

Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 7.30pm

- 13016 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf
Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr Barford, Cllr James, Cllr Schofield, Ward Cllr Hasthorpe,
- Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton
0 members of public
- Apologies:** Cllr S Greenbeck, Ward Cllr Hudson

Cllr Metcalf opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies were presented and accepted.

13017 Minutes from the 6th December 2022

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 6th December 2022 were put forwards for approval. Minutes were proposed by Cllr Schofield and seconded by Cllr James, 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.

13018 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

Cllr Johnson advised that he had a declaration of interest in finance, Cllr James expressed an interest in the planning application DM/1111/22/FUL. 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 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."

The declarations of interest were accepted.

13019 Public Forum

No public present.

13020 Matters Arising

• **Church Wall**

The Clerk explained that she had submitted the full and listed building applications with plans, but had received conflicting advice from NELC planning officers. Cllr Metcalf advised that a new set of plans had been drawn up for the Parish Council, which Cllr Hasthorpe offered to take into NELC the following day.

• **Footpath Blyth Way**

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had received an email from NELC which confirmed a full set of plans had been received for the footpath, and that NELC were currently assessing and clarifying the information. It was noted that the application for the condition to be removed had been dropped.

- **Parish Newsletter**

Cllr Barford advised that there were lots to consider regarding getting the Parish Magazine up and running, including how often we publish it and delivery of the magazine. Cllr Barford has shared the costs of printing with Cllr Metcalf, and noted that there may be a cost to the council whilst we get the magazine up and running and drawing in companies to advertise in the magazine. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that something like £120 to advertise for a year, £80 for part of year, and prices could reflect whether they want full page advert or half page advert. It was agreed that LPC would fund the first couple of magazines to get it up and running, and that we would start with quarterly issues whilst we do this. Cllr Barford confirmed that there would be a need to keep the content current. Cllr Hasthorpe suggested that Page 3 could be a who we are and what we do for each Councillor. It was also suggested that we have a page of upcoming events in the village and bus timetables, as well as contributions from local community groups. It was noted that we would need an editor for the magazine and a group of people employed to distribute the magazine. Cllr Johnson to approach someone who may be able to help with the Editor role.

- **Bus Shelter**

Cllr Turner had spoken to NELC and established that a provisional installation date for the bus shelter is the 22nd February 2023. NELC had advised that they had spent a considerable amount of time to claim the damages from the insurance company, and that they now needed to apply for a partial road closure for the installation. This also had to fit this to the same timescale the company can deliver and install the shelter, as the company is from Scotland, it had to fit around other works and when they were in the area.

13021 Police Matters

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared and it was noted that there had been 25 crimes reported across the Wolds, with a number of crimes reported in Laceby including theft, assault, minor public order offences, harassment, making a threat to cause criminal damage and ASB. A male had also been arrested for possession of a firearm intending to cause fear and violence.

The Clerk shared the email from PCSO Dove which highlighted the actions that had been taken and the good news stories. Regarding speeding through the village, it was noted that we again ask for Golden River be laid on the 3 main routes through the village, and that we request the report for the last set of results.

There were no requests for information to be sent to the named officers for the ward.

13022 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had matters to discuss regarding the parking on Grimsby Road, but he would discuss within item 15.

13023 Planning Matters

DM/1041/22/POW – application under the Overhead Lines (E Full Council & Planning Meeting – (exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009, to erect 2 new poles in position to be connected by a platform to form an H Pole, to support electrical transformer. Structure will not exceed 15m height; Land off Grimsby Road, Grimsby Garden Centre, Laceby.

The application and plans were discussed, and it was noted that this needed to be there, and there was another one on the opposite side of the road. There were no objections raised.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/0769/22/FUL – construction of new foul sewer and associated works; Land between The Willows Caravan Park, and The Copse, Barton Street, Laceby.

The application and plans were discussed, and again it was noted that this needed to be there. There were no objections raised.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

DM/1111/22/FUL – proposed change of use of garage and stable to detached bungalow with internal and external alterations; East Mount, Barton Street, Laceby.

Cllr James left the meeting for this discussion. The application and plans were discussed. There were no objections raised. Cllr James returned to the meeting.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

Stopping order re 75 Caistor Road

Cllr Metcalf advised that she had met with NELC representative to discuss the stopping order, and that the actual order only covers the immediate section on the left outside the residents' gates. It does not include the lane, all agreed to amend letter to NELC regarding the Stopping order. Cllr Barford requested that we look to get the PROW reinstated for that section of the path, this was agreed and the Clerk will contact NELC PROW Officer.

13024 Finance Matters

Payments for authorisation

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

Salaries x 3 members of staff for Jan 2023	£1599.66
HMRC – Salaries Jan 2023	£520.60
Pensions – Jan 2023	£101.64
Chairs Allowance – Dec 22	£20.00
Clerk Telephone	£18.04
Hunter Waste – invoice for Dec / Jan 2023	£55.15
Clerk Petty Cash	£21.90
Allotment Land Rental	£373.75
Stanford Centre Room Hire	£21.00
D Johnson - Graffiti Removal	£74.39
Repairs to St Francis Grove Play Area	£354.12
New Equipment @ St Francis Grove	£28,863.92
NELC Planning Application	£117.00
Total	£32,141.17

Cllr Barford proposed the payments, and was seconded by Cllr Hasthorpe; all Councillors agreed the payments be authorised by a full show of hands.

As discussed at the previous meeting, the Clerk advised that in order to pay the invoice for the new equipment at St Francis Grove, it was necessary to access one of the reserves accounts, and presented the paperwork needed to action this. All agreed that Cllr Metcalf sign the request and this was countersigned by Cllr Johnson.

Budget Plan

The Budget Plan has been considered by Councillors. Cllr Hasthorpe requested that there be monies placed in the plan for councillor training – the Clerk advised that £350 had been placed into this budget code. Cllr Metcalf advised that with the graffiti to the St Francis Grove over recent weeks, that we allocate further funds to cover a deep clean; this budget code was increased to £1500 from £750. The Clerk explained that although the Parish Council have kept the precept at the same amount for the 4th consecutive year, the fall in Band D properties in the village (which is used to calculate the precept) will show on Council Tax invoices as an increase in precept. All agreed that the budget plan be approved with these amendments. The Clerk will ensure all paperwork is returned to NELC Finance.

13025 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Johnson explained that he and Cllr Metcalf had been trying to clean off the graffiti, only to find someone had resprayed it after, so it will need another clean. Cllr Johnson and Cllr Barford raised concern that there had been no progress regarding NELC installing CCTV at the St Francis Grove Play Area, and that graffiti had continued. Cllr Metcalf explained that she had contacted NELC Security and Cllr Shepherd, and Cllr Hasthorpe advised he had also discussed with Cllr Shepherd. It was agreed to purchase CCTV for the play area, and get this installed.

13026 Church and Cemetery Matters

Cllr Johnson advised that he and Mr Sykes would be dismantling the tree on Wednesday, and would take to the tip to dispose of.

Cllr Turner advised that the lights above the clock remained off. Cllr Johnson advised that both the South and North side clock lights were broken, and unsafe. Due to the age of the lights (pre-1940), and the location, they would need fully replacing, and the only way to do this would be with a scaffold tower, with a total cost in the region of £2000. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that as it was a safety matter and the Parish Council had funds available, that he proposed the lights be replaced. Cllr Johnson will obtain quotes; Cllr Schofield will provide contact details for scaffolders.

13027 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that there was nothing new to report; currently there are 2 available times for lettings, and that they had also manage to let the hall on Sundays. Cllr Metcalf advised that the library had been very quiet with not many visitors.

13028 Allotments

There was nothing to report this month.

13029 Laceby Community Collective

There was nothing to report this month.

13030 Correspondence

Parking on Grimsby Road

Cllr Metcalf shared the correspondence from NELC regarding suggestion to alleviate the concerns on Grimsby Road, and would see Spring Lane become one way and yellow lines be placed around the junction. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had met with NELC and this was the only safe solution that could be found. If you add yellow lines down Grimsby Road, it will increase the speed of vehicles (no parked cars) and move the problem to smaller side roads. Cllr James advised that it would be part of a solution to do this. Cllr Barford advised it would need enforcing, and Cllr Metcalf

agreed that it would be a good idea. By moving this proposal forward, you are eliminating the risk of an accident from Spring Lane at this junction, and also creating a section for cars to pull into.

Cllr Metcalf shared the correspondence and photo evidence from concerned resident this morning. Cllr Johnson noted that it was dangerous due to the blind bend and that once you started overtaking you cannot see oncoming traffic until it is too late, but you were already committed to the manoeuvre to be able to do anything. Oncoming traffic were also mounting the path to pass the oncoming vehicle, and drivers were not always courteous to oncoming cars. It was noted that the parked cars were often poorly parked but that by being parked there, they were slowing traffic down along Grimsby Road.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the red mini parked overhanging Spring Lane, had parked on a dropped curb and the photo evidence had been forwarded to NELC enforcement. Cllr Hasthorpe added that this is the only safe solution to the problem at present.

All agreed to support this proposal, with a show of hands to confirm.

13031 Information Exchange and AOB

Cllr Turner advised that on the Aylesby path next to the scrap yard, there are briars overhanging the footpath. The rest of the path is clear, it is just this section.

Cllr James requested the bypass lights at the junction with the BMW garage are reported as they have been out for two weeks. The Clerk advised that she had reported them, and was awaiting a response.

Cllr Barford asked if the Parish Council had any plans for the Kings Coronation in May, and asked if we wanted to do something with the Community Collective, and include other community groups as we did for the jubilee? Cllr Barford added that May is not that far away, and Cllr Metcalf confirmed it would be nice to do something.

Cllr Metcalf shared details of the Chalk Stream Project regarding the river bank along the Beck at the bridge near the Rookery. Clerk to contact them.

There were no other issues raised.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 7th February 2022 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: