

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

12742 Present: Chair – Cllr B Metcalf
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr R Barford, Cllr P Schofield, Ward Cllr Hasthorpe

Also present: Clerk – Nicola Ashton

Apologies: Cllr Dixon, Cllr R James, Cllr Emerson, Ward Cllr Hudson

The Chair opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12748 Minutes from the 3rd August 2021

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 3rd August 2021 were put forwards for approval. Cllr Turner advised that minute 12730 stated 'Cllr Dixon invited the public', however this should read 'Cllr Metcalf invited the public'. Minutes were amended to reflect this. Minutes were proposed by Cllr Schofield and seconded by Cllr Greenbeck; 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.

12749 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

Cllr Metcalf asked if anyone had any declarations of interests or dispensations to declare. Cllr Metcalf expressed an interest in planning application DM/0753/21/FUL as a neighbour, and Cllr Schofield expressed interest in DM/0902/21/FULA also as a neighbour. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he would not be able to comment on any planning applications due to his role on the Planning Committee.

12750 Public Forum

There were no public in attendance.

12751 Matters Arising

Equipment and repairs for St Francis Grove – the Clerk advised that she had contacted the contractor on numerous occasions to chase this and the contractor has advised that they are having supply issues, but will chase up their suppliers. It was confirmed that the swing seat was going to be installed in the morning and Cllr's Greenbeck and Johnson will be available to confirm where it is going. They will also ask for an update regarding the other items we are waiting for.

Field Head Road development – Cllr Hasthorpe explained that he had met with the residents and developers at Field Head Road development to discuss the land at Charles Avenue which will be the emergency access for the new estate. He explained that there will be bollards at both ends with access only for emergency vehicles. The residents had approached Cllr Hasthorpe to see if it would be possible to do something different. The proposal was for a curved (rather than straight) road and path, with planting and seats. The curve would stop parking on the land and make it more aesthetic and easier for emergency vehicles to access. The other areas on the map (access at St Peters, 3 areas on development), along with Charles Ave site, could become part of PC land with funding from the developers to maintain them for a set period of time. The play equipment would be rustic wood and placed away from property on Charles Ave & St Peters. Cllr Hasthorpe asked if LPC would be interested in taking these pieces of land on?

Cllr Greenbeck advised that it would require further discussion before we could commit to this, with Cllr Metcalf explaining it would be dependent on the funding.

Cllr Hasthorpe explained it would likely be 10-15 years, but that he could liaise and set up a meeting with the developers if we were interested. He explained that Healing had also done something similar and the land is now maintained by a contractor with all costs covered.

Cllr Metcalf explained that we would need further information on how much a contractor would cost us in regards to grass cutting, flowers and to maintain the area.

Cllr Barford explained that there would also be the income from the precept of the new houses to consider.

All Councillors present explained that they were interested in exploring this further and Cllr Hasthorpe explained that he would set up a meeting, suggested that 3 Cllr's lead on this. Cllr Metcalf, Cllr Greenbeck and Cllr Barford will take this forward and report back.

12752 Police Matters

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared with those present and it was noted that there had been more crimes within Laceby reported this month.

12753 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe asked if the Parish had a problem with unlicensed motorbikes; this was confirmed as a yes and locations provided for where this is an issue. The Clerk explained she had reported this previously via the PCSO's. Cllr Hasthorpe also asked if we saw any of the police team in Laceby; again this was confirmed as a no. Cllr Hasthorpe explained that Bradley had worked to limit the unlicensed bikes through the village and they were now seeing a positive outcome. He advised that he would feed this back to our police team & follow up.

12754 Planning Matters

DM/0652/21/FULA – Demolish existing extension and erect two storey side extension with dormers and install dormers to front and rear to existing property: The Copse, Barton Street, Laceby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined. Following discussion, it was identified that there were no concerns raised and no objections to the plans; a full show of hands confirmed this.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/0435/21/FUL – Change of driveway to domestic curtilage. Erect two storey side extension, single storey front extension and various external alterations to include render of external walls, alterations to windows and roof covering. Addition of pergola to rear. Erection of brick wall to front. Erect double garage and garden room with roof lights; New Farm, Lopham Lane, Laceby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined. Following discussion, it was identified that there were no concerns raised and no objections to the plans; a full show of hands confirmed this.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/0823/21/FULA – erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern; 28 Cooper Lane, Laceby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined. Following discussion, it was identified that there were no concerns raised and no objections to the plans; a full show of hands confirmed this.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/0902/21/FUL – demolish existing conservatory and erect two storey rear extension; 5 Altoft Close, Laceby.

This application was discussed and the plans examined. Cllr Hasthorpe explained that he had been contacted by a resident who was concerned around the access and egress to the road during the building works. Cllr Schofield explained that he had visited the property and confirmed that the building work was to the rear and there would be little / no impact from the plans. Following

discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to the plans, however it was felt that a request be made for a condition that all materials, equipment and vehicles be within the curtilage of the property for the period of the build.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/0522/21/REM – reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping and layout to include details of drainage, air quality, highway construction, construction management, plan and open space/landscape management plan pursuant to DM/1133/17/OUT for erection of 152 dwellings together with sales suite, construction of garages, driveways and estate roads, including an emergency vehicular access onto Charles Ave and associated works; Land Field Head Road, Laceby.

Please refer to discussion under Matters Arising.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/0753/21/FUL – demolish part of buildings to the rear, alterations and erect rear single storey extension to form and new commercial unit at No2 and a convenience store at No4 with canopied entrance to side including associated plant areas, service yards, carpark, fencing and other associated works; 2 & 4 Caistor Road, Laceby.

Cllr Metcalf explained that concerns had been raised by residents regarding the detrimental effect the Co-op will have on other businesses within the village. She explained that the owners of those shops were now aware of how to submit any concerns they had to the NELC planning portal.

Cllr Metcalf went on to explain that during the July meeting when Co-op had been to speak about the plans, they had advised they would not be using large delivery vehicles and that they would restrict times for delivery, however, these plans confirm that they will use a 12.5m lorry twice weekly to deliver to the store without any mention of restriction to times. Concerns were again raised around this size of vehicle accessing the site. It was also noted that as this route is used by school children going to and from school and the bus stop, consideration would need to be given around these times and deliveries avoided.

Finally, Cllr Metcalf explained that under the transport statement, it states the car park will only be for use of customers. The carpark has been for the use of the public since it was made a condition in 1988; £30k of public money was used to provide this parking. NELC has previously placed enforcement orders on the pub to keep the carpark open. All Cllr's have previously expressed to Co-op that the carpark has to remain for public parking.

Cllr Greenbeck explained that we had previously had 4 hairdressers without objections, Cllr Hasthorpe commented that with more houses being built there was greater demand on village retailers. Cllr Turner added that if the concerns listed above can be ironed out, then it would be good to have a Co-op in the village; other retailers have become expensive and there are people who would welcome this shop to Laceby, especially those who do not drive. Cllr Johnson agreed with Cllr Turners comments.

Cllr Barford explained that it would be competitively priced and is value for money, from environmental perspective it would be great not to have to travel to a shop in a car. Cllr Metcalf added that it would be brilliant to have this building restored and in use rather than empty.

It was agreed by all members, that we would like a Co-op to take this site over, however, that we ask for the plans to go to committee so we can express our concerns and objections around the deliveries and carpark. Cllr Metcalf also requested that we ask for them to look at the lighting in the carpark and request it is either limited or shaded away from residential properties.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

12755 Finance Matters

Payments for authorisation

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

Salaries x 3 members of staff for Sept 2021	£1,550.04
HMRC – Salaries Sept 2021	£183.87
Chairs Allowance – Aug 2021	£20.00
Clerks Telephone Line Rental	£17.00
Cemetery Waste Aug/Sept 2021	£48.77
Clerk Petty Cash	£9.99
St Margaret’s Church Clock Service	£135.00
Black Sacks for Litter Picker	£95.69
Allotment Keys	£58.80
Allotment Rental 29/9/21 – 24/12/21	£345.50
External Auditor	£360.00
Total	£2,939.66

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

Accounts Reconciliation and Finance Update

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council currently had £119,648.17 within its accounts of which £29,296.17 was in the current account, all other monies were invested. Cllr Metcalf explained that there was the Exercise Equipment and repairs to St Francis Grove play area to fund, before asking if there were any projects, we could look at that would be an advantage to the village and its residents.

Cllr Greenbeck suggested that we looked at more sites for benches, and suggested the old pubs as one location. It was suggested that we look to clear the old allotments and turn them into a Jubilee Garden for the Queen’s Jubilee next year. Cllr’s Barford and Metcalf suggested we look to invest some money into Butt Lane Playing Field, perhaps a Skate Park on the old Bowling Green, Cllr Hasthorpe suggested this be placed on hold until the discussions with the Community Group have completed. All to give more thought to this.

The Clerk explained that we had received the final outcome on the Accounts for 2020/21 from the External Auditor and there were no actions to be taken or concerns raised. Moving forwards, these will now be placed on the website for 5 years, and displayed on the noticeboard. Any member of public can request a copy from the Clerk for a small fee.

12756 St Francis Grove Matters

St Francis Grove was discussed earlier under the Matters Arising section of the meeting.

12757 Church and Cemetery Matters

Cllr Metcalf has spoken to a printer regarding the war memorial booklet, from the feedback receive they are now working on actioning that feedback and as soon as a she receives a quote, she will fetch it back to the PC.

The Clerk confirmed that we had now received the quotes for the areas of the Cemetery and Old Allotments that need attention. Prices were confirmed and all agreed to go ahead with the work at the quotes provided. Cllr Metcalf explained that the quotes were competitive and very reasonable.

12758 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that the Stanford Centre was now coming back slowly, and more room rentals were now bringing in income.

12759 Allotments

The Allotment Association have contacted LPC to ask if the hedge that sits on the road, can be cut back on the inside near the far end of the allotments. Cllr Barford explained that he had been advised it was the responsibility of the AA to cut the hedge and it was only a small section that needed cutting, Cllr Metcalf explained that it was something we should do. Cllr Barford offered to cut the hedge on behalf of LPC, this was accepted and thanks given.

The Clerk explained that the plots we were looking to let, needed to be strimmed down now that the growing season is over before they can be let. Cllr Metcalf asked the Clerk to see if this was something the Groundsman can do, if not we would need to get some quotes.

Old Allotments

As discussed earlier (minute 12757) the contractor completing work at the Cemetery, has also quoted to cut back the old Allotments. This was approved and the Clerk will request dates for the work to be done with the contractor.

Cllr Barford explained that he had been approached by a resident regarding a tree from the old allotments overhanging his property. Cllr Barford has been to look and felt that we needed to get a tree surgeon in to look at this. Cllr Metcalf added, that we should get a tree surgeon to look at the whole site. Cllr Hasthorpe suggested that Paul Chaplin at NELC be contacted for advce and guidance around this.

Cllr Barford also explained that he had been advised by the resident that other residents were renting part of the old allotments from NELC; this is currently LPC land. It was advised that the Clerk contact Jack Fox (NELC) to request the most up to date map for the site.

12760 Correspondence

Letter re speed survey – The Clerk explained that the speed survey had been completed and a report received, however, Laceby was not included in the report. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had been advised that the mean average speed for Laceby was 31mph. The Clerk explained that the speed survey had been placed just before the roundabout at the Mulberries. A request had been made to NELC for the speed survey to be done on Butt Lane (near speed sign), Caistor Road and Grimsby Road as all 3 were concerns.

12761 Information Exchange

Cllr Greenbeck advised that it was the Queen's Jubilee next year, and as it was a big bank holiday, could Laceby PC do something to celebrate? Our VE day celebrations were thwarted by Covid, but it would be nice to do something. Cllr Metcalf asked for this to go on next month's agenda for discussion.

Cllr Hasthorpe explained that he had raised £1800 for charity through his sky dive. He also advised that he would be having a Mayor's Ball on the 30th October at the Town Hall – tickets are on sale and all proceeds to charity. He would also be having an event as he leaves office as Mayor and will provide details later.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: