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

We believe all illustrations to be free to use. If anyone feels their image has been wrongly used, please get in touch.

Contributions for the next edition to be with the Editor by **NOON ON 16th MARCH PLEASE. Earlier preferred.** You can send in your contributions at any time.

Church News from our Churchwarden



At last we have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we have a new boiler in church for the central heating.

It has been a difficult time, trying to find out where the old one was leaking. We had to take the floor up only to then find out that the pipes at the back of the church

were all perished. We don't know how long they have been in place. The boiler has been in for 25 years and the pipes and radiators have been there for longer.

After getting everything going again, the water boiler tank then decided to burst and that was the end of that. The good news is that the new one is in. The bad news is it wants paying for, but we look forward to being warm again.

Unfortunately things don't last forever. Thanks to Lee and Steve for all their work.

Brenda

Open Field Subscription Renewals

Thanks again to the many people who have already paid their 2025 subscriptions. There are just a few still to come in. Please can anyone who has yet to pay make a special effort to get their payment to their own distributor or to Jean. If there is a problem getting to them, please call Jean on **870276**.

The subscription for 2025 (February - Dec / Jan) is £6.00

You can drop it through their door, deliver direct to Jean at Blacksmith's Cottage, High Street or to Joy Allison in Egmontanton.

Thank you. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Jean

Sympathy - Michael Mawer

We were sad to hear the news that Michael Mawer of Moorhouse had passed away on the 5th of February at the age of 94.

Michael had lived and farmed at Moorehouse for 62 years. He leaves his children Anna, Katie, Lizzie Becky and Jamie and 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

His funeral will take place at Laxton Church.

Congratulations - Alfie George



Congratulations to Karina and Chris Antcliffe on the birth of their first baby, their son Alfie George, born on 10th February 2025 weighing 7lb 14oz.

Alfie is a grandson for Mel and Wayne Voce and a great grandson for Jean and Roy Hennell.

Get Well Soon

We have not been sent any special notices to wish anyone well this month, but we are aware that several people are still getting over problems which have occurred in the last few months.

We send very best wishes for continuing recovery to all concerned. Hopefully we will soon see some sunshine and feel that spring is on the way, which will cheer everyone up.



Coffee Morning News



Many thanks to all those who braved the icy rain and cold on the morning of Saturday, 15th February to support our monthly Community Coffee Morning.

This month, we were raising funds for the charities Bransby Horses Rescue & Welfare at Saxilby and the Babworth Animal Rescue Kennels.



Donations for refreshments and the raffle, raised £208 in total.

Helen

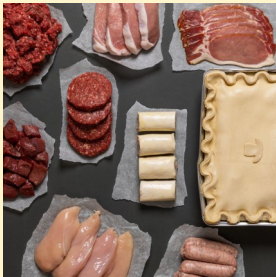


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Where:- Sunday 9th March 2025.

When:- 10.30 hrs meet.

Where:- Outside the Visitor Centre / Dovey carpark. NG220SX.

What do I wear:- Please dress appropriately for being outdoors.

What do I bring:- Bring your own, if you have it, some equipment will be provided.

Contact:- Your Parish Councillors for more details.

BRANSBY
— HORSES —

If you would like to help Bransby Horses, please save stamps you from your mail. Cut them off with about 1cm all around and pass to Sandra Clarke who collects them

for Bransby. You can also pass to Jean in Laxton or Joy in Egmonton.

Coffee Morning Corner

2nd Saturdays Egmonton Village Hall 10 - 12 8th Mar

3rd Saturdays Laxton Village Hall, 10:00 - 12:00 15th Mar

4th Saturdays Ossington Hut, 11 - 1 22nd Feb

5th Saturday The Coach House, 10.30am 29th Mar
Main St. Kirton

Village Hall News

Our Laxton Alive Projects are working well: -
“**Chop & Chat**” February, proved to be



popular again. We prepared and ate Cottage Pie, with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and peas, followed by another Christmas pudding (just 2 left now) and / or jam sponge and custard. (I think I know who has the

sweetest tooth in Laxton!). 16 folks sat down to eat and another 7 meals were delivered or were taken home.

Our next session is
**Monday 3rd
March, 11:00 – 2
pm**, please come and join us. Just
**contact Dave
Sheard**

07941625761 to book a place, or a takeaway meal. Just so we can cater for the right number.

Breaking news, we are running an additional session on **Monday 7th April**, and we are still working out what is going to happen beyond then.



The “Pilates” class is being supported well, and is now being

run by Rachel, our experienced fitness teacher. Rachel is asking for 4-week block bookings upfront to keep things manageable, priced at £24. Please contact Helen Sheard. There are a few spaces left. Laxton Village Hall, **Thursday evenings 18.30 to 19.30**.

Other news, our next **village quiz is approaching Friday 7th March**, we have put the price up to £10 per head, please see the separate ad for more details. It's still great value for a fun night, including a hot supper.

Do you have and ideas on other sessions we can run at the village hall? Please let us know. There is potential for more funding from NSDC for community grants. It is great to see the hall being used as it was intended, but there is still plenty of space for other events.

Can you spare some time to help with the running of the Village Hall? We are looking some additional folks to join us as trustees. The role is not too onerous, and of course "many hands, make light work". Contact one of the trustees for more information.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, it helps us in our goal as trustees "Managing and maintaining Laxton Village Hall for the benefit of the community of Laxton, Nottinghamshire and the surrounding villages".

Many thanks

Dave

Coffee Morning Info

Why not come to our monthly Coffee Mornings in the Hall? Tea, coffee and cake - no charge, just donations. All help and donations gladly received. All proceeds in support of village groups, societies, amenities and occasionally supporter nominated charities. 2025 dates elsewhere in the magazine.

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MARCH CONGRATULATIONS

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

The birthday roll of honour for this month is: Stuart Clarke, Sandra Clarke, George Noble, Jacqueline Smith, Geoff Rose, Roy S, Janet G, Annie Marsh, Sally B, and Janette T.

We wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.

We send congratulations to Stuart and Sandra Clarke and to Wayne and Mel Voce who celebrate their anniversaries this month.

We wish you all a wonderful day and a happy and healthy year to come.

We are pleased congratulate anyone celebrating a special event this month.



Brenda

News from the Museums of Tuxford

March is a busy month for both museums of Tuxford. The new conference room at the Museum of the Horse will host its first events with viewing of the Auction items on March 7th from 10am to 4 pm and March 8th from 10am to 2 pm. There will be over 400 lots. The timed auction will be online on March 9th from 5 pm on the-saleroom.com



On March 26th there will be a display of the history of Dosco. There will also be a get together for anyone who used to work there and would like to catch up with old friends. This will run between 10am and 4 pm. 'The History of Dosco' will

become a time line display at the Walks of Life Museum. It forms such an important part of Tuxford's history. The date will be announced later in the year.

On April 6th, we will be holding the 'Step Back into Childhood' exhibition, with children's pony books from the 1940s as well as horse models including Julip.

The head saddler of the Julip horse will be there with examples of her work. She will also be demonstrating making them. Ann Picairn from Sutton on Trent, a leading light in the making of dioramas, will also be demonstrating and displaying her amazing work.

Jane Badger, of Badger Books, will give a Powerpoint talk on the illustrators of the pony books. To book a place for the free talk contact curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk or Tel: 01777 838234

Join both museums and step back time in celebrating the anniversary of V.E day on the 8th May.

The Museum of the Horse will be holding an Afternoon Tea dance



from 4 pm to 7 pm. Tickets will be available from the museum/gallery soon.

Look out for more news on events we are planning. The Walks of Life Museum is privileged to

display the poppies that the town council funded to remember those whose names are shown on the war memorial. They will be used at all future events of remembrance.

Thanks to the people of Tuxford and beyond who have been busy making poppies for the nets for V.E day in the town.

Work on the old farm with the Pinnacle Training Project has been very rewarding in helping us move forward and learn lots of traditional building skills. A friend of the



Museum has blessed us with a donation a well top. Work is currently underway to fit this to the well as part of our displays.

We are reminded of the importance of water to our survival. 22nd March is World Water day. How lucky we are to have access to safe water. 2.2 billion people don't have this. Typhoid is still a major cause of illness and death. Thankfully we have made progress from 1904/1905 when Lincoln was struck by a major epidemic due to primitive practices.

The museum has a great example of a water cart. Tuxford museums have connections across the world through the history of objects, trades, people, visitors and students.

The Walks of Life Museum will be open again from the 20th March on Thursdays and Saturdays 11am to 4 pm.

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QUIZ



Laxton Village Hall's Spring Quiz Night

Date: Friday 7th March 2025

Time: 7 pm for **7:30 start**

Cost: **£10** per head, including a Hot Supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Questions: Back by popular demand **"The Cottee Quizmasters"**

Contact me, or any village hall trustees to reserve a place (ideally teams of 8) or to donate a raffle prize. We look forward to seeing you. **Dave Sheard 07941 625761**

Don't forget, all profits go towards the upkeep of your fabulous village hall !



Laxton & Moorhouse Community Coffee Morning dates

All are welcome for coffee and cakes

Laxton Village Hall 10:30am - 12:30

(3rd Saturday in the month)

15th March 2025

~~August~~

19th April

20th September

17th May

18th October

21st June

~~November~~-(LHG Craft Fayre)

19th July

13th or 20th December

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1/02/25	02	Dave & Helen
8/02/25	52	ROLLOVER
15/02/25	01	LAFC

There are 3 numbers free, (37, 51 & 53) if anyone would like to join or, indeed, if anyone would like an additional number.

All proceeds help support the Sports Field and facilities. A weekly prize of £25 is up for grabs. The winning number is the bonus ball number in the Saturday Lotto draw. If a free number is drawn out the prize rolls over to following week.

Thank you for your support, Dave & Helen

Egmanton Village Hall

Wine Tasting Evening with Supper

Friday April 25th

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Group Oil Order

The cold snap last month sent the oil price skywards, and then, just as it seemed to be coming down nicely for a later than usual order, well publicised statements were made regarding the Middle East and the price promptly leapt up again.

In the event a small order was placed for those people who could not afford to wait and including some who placed small orders with a view to a further order when the situation became clearer. At the time of writing, the price is still higher than we would like to see, but there will be an extra order this year, hopefully in the middle of March if the situation becomes any clearer.

The Boilerjuice price for 1000 litres of oil in England has been fluctuating between around 62 p/litre and 68p/litre inc. VAT for a couple of months.

We were fortunate to get our smaller order placed in a hurry when the downward trend stopped, and we paid 58.79p/litre ex. VAT.

Everyone on the list will be contacted when the new order is about to be prepared. If you would like to be notified, please join the group.

You are welcome to join the ordering group at any time provided that you can be contacted by email. Everyone orders as much as they want if they need oil at the time of an order. There is no obligation to order and nothing stopping members ordering with any supplier at any time.

Please use my personal email if you have it or oil@openfield.org.uk if you don't.

Joy

Ossington Coffee Mornings and Luncheon Club

Ossington Coffee Morning will take place on Sat 22nd March between 11am and 1pm. Our luncheon club has restarted. For further information on dates and to book, please contact:

Mary Brown (01636 821029 / marybrown3@hotmail.co.uk)

Why not come and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal in the company of other local residents.

Everyone welcome at both events.

MARCH SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGE CHURCHES

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

MARCH 2025

March 2nd

10:30 am	Laxton	HC	Rev Margaret
4.00 pm	Wellow	EP	Heather B

March 5th (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday

March 9th

10:30 am	Kirton	HC	Rev Alistair
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16th March

10.00 am	Walesby	HC	Rev Vaughn
10:30 am	Wellow	HC	Rev Margaret

23rd March

No services

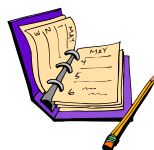
30th March Mothering Sunday



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Mon 3 rd	Chop & Chat
Fri 7 th	Quiz Night
Sun 9 th	Community Litter Pick
Weds 12th	WI
Sat 15th	Coffee Morning
Weds 19th	History Group
Tues 25th	Parish Council
Sun 30th	Mothering Sunday



Forward Planning:

April 2025

Fri 4th	WI Bingo Night
Mon 7th	Chop & Chat extra session

May

Mon 26 th	Wellow Maypole Celebrations
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Regular Events:

<i>Parish Council</i>	<i>4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November</i>
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Laxton WI



At our February meeting we had a talk by Neil Pike, CEO of ROB (Recycling Ollerton and Boughton)

Regularly around the village we hear the sound of a truck, the clink of glass and the sound of animated conversation. This is ROB removing the detritus of households and recycling it to good use.

ROB began in 1999 when the staff of Whitewater Centre noticed the enthusiasm of the people there for clearing up, sorting out rubbish and contributing in a positive way to life around them.

This was developed and enlarged using every available means. The joint team of staff and people with learning difficulties became a working, viable unit, processing different sorts of waste and sending it on to where it could be recycled.

The benefits soon became apparent to everyone. Life skills were taught, passed on and enhanced. Those with learning difficulties found a fulfilling role in real work. Reaching and being involved in the community gave them a stature and a pride in what they were doing. It was real work. Those in the community realised the categories could be broken down – where were hard working and cheerful people amongst them.



**Recycling
Ollerton & Boughton**

In 2006 the council altered their role and took part of the remit. ROB buckled down and got over it.

The council did it again in 2020 and set up their own glass collection round. This time there was such a backlash against what the community saw as unfair treatment of their ROB that support blossomed.

There is no secret to ROB's success. Staff and workforce work together with common sense and respect. No one sits in an office and takes only a cursory glance over the day to day running. The big boss, Neil Pike, is just as likely to be out in the trucks and sharing the fun as anyone.

Let no one underestimate the value of what ROB does for the people who have learning difficulties and the massive phalanx of people who support and make it possible. Caring, commitment, common sense are its backbone. Socially, the positive benefits are immeasurable.

The amount of waste they process and distribute is immense. They are also taking on improvements in the physical environment. A new canteen

is now in place and other things worked for by sponsored walks, bike rides and team effort.

ROB can never be a big industrial force, it would not be right or commercially possible. Good business practice keeps it up to date and viable.

It only takes one glance at a photograph of the room with 80 people in it for the Christmas festivities – families, volunteers and Uncle Tom Copley and all – relaxed, laughing and fulfilled.

Thank you to Neil for an excellent evening and presentation, a reminder if one were needed, that it is the people who matter.

Next month sees our monthly meeting – Willow Weaving, and no doubt tying ourselves in knots. There will be a demonstration, then hopefully one or two people will get a chance to show us what they can do.

On April 4th we are having one of our popular Bingo nights, so get ready. These are much enjoyed, and there will be light refreshments and a raffle.

Further details will be available nearer to the time. For booking ring Brenda Noble on 870541.



Laxton WI

Bingo Night

**Come and join us for a fun
evening**

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Laxton Village Hall

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including bingo books & refreshments.

Tickets from:

Brenda 870541 or Sandra 870624

Milton Mausoleum

We are planning a year of great events for you and details are listed below. This year we will be celebrating a special event too.

Sunday April 27th 12.30:

Friends Sunday Lunch at The West Retford

Hotel, Retford. We will have a raffle and the first Draw of our 100 Lottery.

3-course lunch Price: Adults £27.50 Small Portion £14

Contact us for bookings & menu choices.



Sunday May 4th 2-4pm: First Sunday opening of the Mausoleum when our volunteers will be available to show you around our historic building.

Free entry. Open every Sunday from this date until September 28th. Group visits are welcome any day of the week, to be agreed beforehand. Please contact us for further details.

Saturday June 21st 7pm: Special Anniversary Black Tie Event at the Mausoleum with wine and canapes served on the lawn. Our Special Guest is international vocalist & pianist, Oliver Harris. Oliver has won many awards at the Edinburgh Festival and internationally too. He has the voice for singing the iconic songs of many famous artists. Limited spaces, please book as early as possible. This promises to be a sell-out event. Tickets £18.

Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th September: Heritage Weekend at the Mausoleum & West Markham Church

Do you know much about your local or family history? Many interesting historical and detailed archives will be on show. Maybe you could add more? More details to follow.

Sat. December 6th at 3pm Carols by Candlelight in the Mausoleum – our extremely popular start to the Christmas celebrations. Our entertainment is by The Four Players. There will be Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, and a Seasonal Raffle. Come along and join in the fun. Book your place as soon as possible as the list is soon full.

For all enquiries: please contact Gill **01777 811358** or Jenny **01777 811219** or email milton.mausoleum@outlook.com for bookings and any enquiries about the above events.

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Minutes of Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council Meeting held on 26/11/2024

Present: Councillors: S.Hill (chair), J.Hill, M.Hennell, S.Rose, D.Sheard
A. Moorhouse; R. Creighton

In attendance at parish council meeting

C. Wilson (Clerk), S. Michael (district councillor),
O. Scott (NSDC conservation and planning team)
Members of the public (x3)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Pringle's apologies were noted.
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.
4. **10 Minutes public speaking:** Councillors were addressed by a representative of Carlton Parish Council. In the course of this councillors noted the following in particular:
 - a. She had attended the recent JPAG meeting which had discussed retaining a consultant and parish council contributions to the associated costs.
 - b. Her view of the complex issues raised by the proposed project, of the consequent need to consider and address planning policies and that working together would bring better prospects of success.
 - c. The qualified local resident who had offered his services for the initial stages at no cost recommended that:
 - i. Residents focus on how the impact might be mitigated in their locality rather than on whether they supported or opposed the overall proposal and
 - ii. Highways, watercourse, food production, heritage assets and the East Coast mainline implications be considered.
5. **NSDC – Planning and conservation officer presentation and Q&A session:** The chair welcomed Oliver Scott to the meeting and thanked him for his attendance. In relation to the GNR solar farm project, Mr Scott explained the following in particular:
 1. NSDC's role in the Development Consent Order (DCO) process
 2. Although NSDC is the local planning authority and determines most applications, it does not determine all applications, such as waste and national infrastructure projects (NIPs). In national infrastructure projects, NSDC is a consultee only and not a decision maker.
 3. It is clear from the early days of this government that increasing the UK's renewable energy capacity is of national importance.
 4. Any solar farm project generating more than 49 megawatts is deemed to be a national infrastructure project. The current proposal will generate 800 megawatts so constitutes a national infrastructure project. It will cover a huge area of land
 5. In terms of the weight attached to NSDC as a statutory

consultee, it is regarded as an expert consultee.

6. The proposed development of the A46 at Newark is an example of a current DCO process in the local area and an illustrative example of the process and consultation in operation. The One Earth scheme is also the basis of a current DCO process.
7. NSDC has not yet formed a view on the GNR solar farm proposal
8. He encouraged everyone to make representations to NSDC who would, in time, be seeking parish council views.
9. The core areas on which he advised local residents to focus were the specific landscape impacts for their locality including listed buildings, loss of productive agricultural land and highways with concerns and objections based on local knowledge rather than more generally.
10. Update reports were being submitted to the Planning Committee in relation to the GNR and One Earth DCOs at the next meeting on 5 December 2024.
11. Parish meetings should also be consulted by NSDC as well as parish councils.
12. It was clear that the project would have a significant impact on the local community and landscape.
13. In deciding upon its response to the consultation, the Planning Committee will take account of its professional officers' appraisal which will be supplemented by local views.
14. Any DCO will invariably involve hundreds of reports often over a hundred pages long with many relating to highly technical content.
15. Although the process is for the Planning Inspector to produce a written report, the decision is for the Secretary of State to make.
16. Any consultant report will take account of material considerations. These would include impact on a landscape view. They would not include any right to a view or impact on property prices or other immaterial considerations.
17. Those who live in a locality already have this local landscape knowledge and knowledge in relation to the core areas referred to at sub paragraph 8 above without a consultant report. It is the residents who know the locality and understand the specific impacts in that locality.
18. The Planning Inspector will be looking at how the applicant has responded to the material considerations raised.
19. Mr Scott would be happy to provide links to online resources to support residents to identify and raise their local material considerations themselves. He will forward these to the clerk who will share them on the website and Facebook page.
20. He urged residents to look at the A46 documentation available on line as an example of the process and material considerations.
21. The Government also intends to consult on new national development policies which has potential implications for the local plan.

22. NSDC will take all views it receives into account.
23. Stage 1 of the process is consultation and mitigation. In this respect, residents were recommended to look at the specifics of the plans such as the fields or particular part of the landscape on which the development would have most impact and what could be done to mitigate that impact, including the removal of particular fields from the proposal.
24. Stage 2 is the objection/approval stage.
25. Listed status is important in the process. In terms of specific parts of the landscape, Moorhouse Church is a grade II listed chapel meaning that it is a very special building.
26. Land around conservation areas is not specifically protected.
27. Residents might consider the impact Moorhouse's proximity to Laxton might have on the overall parish setting
28. NSDC is working with NCC to produce a definitive map of solar panel locations.

The following were also raised during Mr Scott's presentation:

- a. The tension between national energy security and national food security.
- b. The existing power station and energy infrastructure which already exists in the area.

In relation to A46 improvements, Mr Scott confirmed that funding had not been withdrawn.

He was also asked about Laxton as a conservation area and its protections in a context where there were a lot of empty farms and a parliamentary undertaking. Concern was expressed that these empty farms might be developed in a way which does not support working farms undermining the open field system. Mr Scott referred to the following in particular:

- i. Conservation area status controls matters such as demolition and trees and is a significant factor in any planning application. It carries great weight in the decision-making process and the planning authority must pay "special attention" as a result.
- ii. A conservation area is not a tool to refuse applications. The designation exists to manage the impact of applications.
- iii. Laxton is significant because of the relationship between its buildings and the open fields but the conservation area designation is not concerned with land ownership, civil or legal matters
- iv. The parliamentary undertaking is a civil matter. That said, that does not mean that is of no importance to members. Both they and NSDC officers understand the relationship and are open to discussion surrounding the unique qualities of Laxton and the open fields. NSDC has previously put ideas to the Estate.

The meeting noted the concern expressed at the risk of an incremental chipping away at the fundamental structure of the open field system.

Mr Scott explained that a parish plan is the same as a neighbourhood plan and that such plans are not tools for stopping development. He also confirmed that the open field strips themselves are not protected by the conservation area status. However, the importance of the designation lies in its status as a significant consideration in any planning application.

The chair thanked Mr Scott for his attendance and information provided. Mr Scott left the meeting at 9 pm.

6. **Thoresby Estate report (if any):** No report.
7. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 September 2024:** The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 24 September 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.
8. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
9. **Reports from district and county councillors:** Mr Pringle was absent.

In her report, Mrs Michael referred to the following in particular:

- 1) A number of senior planners will be leaving NSDC before the end of the year
- 2) 200 Afghan military supporters are to be housed in the district
- 3) 50 asylum seekers are to be rehoused in the district
- 4) NSDC is under a requirement to rehouse offenders on release from prison

The glass recycling collection scheme is up and running.

10. **Reports from councillors:** There were no reports.
11. **2025 meeting schedule:** Councillors approved the 2025 meeting dates and a new start time of 7.00 pm for the January 2025 meeting onwards.
12. **Property matters including sports field, condition report and Glebe Field matters (if any):** The clerk had contacted the Estate to explore the possibility of a smaller contribution. In response the Estate had suggested that the council make an application for funding to the Thoresby Charitable Trust. The application had been made and a decision was awaited.
13. **Planning matters:**
 - a. **Applications: 24/01887/CPRIOR|Application to determine if prior approval is required for change of use of existing steel portal framed agricultural building to storage unit, under Schedule 2, Part 3 Class R:** : Councillors considered the application and **agreed** that the issues were for NSDC to determine.
 - b. **To note planning decisions by NSDC:**
 - i. **24/01535/LDCP – School Farm, High Street, Laxton, NG22 0NX – Certificate of lawful development issued –** Decision noted.
 - ii. **24/00690/FUL – Excavate ground and remove concrete and earth to lower ground to original level – Steps farm, Main Street, Laxton, NG22 0NU –** Approval noted.
 - c. **Great North Road Solar Park – Update and consider contribution to planning consultant report to be**

commissioned by the local Joint Parish Council Action Group (JPAG):

Councillors discussed the JPAG's minutes and emails, NALC advice and council financial summary which had been previously circulated. They noted:

- 1) The limited funds available to the parish council
- 2) NALC's advice that, since councillors were not decision makers in the application process, issues of pre-judgment did not arise
- 3) NALC's advice that the council was permitted to crowd fund
- 4) The information received from Mr Scott above
- 5) That Moorhouse has a group looking at the issues for Moorhouse
- 6) The Moorhouse resident leading that group was happy to liaise with the local resident specialist who had volunteered his services to JPAG as referred to at item LMPC/134/24 above (10 minutes public speaking).

Councillors **agreed** that residents' views on specific impacts should be sought using the website and Facebook and passed on to the volunteer specialist. The chair will liaise with the specialist. Councillors also **agreed** that they should have the opportunity to read and review the contents of the volunteer specialist's report as it relates to the parish before it is submitted.

Compliance: Councillors reviewed the position in relation to the fence at Croftways, noting the planning implications in relation to height. The clerk was asked to raise the matter with NSDC.

Concerns were also raised regarding a static van located on Weston Road at Moorhouse. It was noted that this was believed to be a site where residential planning permission had previously been refused. The chair will send photos to the clerk who will then raise the matter with NSDC.

14. Defibrillator:

- a. **Inspection report:** Pad expiry and battery use by dates to be confirmed. Mrs Michael left the meeting at 9.30 pm
- b. **Replacement defibrillator and funding:** Deferred to January 2025.
- c. **Provision of first aid kit:** Deferred to January 2025. The clerk will circulate information regarding the first aid training.

15. Flood resilience working party – Report and any associated decisions: Mr Sheard reported that he had been in touch with Mr Marshall of NCC flood management team. NCC did not regard the parish as high priority but a member of the team would look into a natural flood management report. The working party has plans which it had been suggested might usefully be brought to the Court Leet. The Internal Drainage Board had also stated that the locality was not a priority area.

16. Christmas event 2024 – Parish council Christmas event group – Consider and approve:

- a. **Final plans for the event:** Councillors noted that the room and band had been booked, the plans for the tree to be erected and catering arrangements. Having considered the up to date plans, councillors **approved** the arrangements.

- b. **Risk assessment approval:** The risk assessment had been circulated and was **approved**.

17. Parish environment and appearance, including:

- a. **Mowing of verges:** Not required as an agenda item. Remove.
- b. **Parish roads and pavements:** The clerk will contact the NCC officer dealing with the matter with regard to the pavement surface between Bottom Farm and Moorgate Farm. Councillors noted that a concern had been raised regarding a shrub between the pub and the Bar which restricted visibility when in leaf. Councillors will inspect the issue when the hedge is in leaf.
- c. **WWI and WWII remembrance memorial on the Green:** Deferred to January 2025.
- d. **Parish environment enhancement in recognition of previous serving parish council members:** The chair will circulate a photo of the proposed location for the proposed bench.

18. Financial matters:

- a. **Financial position as at 31 October 2024:** Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 October 2024 (incorporating the 2024-25 budget figures) which the chair cross referred to the bank statements.
- b. **Accounts for payment:** Councillors unanimously **approved** ten payments totalling £487.92. Councillors noted that the signatories issue continued.
- c. **Open Field donation:** Councillors discussed a donation and **agreed** that a donation in the sum of £80 should be made to be paid in January 2025 as part of that month's accounts for payment.
- d. **Appointment of internal auditor:** Councillors **agreed** that Halam parish clerk should be asked whether she would be prepared to undertake the role for a further year.
- e. **Review system of internal control:** Councillors discussed the operation of the system of internal control and **agreed** that it was adequate for the size and needs of the council and continued to operate effectively, subject to the appointment of an internal auditor which was in hand.
- f. **Consider need for interim internal audit:** The clerk advised councillors as to the on-going nature of the internal audit process. Councillors considered their financial affairs for the financial year to date. They **decided** that an interim internal audit would be disproportionate and was not justified.

19. Service faults: Mr J Hill will provide the clerk with details of a lamp which is not working properly.

20. Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted including the Aquasacs offer from NSDC.

21. 5 minutes public speaking time: A member of the public referred to first aid training.

22. Agenda items for next meeting: See above.

23. Date of next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 28 January 2025 at the



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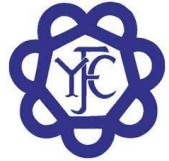
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