**LAXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**7.00pm 5 December 2018**

 **PRESENT:** Councillors Bray, Collins, Goulden, Sweeting and Yarrow.

Apologies were received from Councillors Moore and Newton.

Ward Councillors: Councillor Bayram and Wilkinson

Clerk: Alan Bravey

The Parish Council met at Victory Hall, Laxton.

146/18 **- DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS –** There were no declarations.

147/18 - **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – **Resolved –** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 October should be amended to show that Councillor Goulden was present at the meeting, resolve a typographical error and then should be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

148/18 – **PUBLIC FORUM–** There were no members of the public present.

149/18 - **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE –** Councillor Bayram advised that Kilpin Parish Council had ERYC addressed a number of overgrown verges / potholes in the village because it had been argued that they had been affecting the adjacent properties. Issues raised at the previous meeting around building works at St Peters Lane had been reported to the appropriate Council departments. Councillor Wilkinson gave an update on the status of Goole Fields 2 windfarm.

150/18 – **PARISH COUNCILLOR AND CLERK UPDATE –** The Village Hall Committee accounts had been submitted in accordance with the requirement of the Parish Council grant scheme. It was agreed that this completed the application and the grant should be issued to the VHC. ERYC Housing had assessed the parking situation on Church Close and agreed to include the street on its list of car parking improvement projects. However, there was only the funding for a few projects each year and it was unlikely that any works would be carried out in the short term. The cost from ERYC Print and Design for the Love Laxton logo design and printing of beer mats was £250. A local quote was also being sourced. Councillor Collins reported ponding of approximately 6 inches on Church Close during heavy rain due to the bevelling of the road. This was reported during the recent Streetscene walkabout. It was agreed the Clerk would raise this with ERYC.

151/18 - **CORRESPONDENCE** - **Resolved** – (a) that the following correspondence should be received by the Council:

* Resident, Update on safety concern at the level crossing; Network Rail advised that crossing staffed and lowered when safe to do so.
* ERYC. Request for topics for ERYC Scrutiny Panels
* ERYC, Invite to take part in East Riding Local Plan Review
* YW & ERYC, Advising that their teams are investigating concerns raised by Parish Council.
* ERYC, Planning Approval, Saltmarshe Hall, Change of use of existing bedrooms (Sui Generis) to hotel (C1)
* ERYC, Tax Base Advice - The provisional 2019/20 tax base for Laxton Parish Council is 122.8 Band D equivalent properties.
* Humberside Police, Newsletter
* Kiplin Parish Council, Speeding Traffic

b) that the Council would monitor the work of the Kiplin speeding group, and promote some of their messages in the community newsletter.

152/18 – **planning - Resolved –** That the Parish Council had no objections to the proposed refurbishment and alterations of the lower ground floor to provide additional WC facilities at Saltmarshe Hall.

153/18 – **ERNLLCA CONFERENCE** – Councillor Goulden provided feedback on conference, which included presentations on the new Union for clerks, websites and social media and planning. Advice was given on the accessibility and privacy requirements of websites and a recommendation made that Councillors should not use personal email accounts for Council business as personal accounts could be disclosable under Freedom of Information and other requirements. Further member training was expected in the new year after the May elections.

**Resolved –** (i) that Councillor Goulden would attend any upcoming Councillor training and (ii) that Clerk would report back on website requirements and Councillor email options.

154/18 – **CHRistMAS NEWSLETTER – Resolved –** That the Church, Village Hall and local businesses would be asked if they wanted to submit an article for the Christmas Newsletter.

155/18 – **PARISH COUNCIL WHATSAPP – Resolved –** That a community Whatsapp group would be trialled.

156/18 – **HIGHWAYS, DYKES AND DRAINS -**  **Resolved –** i) That the Clerk would re-report the overgrown drain leading to Laxton Drain and the ponding caused by the new bunding at Cotness Corner to the drainage board ii) that ERYC be requested to consider the need for a chevron near to the new dyke at Cotness Corner.

157/18 – **BUDGET 2019 / 20 AND PRECEPT PAYMENT –** The Clerk advised that the Council Tax base had reduced this year following a number of annual increases, which placed a pressure on the Parish Council budget.

**Resolved –** i) That the overall precept demand would remain at £7361.72, the same level as 2018/19, which would represent a £1.57 annual increase to a Band D property.

158/18 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT** – **Resolved –** That cheques should be signed to pay the following accounts:

1. Alan Bravey, Salary – December, £89.46
2. HMRC, PAYE – December, £60.00
3. ERYC,
4. Street Lighting Service Level Agreement, £299.66
5. Laxton Victory Hall, Village Hall Rent 2018, £200
6. ERYC Supplies, Paper, £14.43
7. Councillor Mileage Claim, ERNLLCA Conference, £26.65
8. Zurich Insurance, Insurance 2019, £257.60

159/18 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Resolved –** the next Parish Council meeting would take place on the 23rd January 2019 at 7pm.

**SIGNED: DATE:**