

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting**  
**Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm**

**12206 Present:** Chair - Cllr B Metcalf  
Cllr R James, Cllr S Turner, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr J Howells,  
Cllr D Hasthorpe

**Also present:** No members of public were present  
Clerk – Nicola Ashton

**Apologies:** Cllr D Johnson

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**12207 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations to be recorded.

**12208 Public Forum**

There were no public present at this meeting and so there was no requirement for a public forum.

**12209 Planning Matters**

No plans were received for consideration at tonight's meeting.

**12210 Financial Matters**

**Grass Cutting**

Cllr Metcalf explained that LPC had been provided with a quote in regards to grass cutting throughout the village; this incorporated the purchase of equipment, insurance and the cost to carry out the work and was £940 pcm. Last year there were concerns about the grass cutting across the village and it was noted that other Parish Councils paid for an additional cut in between that carried out by the Local Authority, cutting all grassed areas that NELC currently cut. Cllr Hasthorpe suggested that LPC found out from NELC how much it cost to cut all our grass, and asked for a plan of the areas cut so that we can make a comparison.

Cllr Howells raised concern about the Laceby Bypass only being cut once last year and that it needed cutting more than once. The Council questioned why the grass up to Morrison's roundabout was cut and maintained, however from Morrison's to the Oakland's roundabout was left to grow wild.

The Clerk explained the details from the meeting she had been to with the Grounds Maintenance and Bereavement Service Manager.

Cllr Metcalf added that NELC had raised concerns about the amount of rubbish that had accumulated in the grass whilst it had been left to grow so high; if the grass was maintained then the rubbish would not be able to accumulate here.

Cllr Hasthorpe confirmed he would gather some information and report back to the Parish Council.

**Action** Clerk to gather information on planned cuts, frequency, and what is cut from NELC.

**Precept**

The Clerk had prepared the accounts to date and identified the anticipated spend for the year end. Councillors considered the proposed budget by line and a discussion was held on how the precept would be put to the best use for the community.

Income was identified and Councillors confirmed that there would be no increases to Cemetery and Allotment fees. LPC also noted that the grant received last year from NELC of £3,630 would not be available this year.

Expenditure was discussed in detail and consideration was given to where expenditure was needed and where savings could be made. Cllr Metcalf advised that she would like to use some of the reserves for projects in the village; and through discussions it was identified that there were other areas of focus for the Parish Council in 2019/20.

It was identified that the Parish Council would look at its IT infrastructure, the Church Wall, the War Memorial in the Cemetery and the Nature Area and that money could be drawn from the reserves to cover some of this investment.

Cllr Metcalf and Cllr Hasthorpe suggested that the precept remained at the same level as set in 2018/19. Councillors agreed that this would be sensible on reflection of the figures for spending in the financial plan. Cllr Howells commented that as there were more houses this year, the amount per household could possibly go down.

**Action** Councillors agreed that the Clerk would make the changes suggested tonight and prepare the final budget for 2019/20 for consideration at the next meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Clerk to confirm with NELC that this is acceptable.

**12211 Any Other Business**

Cllr Metcalf explained that Mr Cross had been working with her on the new section for the Cemetery and produced plans for Council to consider. She confirmed the new plan would accommodate an additional 355 plots. The plan was shared and all councillors given the opportunity to comment on them; Cllr Metcalf suggested that this be divided into 4 further sections numbered 12-15 and that we keep the new section in neat and tidy rows and columns. She added that this will be on the next agenda for approval along with the new Cemetery Regulations.

**The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:**

- Full Council and Planning Meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- Planning Meeting (if required) - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.**

Signed: .....

**Chair**

Dated: .....