

4 Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 7.30pm

13155 Present: Chair – Cllr D Hasthorpe
Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr S Turner, Cllr James, Cllr Barford, Cllr Greenbeck, Cllr Schofield

Also present: Clerk – Nicola Ashton
12 members of public

Apologies: Cllr D Johnson

Cllr Hasthorpe opened the meeting, welcoming everyone present to the meeting.

13156 Minutes from the 4th July 2023

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 6th July 2023 were put forwards for approval. The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting, and proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Turner. Cllr Hasthorpe ensured all Councillors agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of events and, with a show of full hands, the minutes were approved.

13157 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

Cllr Hasthorpe requested the following statement be recorded.

"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 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."

The declarations of interest were accepted. There were no dispensations recorded.

13158 Public Forum

Cllr Hasthorpe opened the public forum advising those present that there were 20 minutes for them to speak.

Mr S advised that he wished to speak regarding the planning application to remove the buffer zone alongside his property, and that the application now said it would be 10m. He asked if the buffer zone can be removed? Cllr Hasthorpe advised this application was for a 10m buffer zone and planting.

Mr S advised that originally the buffer zone was 400m, then reduced to 30m, and had been put in place to safeguard his business and the residents of the new houses. Now they (the developers) want to change this to 10m, giving the developers an advantage of 20m and a financial gain. There was no concern from the developers regarding the smell and noise from the farm, however, when he was spreading muck, this would affect properties if reduced to 10m. Mr S advised he was here to request the Parish Council object to the applications.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the Parish Council were only able to make comments and agree or disagree with the applications they received as part of a consultation process. The Parish Council do not have the power to agree or refuse planning applications.

Mr G advised that he had heard the developers were trying to run a road from St Peters Grove. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that on the initial application, there were plans for an escape route, however, this was now not the case.

Mrs F advised that the footpath into the buffer zone was affected and that the gate was now removed in the proposal. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the original escape route onto St Peters had been moved to Charles Avenue, and that there was still a gateway for pedestrian access onto St Peters. Plans were checked and it was evident that the pedestrian access remained on the current plans. Cllr Hasthorpe advised Mrs F that the Parish Council were able to only consider the plans it had received.

Resident 1 advised that he had heard there were plans for a normal road onto Charles Avenue. Cllr Hasthorpe advised this was not the case.

Resident 2 enquired why all the works vans were using Charles Avenue. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that it had been agreed with NELC that the equipment and vans could be placed there (on the escape route) until the vehicles could access the site and park there. This was only a temporary measure.

Resident 1 advised that he had contacted NELC 7 weeks ago, and had not had any response back. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the resident should liaise with the Wold Councillors (Cllr Hasthorpe and Cllr Hudson).

Resident 2 asked if the roads could be swept and cleaned? Clerk to action this request to NELC.

Mr H advised that as business owners, he would like to know what the disruptions were going to be from the 7th August for 11 weeks? Cllr Hasthorpe advised that this was not something the Parish Council could advise on as it was not within our remit, and we had not been notified by NELC of the works. Cllr Metcalf advised that she might be able to assist, as she had been and spoken to the Site Manager. Cllr Metcalf advised that the builders had wanted to start the work 2 weeks ago (when the school buses stopped for the summer), however, this had been delayed. The works would involve putting in the windows on the front of the building, and digging across from the front of the pub to find the watercourse and link this to the drains. The first lane in front of the pub will be closed and sectioned off with arris fencing. Mr H was not happy with the information he was given and left the meeting. Cllr Metcalf advised she would ask the Site Manager to speak directly to the owners.

Cllr Hasthorpe closed the public forum.

13159 Matters Arising

- **Church Wall & Sub-committee**

Cllr Hasthorpe advised there was further work to be done regarding the Church Wall.

- **Parish Newsletter**

The Clerk explained that she had re-sent out communications to all local community groups, asking if they wished to contribute to the Newsletter, and had received a couple of responses, when the information came through, she would send to Finn.

- **CCTV**

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to NELC regarding the CCTV request, and that a feasibility study needed to be done. This would include a cost to Laceby Parish Council of £800 and identify the options for the transmission system and the number of cameras best suited to

Laceby. Cllr Metcalf proposed that the PC proceeded with this study, and was seconded by Cllr Turner; all Councillors agreed. The Clerk will contact NELC to confirm.

13160 Police Matters

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared and it was noted that there had been 34 crimes reported across the Wolds, with the following occurring in Laceby:

- Car window smashed on Grimsby Road, offender fled when alarm sounded.
- Bay window St Francis Grove smashed after stones thrown at property.
- 5 assaults.
- 1 report of sending malicious communications.
- 3 reports of harassment.
- 3 minor public order offences.
- 3 reports of ASB including:
 - 2 reports of illegal riding of motorbikes
 - Youths causing issues at St Francis Grove.

13161 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he was busy with planning and highways concerns raised by residents, and expressed thanks to Mrs F for sharing plans and information on social media (the village community facebook page) through the month.

13162 Planning Matters

- **DM/0554/23/FUL – Demolish existing dwelling, farm office ad garage. Erect detached two storey dwelling with Juliet balconies to rear and solar panels with landscaping and associated works; Mill Farm Cottage, New Road, Laceby**

The application and plans were examined and discussed by all Cllrs present. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that there were no objections on the planning portal, and no objections were identified to the application by Councillors.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **DM/0606/23/LBC & DM/0605/23/FUL – Conversion of coach house to form domestic annexe (2 units of accommodation) including erection of single storey extension to western side to form plant and storage area. Internal and external alterations to the existing structure and formation of low brick wall to rear (North); Rookery House, Laceby**

The application and plans were examined and discussed by all Cllrs present. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that there were no objections on the planning portal, and no objections were identified to the application by Councillors.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **DM/0093/23/FUL – Retrospective planning application for the installation of external extraction flue to café; Grimsby Garden Centre, Laceby.**

The application and plans were examined and discussed by all Cllrs present. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that there was one concern on the planning portal however this appears to have been resolved. There were no objections identified to the application by Councillors.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **DM/0815/222/REM – variation of plans; Field Head Road, Laceby.**

The application and plans were examined and discussed by all Cllrs present. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that there was one application in support of the plans and multiple objections on the planning portal. Cllr Metcalf proposed that the Parish Council object to the plans, adding that planning permission was granted based on a 30m buffer zone, and that this should remain. It was noted that

there were too many variations being put forward by the developers once planning permission had been granted and this was not acceptable. All Councillors agreed that objections be sent regarding this application as discussed earlier in the public forum.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

13163 Finance Matters

Payments for authorisation

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

Salaries x 3 members of staff for August 2023	£1715.02
HMRC – Salaries August 2023	£343.33
Pensions – August 2023	£56.22
Cemetery Waste – July/August 2023	£56.30
Clerk Phone & Broadband - July/August 2023	£31.03
Stanford Room Hire	£10.50
Clerk Petty Cash	£22.49
RBLI – Women at War statues	£1050.00
Anglian Water - Cemetery	£13.02
Allotment Hedge Cutting	£200.00
Coronation Bench Installation	£200.00
Total Payments	£3,697.91

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

13164 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Greenbeck advised that she had been contacted by a resident regarding the frog bin at the play area; the chain has been cut and the bin moved to the fence alongside the main path. As a result of it being moved it was being filled with dog waste – this bin was not for this. Cllr Metcalf advised she had discussed this with Cllr Johnson and that he would re chain the bin on the far side of the play area.

Cllr Barford asked if we could request a dog waste bin be placed at the play area; it was advised that there were 2 waste bins in the area at the other end of Victoria Park, and that the park was not public land. Cllr Metcalf suggested a ‘no dog waste’ sign be placed on the bin / next to bin.

The Clerk advised she had contacted NELC regarding a bollard for the entrance to the park, and had been put in contact with different teams, but no one had been able to advise. She was currently waiting for a reply from a further email.

13165 Church and Cemetery Matters

There was nothing to report for this agenda item.

13166 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that the new lighting was completed and it was noted that they were more natural and brighter. Cllr Metcalf advised that the new lights were smaller and that the tiles had been painted. In addition to this, the library now had four new volunteers helping.

13167 Allotments

Cllr Hasthorpe questioned whether this needed to be a standing item each month, or whether it could be discussed within Information Exchange. It was agreed by all to remove this as standing item.

13168 Laceby Community Collective

Cllr Barford advised that the LCC could also be removed as a standing item, and discussed within the Information Exchange. This was agreed by all to remove as standing item.

Cllr Barford advised that work had begun on the 31/7/23 to turn the bowling green into a 5-a-side pitch. There had been a new roller shutter installed and work on the main pavilion building will be starting imminently.

13169 Correspondence

Cllr Hasthorpe shared a letter from a resident regarding the flags flying at the entrances to the village. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the letter implied the misuse of public money, and that the Parish Council supported a political ideology. It was noted that the actions of Laceby in Bloom are not the responsibility of the Parish Council, and therefore there was nothing to discuss regarding this.

13170 Information Exchange and AOB

Cllr Barford queried when the Women at War statues would likely arrive, and whether the Council would like him to get the equipment ready and install them. This was agreed by Cllr Hasthorpe who also advised it would be ideal to discuss the location of the statues prior to installation.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: