

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting**  
**Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm**

**13065 Present:** Chair – Cllr B Metcalf  
Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr Barford, Cllr James, Cllr Greenbeck, Ward  
Cllr Hasthorpe,  
**Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton  
2 members of public  
**Apologies:** Cllr Schofield

Cllr Metcalf opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies were presented and accepted. It was noted that no one had heard from Cllr Hudson.

**13066 Minutes from the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were put forwards for approval. Cllr Greenbeck requested that minute 13053 be amended to read St Margaret's PCC had already replanted a tree in the rear north garden. With this amendment made, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Hasthorpe and seconded by Cllr James, Cllr Metcalf ensured all Councillors agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of events and, with a show of full hands, the minutes were approved.

**13067 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations**

Cllr Johnson declared an interest in finance for the reimbursement for fixing flag poles, and Cllr Barford regarding the Laceby Community Collective (LCC). 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.

**13068 Public Forum**

Cllr Metcalf advised that if anyone from the public wished to discuss items on the agenda, with one member of the public advising that she wished to discuss the increase in traffic through the village which is a result of the new builds at Bishop Grange and Field Head Road. It was proposed that the Council consider re-instating the right-hand turn from the Laceby Bypass (A46) at the Caistor Road entrance to reduce the traffic coming through the village. It was suggested that people were coming into Laceby at Grimsby Road to avoid having to go up to the roundabout and come back down the bypass to come in at Caistor Road. It was suggested that if the speed limit was lowered and applicable to the whole bypass, that there would be lower risk of accidents coming into and out of Laceby onto the bypass.

It was appreciated that at the time the right-hand turn was removed it was because of the number and seriousness of the accidents and at the time, the road had a 70mph limit on it. By lowering the

limit and reinstating the right-hand turn at Caistor Road, there would be less traffic coming through the village and along Grimsby Road.

It was also noted that few people stuck to the 50mph limit along the A46 bypass.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had already had conversations in regards to this possibility, and that investigations were underway regarding its feasibility.

### **13069 Matters Arising**

#### **▪ Church Wall**

Cllr Metcalf advised that planning had been approved with conditions, and that the section of wall most at risk of falling had been removed. Cllr Metcalf has met with the new Vicar and shared the plans with them, adding that there was just a faculty meeting needed now.

Cllr Metcalf advised that quotes were currently being sourced regarding the copings, bricks, and railings, and these need to be approved by planning as part of the conditions. The Structural Engineer is also now needed to come and advise regarding the work and costings.

Cllr Barford noted that there was finite money for this, and whether the budget and spending would be open to scrutiny. Cllr Metcalf advised that it would be, adding that we need to understand the costs before any decisions would be made. It could be that the wall is replaced and the railings added later, or it could be that the wall is repaired – however it was noted that the cost to repair may be more than replacement. It was acknowledged that we have to do something about the wall as this is the responsibility of the Council to maintain the Church grounds.

It was noted that the Conservation Officer was being problematic, as they had requested bricks that were 3x the price of the bricks we were looking at. Cllr Metcalf advised that we do have one person interested in quoting for the groundworks, and another person who had volunteered to help with the brick work.

#### **▪ Footpath Blyth Way**

Cllr Hasthorpe continues to work on this, and confirmed that there was an acceptable plan with previous questions ironed out. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the road would have to be closed during the works.

#### **▪ Parish Newsletter**

RC advised that he had asked at Franklin, and the English Lecturer has passed the information to the Department Head; they will get back to us if interested, however the focus now was revision and marking.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that it is important to understand that this is ongoing and they would need to make a commitment to do this long term.

### **13070 Police Matters**

The Wolds Police Newsletter was shared and it was noted that there had been 37 crimes reported across the Wolds, with 16 crimes reported in Laceby, mainly related to theft and vehicle crimes, including 3 at the BMW garage.

Also reported was one assault, malicious communications, four reports of public order offences, two reports of ASB and illegal motorbikes causing issues to residents.

Cllr Metcalf advised that she had met with Paul Thorpe from NELC regarding the additional CCTV we were looking for, and he will look at this and get us a quote and proposal together.

### **13071 Ward Councillors Report**

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he is working regarding Grimsby Road parking, and that the proposed double lines around Spring Lane, will go to the next portfolio meeting, and then there will need to be a 21-day consultation. After this, the contractor will be approved to do the lines.

