

Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm

12795 Present: Chair – Cllr B Metcalf
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr R Barford, Cllr R James,
Cllr J Dixon , Cllr L Emerson, Cllr P Schofield, Ward Cllr Hasthorpe

Also present: Clerk – Nicola Ashton
1 member of the Public

Apologies:

The Chair opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted.

12796 Minutes from the 2nd November 2021

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 2nd November 2021 were put forwards for approval. Minutes were proposed by Cllr Hasthorpe and seconded by Cllr Turner; Cllr Metcalf ensured all Councillors were in agreement that the minutes were an accurate record of events and with a show of full hands the minutes were approved.

12797 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

Cllr Metcalf asked if anyone had any declarations of interests or dispensations to declare. Cllr Hasthorpe requested that it be recorded that as a member of the Planning Committee, he would not be able to comment on any planning applications, recording the statement below:

"I am a member of North East Lincolnshire Borough Council's Planning Committee and I am present here in my role as Parish Councillor and not as member of North East Lincolnshire Council's Planning Committee. I am able to participate as the proposal before us does not substantially affect the well-being or financial standing of the Parish Council, and must make it clear that my views and vote are expressed on the limited information before me. I must reserve judgement and the independence to make up my own mind on each separate proposal, based on my overriding duty to the whole of North East Lincolnshire, not just to the people in the parish, as and when I hear all of the relevant information when it comes before me at Planning Committee.

I will not in any way commit myself as to how I or others may vote, or what may be said, when the proposal comes before Planning Committee. I will declare a personal interest in relation to my being a member of the Parish Council when the item is before Planning Committee."

Cllr Metcalf and Cllr Johnson recorded an interest in the finance as they were both to receive reimbursement for items purchased for the Christmas Tree event.

The declarations of interest were accepted.

12798 Public Forum

The member of public explained that there had been a lot of concern regarding the advertising signs on the entrance to the village. Cllr Metcalf advised that this will be discussed during the meeting.

12799 Matters Arising

Development at Field Head Road

The Clerk advised that she had contacted several contractors to ask if they would like to bid for the groundwork at the new Field Head Road development. On each occasion she was advised by the contractor that they were not interested in the job due to existing commitments.

Cllr Greenbeck advised that the money would not be enough to cover what needs to be done. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that if the Parish Council does not take the groundwork on, then the it will be maintained by the developer, but at their discretion as to how it will be maintained. He also advised that we contact the developer and explain the situation, but ask that we have an annual review on the work in case we do find someone to do it. Cllr Emerson asked if it would be possible for a community group to take it on. It was felt that this was not an option as people are not willing to help with community groups.

Queens Jubilee Planning Meeting

Cllr Metcalf explained that the minutes to the committee meeting had been shared with the Councillors and had been well attended by a variety of local organisations. If anyone has any ideas or anything to contribute, please let Cllr Metcalf or Cllr Turner know. The next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday in January.

12800 Police Matters

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared with those present and it was noted that there had been 11 crimes reported in Laceby and many of these were young people causing problems across the village. The police had put additional patrols on through the village, and for some incidents the culprits have been identified and will be spoken to by the police thanks to CCTV.

The PCSO is looking at using mobile cameras around the village in order to obtain further evidence, and Cllr Metcalf explained that she will be contacting Cllr Shepherd to move forwards with Laceby PC purchasing some CCTV cameras for use at strategic points across the village.

12801 Ward Councillors Report

The advertising signage at the entrance to the village was queried as it is totally out of place. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had spoken to various people in NELC and that the signs contravene planning regulations and will be taken down whilst a planning application can be made for them to be reinstated as they are a means to generate income for NELC. Cllr Metcalf advised that it is totally wrong to put advertising on a village sign. Cllr Emerson and Johnson explained that the signs were distracting, with Cllr Barford adding that it impacts on our heritage and culture.

Cllr Johnson advised that the government had told councils to remove unnecessary street furniture; Cllr Hasthorpe advised that this should be discussed at the meeting the Parish Council has with Highway's. Cllr James explained that it reads that whoever sponsors the signs contributes to the village and that the village supports that company, and that is not the case.

12802 Planning Matters

DM/1138/21/FUL – extend existing balcony at side elevation and install roof lights and external staircase to garage with associated works; 581 Laceby Road, Grimsby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined. Following discussion, it was identified that there were no concerns.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/1146/21/FULA – creation of vehicular access with dropped kerb, installation of EV charging point, installation of gate with alterations to boundary treatments; 42 High Street, Laceby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined, and a discussion took place regarding the highway's comment on the planning portal. It was acknowledged that the concerns raised were valid, however, it was felt that other properties in the area have similar access and egress issues. Following discussion, it was identified that there were no concerns.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning

DM/1113/21/FUL – variation to conditions following DM/1097/18/FUL; Manor Golf Course, Laceby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined. Following discussion, Cllr James identified that the removal of condition 4 would impact on the Parish Council, as this states that someone cannot stay onsite for longer than 3 months and as such should be kept as holiday lets. It was felt that the condition needed to remain in place and that there should be a restriction on the length of time someone can be in residence at the lodges. A show of hands confirmed all were in agreement with this objection; Cllr Hasthorpe abstained.

Action Clerk to advise NELC planning of the objection.

DM/0838/21/FUL – change of use of land from agriculture to allotments and sensory garden; Land adjacent to St Lawrence’s Church, Church Cottage, Church Lane, Greenacre and Field, Church Lane, Aylesby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined; it was confirmed by Cllr Metcalf that when we looked at this in October, we objected to the plans because of residential amenity. Following discussion, it was identified that the objections remained and there were no further comments to make.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning

DM/1178/21/FUL – demolish existing garage, erect single storey side extension with integral garage and various alterations; 9 Hawerby Road, Laceby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined. Following discussion, it was identified that there were no concerns.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning

12803 Finance Matters

Payments for authorisation

The following items required approval for payment, all were Bacs payments:

Salaries x 2 members of staff for Dec 2021	£1,022.50
HMRC – Salaries Dec 2021	£167.07
Chairs Allowance – Nov 2021	£20.00
Clerks Telephone Line Rental	£18.20
Cemetery Waste Nov/Dec 2021	£55.30
Groundskeeper Petty Cash	£30.01
Clerk Petty Cash	£16.49
Mulled Wine and Juice for Christmas Tree event 4.12.21	£43.18
Stanford Centre Room Hire – November 2021	£28.00
Anglian Water - allotments	£437.48
Anglian Water – cemetery	£13.75

Items for Christmas Tree event & lights for tree	£104.23
Christmas Tree	£95.00
Total	£2,051.21

Cllr Hasthorpe proposed the payments, and was seconded by Cllr James; all Councillors agreed the payments be authorised.

12804 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Metcalf advised that the new gym equipment is now in place and, although it has generated a lot of discussion with residents on St Peters Grove, it is hoped that this will give everyone of Laceby the opportunity to enjoy the equipment. Cllr Metcalf explained at one installation in Hull they have set up a weekly gym session for the older generation to meet with others and enjoy exercise at the same time. There had been a lot of positive comments in regards to the new exercise equipment from residents.

We now have some prices and options for moving the little cars and making better use of that area; Cllr Metcalf suggested we look to have a slightly larger slide put in this place as the little slide is quite small. The Clerk will contact the contractor for a quote for a slide.

Cllr Metcalf also advised that the workmen had suggested we extend the play area to incorporate more of the grassed areas and increase the area to include equipment for disabled children to enjoy too. This will be added to the next agenda to be discussed.

Cllr Johnson advised that the new litter bin was here and he would get it installed in the new year as we need to fix it to the fence. Cllr Metcalf advised that this time we have gone for a Frog bin.

12805 Church and Cemetery Matters

War Memorial Booklet

Cllr Metcalf advised the memorial booklet was ready for print and had been quoted £585 for 100 copies; this was the cheapest of 3 quotes. Cllr Hasthorpe proposed the memorial booklet be printed at the above price, and Cllr Barford seconded that. Cllr Metcalf confirmed that copies would be given to the Library, School and History Group. Cllr Schofield asked if Parish Councillors would be able to purchase a copy, and all Councillors expressed a request for a copy. It was suggested that any income from the booklet be donated to the Poppy Appeal.

Poppies

Cllr Barford advised that we were due to discuss the purchase of additional poppies on the agenda. The Clerk apologised for missing it from the agenda and assured it would be on January Agenda. Cllr Metcalf confirmed that the lamppost poppies now needed to come down. Cllr Barford advised that he would look to do this over the next week, weather permitting, and he would count them back in. He advised that some residents had already dropped off poppies that had 'fallen off' the lamppost.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that this year, Healing had sold poppies to residents to be mounted on their properties – this had generated a lot of income for the Poppy Appeal. Cllr Metcalf suggested we could do a 'sponsor a poppy' for next year.

Christmas Tree Event

The Christmas Tree event was a lovely evening and well attended, with 67 adults and 41 children taking part, and everyone said how lovely it was to be able to have this event. Cllr Metcalf thanked Bob Swallow for the readings, hymn sheets and the music which he put together, and led, on the evening and for making it a lovely event.

12806 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that the Stanford Centre had been advised that the funding bid to the Solar Fund for the new toilets had been approved.

Cllr Metcalf explained that Vanessa Wiseman had organised a Crafty Christmas Fair, donating funds to the library. The library had run tea, coffee and a raffle and from the event they had managed to raise £289

12807 Allotments

The Clerk confirmed that all plots were again let and the waiting list still had 6 people on it. The Clerk advised that she was meeting a contractor later this week to look at the trees overhanging Longmeadows Drive properties and will be able to confirm price at the next meeting.

12808 Correspondence

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received in regards to residents parking on verges and chewing up the grass. Cllr Metcalf advised that LPC were on the list for the byelaw, and a meeting had been arranged with NELC Highways team to discuss. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that Healing already had the byelaw in place and that the problem was enforcement, as it had not stopped residents parking on the verges.

Cllr Metcalf advised that currently the postal address for the Clerk was her home address. Unfortunately, this has caused some problems with people calling at her house and on occasions this has been challenging. The Clerk would like to remove her address from all communications and just have the email and telephone contact details. Cllr Hasthorpe suggested that with the permission of the Stanford Trust, the Clerk have a postal box at the Stanford Centre and use this as the postal address. Cllr Hasthorpe will clarify with the Trustees and confirm this can be done. All agreed that the Clerk use the Stanford Centre for postal address going forwards.

The Clerk advised that with the focus on bullying, harassment and intimidation towards councillors and employees at the moment, there had been a newsletter with a bullying and harassment statement for parish council websites. The Clerk enquired if all Councillors were happy for this to be added to the LPC website. This was confirmed by all present.

12809 Information Exchange

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had been contacted regarding the public footpath from Gibraltar Lane near to the Laceby Park building site. He advised that NELC are looking at this and that there shouldn't be a left turn at that point.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that his Mayor's Charity 'do' had raised a magnificent £2100 for the Mayor's Charities.

Cllr Emerson advised that there was CCTV on Gibraltar Lane should this be needed in regards to any ASB.

Cllr Turner enquired if it would be possible for someone to cut the grassed area at the side of the Beck where you walk towards the bypass. It is currently very overgrown. The Clerk advised that she had struggled to identify whose responsibility this section was. Cllr Hasthorpe advised he would look into it, Cllr Greenbeck suggested Jenny Griffiths be contacted to see if she can advise.

Cllr Turner advised that the footpath from the Rookery to the bypass was still overgrown and impassable in places. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had raised this previously and would chase it again.

Cllr Metcalf advised that LPC had received a Christmas Card from the Mayor.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7.30pm
- Jubilee Planning Meeting (sub-committee) – Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30pm

The Chair suspended the meeting to go into private session at 8.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: