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19/07/2024

To: All Members of the Council

You are summoned to attend the **Annual Meeting** of **Laxton Parish Council** that will be held on **Wednesday 24 July 2024 at 7pm** to transact the business set out below. The meeting will take place at Laxton Victory Hall, Station Road, Laxton, DN14 7TW. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and may address the Council during the public participation section.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies for absence
- 2. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items below.
- 3. To receive and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, 22 May, 2024 as a true and correct record
- 4. To receive an update on the Yorkshire Water rising mains works
- 5. Public Participation to temporarily suspend the meeting to receive questions from the public.



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- 6. To agree to reopen the meeting following suspension
- 7. To receive the action log from the Clerk
- 8. To receive an update from Ward Councillors
- 9. To receive an update from Parish Councillors
- 10. To discuss the following correspondence:
 - i. ERNLLCA, Partnership with WorkNest
 - ii. ERYC, trial 20mph zones
 - iii. Laxton Victory Hall, Explaining the role and liabilities of Village Hall Trustees
 - iv. Cllr Goulden, Reporting Missing Speed Sign and Overgrown Banks at Skelton.
 - v. Laxton Victory Hall, To note that the Village Hall was offered free of charge for use during the D-Day Commemorations
 - vi. ERYC, T&PC to conduct assessment of ERYC maintained Salt Bins
 - vii. ERNLLCA, Conference Tuesday 24th September 2024
 - viii. ERNLLCA, Newsletter
 - ix. ERYC, Confirmation of D-Day Grant award
 - x. Resident, Laxton 10k
- 11. To agree position of King Charles Portrait
- 12. To review emergency equipment
- 13. To receive a verbal update from the Personnel Sub-Committee
- 14. To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement
- 15. To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance Statement
- 16. To receive the budget outturn report and bank reconciliation for 2023/24
- 17. To approve the schedule of accounts for payment
- 18. To agree any agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting 25 September 2024

LAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

7pm, 22 May 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Goulden (Chair), Collins, S Yarrow, M Yarrow and Watson.

Ward Councillor Aitken was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sweeting, Councillor Huntley and Ward Councillor Bayram.

Clerk: Alan Bravey

There was one members of the public present.

29/24 **PERIOD OF ABSENCE – Resolved -** To grant a period of absence for Councillor Sweeting until December 2024.

30/24 **ELECTION OF CHAIR – Resolved –** That Councillor Goulden should be reappointed Chair of the Parish Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2025.

31/24 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR – Resolved –** That due to Councillor Sweeting's temporary period of absence, a Deputy Chair would not be appointed this year.

32/24 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – Councillor Watson noted a pecuniary interest in matters connected with the Village Hall Committee.

33/24 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20 March 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34/23 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** A member of the public attended to ask about progress with the Speed watch scheme. The Clerk agreed to contact Humberside Police again.

35/23 **APPOINTMENT TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Resolved –**That Councillors Huntley, Yarrow and Watson should be appointed to the Personnel Committee.

36/23 **APPOINTMENT TO SALTMARSHE AND LAXTON CHARITY – Resolved -** That Councillor Yarrow should be appointed to the Saltmarshe and Laxton Charity.

37/23 **APPOINTMENT TO LAXTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE -Resolved –** That Councillor M Yarrow should be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee. 38/23 **APPOINTMENT TO THE LAXTON ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE** – **Resolved** – That Councillor Collins would be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Allotments Committee.

39/23 **FUTURE MEETING DATES - Resolved –** That the Parish Council would meet on the following dates at 7:00pm: 24 July 2024, 25 September 2024, 27 November 2024, 22 January 2025, 26 March 2025 and 28 May 2025.

40/24 **ACTION LOG UPDATE** – It was noted that there were schemes to improve mobile phone coverage in the area, but those were in areas with no exiting coverage. There were limited options to lobby for increased coverage in Laxton area.

41/24 **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** – Councillor Aitken advised that there were proposals for three new SEND schools in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Strategic conversations were being held to reduce the amount of travelling required to provide SEND education. Cllr Aitken continued to attend the Humber 2100+ flooding meetings.

42/24 **PARISH COUNCILLOR UPDATE** – The meeting reviewed an article in the ERNLLCA newsletter advising on the employment status of contractors. It was noted that the Clerk was a paid employee, and that the Parish Council had a duty to provide a pension scheme, holiday entitlement and other statutory employment rights. The Parish Council gardener was considered to be a contractor not an employee because i) the Parish Council did not provide clear instructions and supervision of their work ii) the gardener was expected to provide their own tools and equipment and iii) the Council did not require a named person attend to carry out the work, as long as a gardener attended. It was agreed that i) the Clerk would review the holiday allowance for the Parish Clerk ii) that the Clerk would review the policy of providing equipment to allotment holders and iii) the article should be noted by the Personnel Committee and retained for future consideration.

43/24 **CORRESPONDENCE** – **Resolved** – i) that the following correspondence should be received by the Council:

- i. ERYC, Scope of Village Task Force
- ii. ERYC, Framed portrait of His Majesty The King.
- iii. ERYC, Planning Approval, Internal, Saltmarshe Hall
- iv. ERYC, Newsletter
- v. Humberside Police, Next Steps on Community Speed watch
- vi. ERYC, Role of Community Payback Projects, and Antisocial behaviour update
- vii. ERYC, Dismissal of appeal by Planning Inspectorate, Land North of 2 Back Street
- viii. ERYC, Opportunity to apply for D-Day Grant
- ix. ERYC, Temporary Road Closure, Back Street 21 August 2024 to Monday 28th October 2024
- x. ERNLLCA, Model Financial Regulations 2024
- xi. ERNLLCA, May Newsletter

- xii. ERYC, Planning Town and Parish Council Liaison Officer Meetings
- xiii. ERYC, Digital Inclusion Webinar Invite
- xiv. To note the resignation of the Clerk

44/24 **D-DAY COMMEMORATIONS - LAXTON VICTORY HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –** Arrangements for D-Day had been finalised by the separate planning group, and would involve lighting the of beacon, preceded by a reading and light refreshments. The parish "Tommy's" would be installed at the Beacon along with a D-Day Flag.

Resolved – To apply for the D-Day Grant from ERYC.

45/24 **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CONTRACTER TO MAINTAIN LAXTON JUBILEE GARDENS –** A Bradburn had been appointed as the new contractor for maintaining the gardens following the retirement of G. Hall. Mr Bradburn also maintained the Church gardens.

46/24 **VILLAGE PLANTERS** – The planters were too tall to be placed in front of the Laxton village name plates as originally planned, and so alternative locations were required.

Resolved – i) That one planter would be placed near to the Church bench, and the location of the other would be agreed by Councillor Goulden and Huntley following a site visit of potential locations ii) the Clerk would arrange for compost and top soil to be delivered.

47/24 **VILLAGE FLAG POLE – Resolved –** i) that the Parish Council supported purchasing a flag pole if the right location could be found ii) Councillor M Yarrow was to look at potential options.

48/24 **LAXTON PC EMAIL ADDRESS** – The parish council had access to 10 @laxtonpc.org.uk email addresses, but it was noted that they were not easy to use for people not using outlook as a mail client. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate further.

49/24 **EXTERNAL AUDIT** – **Resolved** – To submit an exemption from an External Audit.

50/24 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT** – **Resolved** – i) that it be noted that the following accounts had been paid by bank transfer:

- a) Gordon Ellis and Co, Village Planters $f_{0.00}$ 647.14
- b) ER Supplies, Paper $f_{,22.24}$
- c) ERYC, Saltbin Filling f,58.80
- d) Websters, Service Strimmer £21.96
- e) PWLB, Loan Payment- $f_{1570.72}$
- f) Ouse and H Drainage Board, Allotment Drainage Rates £4.45
- g) Andrew Bradburn, Gardening £50

h) ERNLLCA, Annual Subs - £320.12

and ii) that the following accounts be approved for payment:

- a) HMRC, PAYE 91.20
- b) Clerk, Salary May and June 137.20

51/24 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Resolved –** that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council would be 7pm on the 24 July.

SIGNED:

DATE:

Laxton Parish Council Action Log

Action	Status	Lead	Update
Check status of the Cotness Footbridge Bridge.	Ongoing	Clerk	ERYC /Landowner update meeting - W/B 21 November 2023. Outcome not yet clear but getting closer.
Check expected repair time of bridge at Skelton footpath.	Ongoing	Clerk	Badger Sett holding up works. 14/10 update - New bridge required, but badger sett underneath the footings and the placement site and so consultation with Natura England required / underway.
The requirement for an allotment fence should be raised at the next meeting of the allotment committee			
and a recommendation made to a later Parish Council			
meeting.	Ongoing	Clerk	To be discussed at next Allotment meeting.
Contractor / Employee Issues. Clarify holiday			
allowance for the Clerk.	Ongoing	Clerk	
Review provision of equipment at the Allotment			
Gardens	Ongoing	Clerk	
Investigate Options for Parish Flag Pole	Ongoing	Cllr M Yarrow	
Councillor Email Addresses	Ongoing	Clerk	

Laxton Parish Council Correspondence Record

22 May to 19 July 2024

The Clerk will circulate correspondence when considered appropriate. If Councillors would like to see a copy of correspondence that has not be circulated, please notify the Clerk on ettonpc@outlook.com on 07932 016856.

From	Purpose of Correspondence
ERNLLCA	ERNLLCA are pleased to announce our partnership with WorkNest. WorkNest can offer specialist advice and support on both Health & Safety and Employment.
ERYC	The Council's Cabinet passed a motion In October 2023 to undertake a trial of 20mph zones across the East Riding, a reserved amount of £80k was to be set aside in the new 2024/25 financial budget. The Council would like to see trials in both urban and rural areas, and the money spent equally across the county. We will be looking for 4 sites initially, each allocated £20K, if the scheme estimate is more than the allocation, then the Parish/Town Council must meet the additional cost. Parish and Town Councils are invited to put forward site selections for 20mph zones in their area, which must include rational behind their decision. Once we have a list of proposed schemes, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport will work with officers to determine which schemes will be taken forward, this will be undertaken after the pre-election period. The closing date to send any proposals in is the <u>1</u> st of August 2024
Laxton Victory Hall	Explaining the role and liabilities of Village Hall Trustees
Cllr Goulden	Reporting Missing Speed Sign and Overgrown Banks at Skelton.
Laxton Victory Hall	To note that the Village Hall was offered free of charge for use during the D-Day Commemorations

ERYC	In order to better focus our resources and reduce overall delivery of service costs, this year we will be changing our process for inspecting and replenishing salt bins within the East Riding of Yorkshire. All ERYC maintained salt bins will not receive a maintenance visit prior to the start of season as a standard process. We advise all town and parish councils to conduct their own visit prior to the season. If the salt bins are not in a good condition or require additional salt, this can be reported to us via the ERYC interactive map. This will allow us to concentrate on bins that are in need servicing and subsequently, reduce invoicing for unrequired visits. To allow for effective servicing, we would advise that all reporting of salt bins is carried out as early as possible so refills/inspections processes can be scheduled accordingly. Join us for our latest conference being held on the Tuesday 24th September 2024 at Mercure Hull Grange Park Hotel, Grange Park Lane, Willerby, HU10 6EA. Topics for the day: Tips for Dealing with Difficult People – Elaine Young, <u>ONYC</u> Mental Heath & Wellbeing – <u>Lesley Liddle</u> Reviewing template documents – ERNLLCA Finance and the new financial regulations – Steve Parkinson, <u>Parkinson Partnership LLP</u> New web accessibility requirements (Oct 2024) – Mark Tomkins, <u>Aubergine</u> Green investments – Lee Jagger, <u>CCLA</u> Health & Safety – Peter Murphy, <u>Worknest</u>
	 Guest Panel – round off the day by questioning our guest panellists to hear top tips and ideas to consider implementing for your community
ERNLLCA	Newsletter
ERYC	Confirmation of D-Day Grant award

Topics for the day include:

- Tips for Dealing with Difficult People Elaine Young, ONYC¹
- Mental Heath & Wellbeing Lesley Liddle²
- Documents & Templates ERNLLCA
- Finance and the new financial regulations Steve Parkinson, Parkinson Partnership LLP³
- New web accessibility requirements (Oct 2024) Mark Tomkins, Aubergine⁴
- Green investments Lee Jagger, CCLA⁵
- Health & Safety Peter Murphy, Worknest⁶
- Guest Panel round off the day by questioning our guest panellists to hear top tips and ideas to consider implementing for your community.

ERNLLCA will be adding more seminars so look out for further updates

Sponsors and Stall Holders

We are pleased to announce this year sponsors as Worknest and CCLA. You will be able to talk to them throughout the day at their stall along with our other stall holders; Streetscape, Vaughtons, Aubergine and Parkinson Partnership LLP

The day will run from 9.30 to 2.45pm and include a 2 course lunch and refreshments throughout the day. The cost will be £80 (plus VAT) and for the first 15 smaller councils we are providing 1 place each at £40 (plus VAT) to enable them to take advantage of the day.

Book your ticket now⁷

ERNLLCA AGM

ERNLLCA will be holding the AGM on the 12 September 2024 at 7pm via zoom. Further details of the event will be sent out nearer to the time.

¹https://onyc.co.uk/

²<u>https://lesleyliddle.co.uk/</u>

³https://www.parkinsonpartnership.uk/

⁴<u>https://www.aubergine262.com/</u>

⁵<u>https://www.ccla.co.uk/</u>

⁶https://worknest.com/health-and-safety/

⁷https://bookwhen.com/ernllca/e/ev-sheq-20240924093000

COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT STORE

The Parish has two stores of community Equipment Store:

COMMUNITY SAND STORE

The Community Sand store is at Manor Farm, Laxton. A small number of volunteers will be identified at the time of an emergency and will be supervised by a Parish Councillor. They will fill sandbags for allocation to residents or for distribution to other volunteers. Sand and is kept on a pallet so it can be transported with empty bags to location needed and filled at site.

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

We acknowledge as the members of:

Laxton Parish Council

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, that:

Agreed					
	Yes	Yes No 'Yes' means that this authority:		eans that this authority:	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	~		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.		
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	~	made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.		guarding the public money and resources in	
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	~		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.		
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	~		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.		
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	~		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.		
 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems. 	~		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.		
 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit. 	~		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.		
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	~		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.		
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	

*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation must be published

		Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:	
		SIGNATURE REQUIRED	
and recorded as minute reference:	Chair		
MINUTE REFERENCE	Clerk	SIGNATURE REQUIRED	

Information required by the Transparency Code (not part of the Annual Governance Statem	ent)	
The authority website/webpage is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has	Yes	N
been published.		

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

EN-Laxton Parish Council

	Year e	ending	Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
1. Balances brought forward	10,930	7,490	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	7,709	7,709	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	2,880	1,955	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	1,879	2,404	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	3,141	3,141	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	9,009	4,464	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	7,490	7,145	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	7,490	7,145	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation .
 Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets 	10,798	11,796	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	13,808	11,303	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
For Local Councils Only	Yes	No N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust (including charitable)	funds	~	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust (including charitable)	funds	~	The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

IGNATURE REQUIRE

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YYYY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 Form 2 Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities

2023 / 2024 Outturn Report

	Budget	Actual Spend	Difference	Notes
<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£	£	
Salaries / N.I.	2143	2,403.85	260.85	Pay Award
Training Budget	100	90.00	-10.00	
Postage/Stationery / Printing / Office	250	45.21	-204.79	
Mileage / Subsistence	50	0.00	-50.00	
PC Insurance	260	257.60	-2.40	
Seats / Bins / Notice Boards	0	1,287.00	1287.00	New Saltbin, Planters and Gardener
Room Booking / Village Hall Rent	220	280.00	60.00	1.5 years of invoices
Grants	250	418.48	168.48	Hedgehog Highway, Bonfire Grant
Emergency equipment	252	56.40	-195.60	
Public Works Loan	3141.44	3,141.44	0.00	
Subscriptions	374	347.43	-26.57	
Audit	237	235.00	-2.00	
Lighting SLA	641	416.80	-224.20	
Election Costs	0	0.00	0.00	
Drainage Rates	4	4.30	0.30	
Allotments	500	0.00	-500.00	Money allocated to fence but not progressed
Contingencies / Misc.	0	0.00	0.00	
Entertainment	1000	531.02	-468.98	D-Day
Total Expenditure	9422.44	9514.53	92.09	
Income				
Precept	7709.39	7709	0.39	
Allotments	100	120	20.00	
Grants / Reimbursements	500	040 74	240.74	Cinama Crant and Coronation Crant
_	500	849.74	349.74	Cinema Grant and Coronation Grant
Reserves	1113	2738.44	2738.44	
Other	0	0	0.00	
Total Income	9422.39	11417.18	3108.57	

Prepared by Alan Bravey, Clerk to Laxton Parish Council

Closing Statements 31 March 2024	£	£	£	£
Current Account 050439 Premium Account 227884 Petty Cash Float		1557 0 60		
Add Undeposited Cheques: Allotment Rent Virgin Money		70 5458	1617 5528	
NET BALANCES				7145
Ledger				
Opening Balance Add Reciepts in the Year Less Payments in the Year		7490 9664 10008		
CLOSING CASH BOOK BALANCE				7145

Laxton Parish Council

Accounts for Payment - May / June 2024

Payments made to be noted

Payee	Details	Total
Rackhams	Audit	£306
Goole Times	Vacancy Advert	£362.88
Cllr Huntley	Flowers for Planters	£116.39
Resident	D-Day Flag	£12.70
Bricklayers Arms	D-Day Refreshments	£345
Clerk	Compost	£46.97
Andrew Bradburn	Gardening	5* <u>£</u> 25
Resident	Rotivator /	£42.74
	Generator Service	
Clerk	D-Day Books	£43.92

Receipts to be Noted

Payee	Details	Total
ERYC	Goole Wind Farms	539.28
	Quick Fix Fund	

Payments to be Authorised

Payee	Details	Total
HMRC	PAYE	91.20
Alan Bravey	July and August	137.20