### 13072 Planning Matters

- **DM/0838/21/FUL – change of use of land from agriculture to sensory gardens; Land Adjacent to St Lawrences Church.**

The application and plans were discussed, Cllr Hasthorpe advised that this was in regards to the address on the original document being incorrect. It was noted that we had previously objected to this application due to loss of amenity. Clerk to advise objections remain.

**Action** Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

- **Co-op works and plans to close car park.**

The Parish Council had met with Co-op regarding the carpark at the rear of the old public houses. The work that is to be carried out, means that there is no other option but to close the carpark for safety reasons. This cannot be avoided due to traffic, heavy plant and demolition and building works.

**Action** Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

Cllr Metcalf advised that the developers for the Field Head Road development had agreed they would consider street names we wanted to put forwards.

It was agreed we would suggest the Bevan Boys – Mr Brooks and Mr Wilson, and names on the war memorial not already used.

Cllr Turner advised we already had a Brooks Close.

### 13073 Finance Matters

#### Payments for authorisation

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

Chairs Allowance March 2023	£20.00
Groundskeeper Petty Cash	£34.00
Clerk Petty Cash (ink, paper, envelopes, stamps)	£63.91
Clerk Mileage 1/11/22 – 31/3/23	£45.85
Coronation Flags	£82.43
Repairs to flag poles – reimbursement D Johnson	£15.83
Removal of church wall section	£216.00
Temporary traffic lights for church wall	£33.00
Coronation Benches	£1435.00

<b>Total Payments for 2022/23 Financial Year</b>	<b>£1981.02</b>
Salaries x 3 members of staff for April 2023	£1,876.65
HMRC – Salaries April 2023	£428.56
Pensions – April 2023	£70.06
Clerk Telephone	£21.72
Hunter Waste – invoice for March/April 2023	£52.22
Allotment Rent 25/3 – 23/6/23	£425.25
NELC Cemetery Rates 2023/24	£1,362.27
Scribe Accounts 2023-24	£414.72
Tree Survey – Church Trees	£360.00
<b>Total Payments for 2023/24 Financial Year</b>	<b>£5,011.45</b>

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

The bank reconciliation was presented to the council, with figures noted of current bank balance of £79,007.58.

▪ **Internal Auditor**

It was agreed by a full show of hands that MSP will remain as the auditor for the year end accounts relating to tax year 2022-2023.

**13074 St Francis Grove Matters**

Cllr Johnson explained that the play area has remained pristine since the installation of CCTV. The Council has also shared a picture of the new play equipment in the Church Magazine to publicize it. It was noted that comments such as ‘love it’, ‘best in the area’ had been used with many saying they came from outside the area to use it.

**13075 Church and Cemetery Matters**

It was noted that the grass was being churned up as cars go around the war memorial when using the Cemetery. Cllr Hasthorpe suggested the council consider placing some parking spaces to the right of the seat behind the memorial. This was noted as something to consider for the future.

**13076 Stanford Centre**

Cllr Metcalf advised the Stanford Centre was ticking along nicely, and that the group had recently put in a request for a grant to replace the lighting.

**13077 Allotments**

The Clerk advised that the notices had gone out, along with the invoices for the new year. The plots that had been handed back have all been let. One plot was not fit for cultivation, so the plot owner will be having bees on it.

Cllr Metcalf advised one of the notices had been appealed. Following discussion, it was agreed the notice still stood and the tenancy was being terminated under breach of tenancy agreement.

Cllr Barford suggested the allotment checks be carried out summer, autumn, winter, and spring. Dates to be arranged for summer asap.

**13078 Laceby Community Collective**

Cllr Barford advised that the LCC now had the lease, and they had been granted planning permission. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had spoken with the LCC about considering the wood be changed for steel re the extension plans.

Discussion followed regarding the summer fete, and the funding of the event. Cllr Hasthorpe proposed that the Council provide funding towards the event of £1000, this was seconded by Cllr Johnson. It was agreed that the funding would be towards the cost of providing the event for the community.

**13079 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for discussion.

**13080 Information Exchange and AOB**

- Information Exchange

Cllr Turner requested the white lines be repainted along the slip road at the exit on Grimsby Road – these have completely rubbed off and are not visible.

Cllr Turner explained that the new bus shelter in the Square now did not have real time bus information because it did not fit in the new shelter. We need the bus timetables for people to see when buses due.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised there were 4 candidates for the Wolds seat at the election on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. This being a Labour candidate, Conservative candidate (Cllr Hudson), Lib Dem candidate and a Green Party candidate.

There were no other issues raised.

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

- Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm
- Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7.45pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 8.00pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.**

Signed: .....

**Chair**

Dated: .....