV, now see them live at this special concert! Depending on Vicky's filming schedule, she may make an appearance too!

This is one event not to miss!

Saturday 3 June Doors 6.45pm Starts 7.30pm

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Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council, Draft Minutes of the meeting on 24/1/23

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

In attendance at parish council meeting C. Wilson (Clerk), Members of the public (x2)

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Manning and Mr Godson. Apologies from Mr Pringle and Mrs Michael were also noted. Mr S Hill chaired the meeting in Mr Manning's absence.
- 2. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.
- 3. **Dispensations:** None required.
- **10 Minutes public speaking:** A resident was pleased at the progress made at Bar Farmhouse.
 - Concern was expressed at the ongoing poor condition of the roads in the parish. The clerk will raise the issue of cars parking on the verge at Mill Field with Mr Pringle.
 - Councillors were asked to consider endorsing a new community network proposal to be made up of like minded people to undertake small jobs around the village. Expressions of interest are to be sought through the Open Field. After discussion, councillors **agreed** that they were happy to support the proposal and to take it forward under their auspices as the lead organisation provided the council had the final authority in relation to any decisions. Councillors emphasised their expectation that full risk assessments would be carried out for all activities. The clerk will confirm that the group's activities will be covered under its insurance policy with Zurich, the council's insurers. "Community Network" to be a standard agenda item going forward.
- 5. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** Councillors noted that a representative had still not been appointed.
- 6. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 22
 November 2022: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 22 November 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, subject to the amendment of LMPC/109 (g)/22 to refer to £300 instead of £00 and the date of the next meeting to 24 January 2023.

- 7. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising which were not otherwise on the agenda.
- 8. Reports from district and county councillors: None present.
- 9. Reports from councillors: Mr Rose reported on a meeting between the Visitor Centre trustees and Mr Pierrepont to discuss ideas for the Visitor Centre. These had included a suggested location for a new classroom together with discussion of the bus parking, funding and staffing implications.

It was also reported that the pavement outside Smithy Farm is being obstructed by grass growing over the pavement. This is narrowing the pavement and creating a slippery and hazardous surface. The clerk will report the issue to NCC.

Mr S Hill reported that the next SNG meeting was on 26 January 2023 and asked councillors to let him know of any incidents or issues to be raised.

- 2023 election Publicity: The information circulated by the clerk were noted. The clerk will forward the information to the Open Field editor.
- 11. Property matters including sports field and Glebe Field matters (if any): The fence to go round the tree is ready.
- 12. Planning matters:
 - a. Applications: None
 - b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None
 - c. Compliance: No matters raised
- 13. **Defibrillator inspection report:** Mr J Hill reported that one set of pads would expire in March 2023. The clerk will place an order. Councillors confirmed approval of a payment in advance if required. Mr J Hill confirmed that the defibrillator had been inspected and there were otherwise no issues.
- 14. **Archive of parish records:** Councillors noted the research undertaken by the chair into the storage facilities available. The clerk will make detailed enquiries of NCC.
- 15. Village environment and appearance, including Bar Farmhouse:
 - a. Bar Farmhouse Councillors noted that the works appeared to have been completed although the scaffolding is still in situ. It was also noted that the property had not been restored to its previous condition and two skylights had been removed. Councillors were pleased that the property is now watertight. They thanked Mrs Michael for her efforts in relation to Bar Farmhouse and asked the clerk to request an update from Mrs Michael.
 - **b. Parish roads and pavements:** The clerk will contact Mr Pringle to request his support in relation to water overflowing from the ditch from Copthorne Lane to East Park Corner and

running down the road creating a slippery surface and damaging the road. This has been reported previously but Highways did not appear to regard it as an issue. She will also raise the issue of the poor condition of the road past the church.

- **c.** Fly tipping: Councillors were pleased that it had been confirmed that fly tipping on common land was an NSDC responsibility.
- **d. Bench for Moorhouse:** Mr S Hill confirmed that this was ongoing.
- e. 2022 Christmas celebrations Report: Councillors were pleased that the celebrations had again gone well and unanimously approved an additional payment of £66 for decorations. Mr J Hill did not participate in that decision. Councillors also noted that there had been expenditure on further Christmas lights in the sum of £192.75 but will await the associated invoice before approving any payment.
- f. NottsBus On Demand: Councillors noted a report of difficulties which had been encountered travelling between Ollerton and Laxton. Councillors asked the clerk to let Mr Pringle know that the service was not meeting residents' needs and to invite the relevant NCC officers to the next parish council meeting.
- g. Councillors discussed the coronation and agreed that the parish should hold a street party on the sports field to mark the occasion. They unanimously decided that the parish council should set up a Coronation Committee on the same basis as the Jubilee Committee.
- **h.** Mr S Hill, Mr J Hill and Mr M Hennell were formally **appointed** as the parish council's representatives on the Parish Council Coronation Committee.

16. Financial matters:

- a. Financial position as at 31 December 2022: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.
- b. Lost cheque Cancellation and replacement: Councillors formally discussed the cheque lost by a payee emphasising that the payment was from public funds. With this in view, they unanimously agreed to issue a replacement but only after the cheque had been stopped by the bank. They also decided that the bank's charge should be deducted from the amount of the replacement.

- c. 2023 24 insurance arrangements: Councillors considered the schedule of insured assets taking account of the schedule of fixed assets. They agreed that the following additional assets ought also to be covered under the above policy:
 - a. 5 benches replacement value £400 each
 - b. 5 dog bins Replacement value £180 each
 - c. Pinfold furniture Estimated valued £1000
 - d. Wellington bomber memorial Estimated valued £500 The clerk will inform Zurich. Councillors unanimously **approved** the 2023-24 insurance arrangements subject to the above amendment.
- **d.** Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved eleven payments totalling £2,356.94 including a donation in the sum of £60 to Kneesall School Choir. They **decided** that payment for the Christmas house prizes should be deferred to the next meeting pending provision of an amount and invoice.
- e. Community Infrastructure Levy £1,178.89 Proposals for use: Councillors will consider how the funds might appropriately be applied.
- f. To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2023/24 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2024:

 Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk. They noted the level of reserves, recognising that these were at a level which provided scope for investment on the parish environment. Councillors unanimously decided to retain the precept at £4600.
- **g. Lady Rozelle donation:** Update awaited at March 2023 meeting when Mr Manning will be present.
- h. Change of banking provider: Councillors discussed the market and issues with ID procedures and agreed that there appeared to be little viable alternative to the current provider.
- 17. Service faults: The clerk will report lamppost number 18.
- **18. Correspondence**: All items of correspondence noted.
- 19. 5 minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised.
- 20. Agenda items for next meeting: See above
- 21. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28 March 2023 in the Visitor Centre



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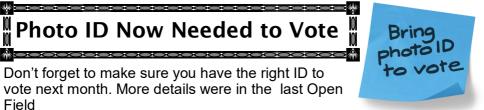
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Always make sure you understand what you're signing up for, how you'll make the repayments and what will happen if you can't pay on time. It's important to check the returns process for both the retailer and credit provider. Paying through BNPL may also affect the cost of postage returns if you've ordered online. The riskiest thing about it is that you're not guaranteed to be protected if something goes wrong. For example, you can't go to the Financial Ombudsman Service if you have a complaint.

Work out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel. You should prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first, because not paying these has the most serious consequences. Take a look at the budgeting tool on the Citizens Advice website. This can help you set a budget you can stick to. You'll also find tips on how to reduce your regular living costs, which might be helpful if you're struggling to keep within your budget.

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