

**Minutes of Laceby Parish Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 4^h July 2023 at 7.30pm**

- 13139 Present:** Chair – Cllr D Hasthorpe
Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr S Turner, Cllr Barford, Cllr Greenbeck, Cllr Schofield
- Also present:** Clerk – Nicola Ashton
Police x 2
8 members of public
- Apologies:** Cllr R James, Cllr H Hudson

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

13140 Minutes from the 6th June 2023

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

13141 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.

13142 Public Forum

Cllr Hasthorpe opened the public forum and asked for the first person to introduce themselves before speaking.

Mr S advised that he had submitted his objection to the removal of the buffer zone as discussed at the last meeting. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the Parish council had also sent in an objection, and that when it goes to committee he will let Mr S know the date and time.

Resident 1 asked whether the Council could advise on the changes listed for the proposed 60 houses, as they were unsure what the changes were and had not had a response back from NELC, nor had they found it in the 245 document added to the planning portal. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that he had also read the document and could not see where the differences were. Resident advised that they need to know how major or minor it is and the impact on them and the village.

Resident 2 advised that there was a comment on the portal from Laura (NELC) regarding the planned additional 60 houses. Adding that there were currently 136 objections to the proposal, and other sites in Waltham and Humberston had recently been refused. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the

change to the calculation for 5 years of housing supply had changed in April, and this along with it being outside the Local Plan will be taken into account at planning.

Resident 3 raised concerns regarding the access to the fields being via Charles Avenue and that the builders had installed a car park. Cllr Hasthorpe advised this was a temporary measure and it was there to facilitate the vehicles until the site has space to use. Resident 3 went on to add the concerns regarding the standing water on the site which are 6ft deep. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that this had been actioned as a directive from the Environment Agency. The instruction was to let the silt settle in these 'ponds' rather than pumping them into the waterways.

Resident 3 also raised concerns regarding the height of the grass at the rear of her property on Charles Avenue and the impact this was having on her property. Cllr Hasthorpe advised this should be reported via NELC. Resident advised she had done so, but received no response.

Mrs F advised that the Parish Council agenda and response from the Parish Council had upset her, adding that many people didn't know what PROW (Public Right of Way) stood for, and that the Council needs to be clearer regarding what it is going to be speaking about. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the agenda was sufficient and met the requirements it needed to. Mrs F added that the Council's Engagement Statement said it wanted to engage with residents and public, however, felt that the agenda didn't do this. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that residents and public were welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings to find out more information.

Mrs F explained she had been unable to find the accounts on the website, saying they had not been uploaded as advised last month they would be. The Clerk advised that the year-end documents were all on the website under the finance section as required by the Excise of Public Rights, the public are also permitted to request a copy of them as well. (Footnote – Clerk checked and was able to confirm the accounts were on the website).

Resident 2 questioned whether the Caistor Road entrance was still being considered as being reinstated. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that this was a lengthy process to assess and was likely to take considerable time.

Resident 2 queried the footpath along Butt Lane from Bishop Grange to the Butt Lane Playing Field. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that as the works will need a full road closure, the works to the footpath will be planned around the Co-op development and Church Wall works. Start date to be confirmed in the future.

As there were no further questions, the public forum was closed.

13143 Matters Arising

- **Church Wall & Sub-committee**

Cllr Hasthorpe advised there was a sub-committee meeting taking place after the meeting to discuss this.

- **Parish Newsletter**

The Clerk explained that she had sent out communications to all local community groups, however, had only had one response from the Allotment Association. Cllr Metcalf confirmed that the Stanford Centre was in progress and Cllr Barford confirmed the same for the Laceby Community Collective. It was acknowledged that everyone is very busy at the moment.

- **CCTV**

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to NELC regarding the CCTV request, and had been advised that a meeting was taking place on Wednesday at which point we would receive an update regarding the survey stage. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that with many Parishes requesting the CCTV, it would likely be done in priority of need.

13144 Police Matters

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

- 6 reports involving male with mental health issues, with local officers and agencies working together to resolve the issues.
- 1 assault.
- 1 report of sending malicious communications.
- 2 reports of harassment.
- 1 minor public order offence.
- 9 reports of ASB including:
 - 2 reports of youths causing issues at St Francis Grove
 - 4 reports of illegal riding of motorbikes in the village
 - 3 neighbour disputes.

The police officers present explained that they are trying to identify those using off road bikes, and had identified one person who had been issued a Section 59 warning which is valid for 12 months (should this be breached they will lose their bike permanently).

The police officers asked for support, advising about Operation Yellowfin, and asking residents to ring 101 and providing details of:

- Description of person, their bike and their helmet;
- Location they were seen and direction they were travelling in;
- The time and any CCTV or images you have of the offenders.

They asked that if the resident could identify them, then to provide this information. Cllr Barford raised the query about repercussions for the reporting resident and was advised by the Police Officers that there are ways of dealing with things which enables the identity of the reporter to remain confidential.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that these bikes are often made out of several bikes all put together, so if we could identify where this is happening, action could be taken at the source.

Resident 3 raised the query about the fires at Butt Lane Playing Field, the Police advised that they had looked into it and they were struggling with evidence. They asked that if any resident has any evidence or information, to call 101. They advised that they would be regularly patrolling the area and if residents see anything to ring it through.

13145 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that many items on his report had already been discussed. He advised that the suggestions made to improve road safety along Grimsby Road and Cooper Lane had been approved by the portfolio holder and were now out to a 21 day consultation. When this closed, that feedback would be looked at, considered and actions taken. Once the lines are down, enforcement would be within the village to monitor and speak to residents. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that line and restrictions will not cure the problem, but likely move it.

13146 Planning Matters

- **DM/0118/23/FUL – Transport assessment and travel plan; Land at Field Head Road, Laceby**

It was acknowledged that the report did not say what it needed to, and that it appeared to have been written to favour the development. Discussion held earlier in evening in public forum reiterated those concerns. Cllr Metcalf advised that this does not address the problem, and was skewed to the developer. She also noted that it referenced use of the little road down to Laceby Motors which is due to be closed to prevent accidents. It was noted that the 245 document was

used to hide the information and that many would give up on reading it and miss the key information. Cllr Barford added that any variations should be highlighted and pointed out what they are so they are easy to find. All Councillors present agreed to respond to NELC planning continuing to object to the plans and reiterate the concerns already raised.

Action Clerk to advise NELC Planning.

13147 Finance Matters

Payments for authorisation

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

Salaries x 3 members of staff for July 2023	£1714.62
HMRC – Salaries July 2023	£343.73
Pensions – July 2023	£56.22
Cemetery Waste – invoice for June/July 2023	£52.22
Clerk Phone & Broadband (June / July)	£40.43
Stanford Room Hire (April/May)	£28.00
Clerk Petty Cash	£30.47
Groundskeeper Petty Cash (petrol)	£48.04
Skip Hire (allotments)	£192.00
Allotment Rent	£425.25
Allotment key deposit refund	£10.00
Laceby Community Collective	£1000.00
Church Hedge Cut	£250.00
Total Payments	£4,140.98

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

13148 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Johnson advised that the chair that had been dumped on the St Francis Grove play area had been removed by himself and Cllr Schofield with help from Mr Cross. Names have been provided of who moved and left the chair. Cllr Hasthorpe thanked those who had moved the chair, and requested a thank you letter be sent to Mr Cross.

Cllr Metcalf advised that a car had also been driving around the park. Cllr Metcalf advised that there was picture evidence of those who had done this. Councillors discussed the installation of a barrier at the entrance to prevent this from reoccurring. Clerk to obtain quotes. Cllr Hasthorpe and Cllr Johnson to meet to identify best location.

13149 Church and Cemetery Matters

Cemetery Fees

The Clerk provided information from NELC and local Cemeteries to identify where the prices for Laceby Cemetery should fit. Cllr Metcalf advised that with the cost of living crisis, the Parish Council should consider the increase it applies and keep it as reasonable as possible, adding that it could be an annual stepped increase rather in one go.

	Current Parishioner	Proposed Parishioner	Current Non-Parishioner	Proposed Non-Parishioner
Purchase of EROB for Burial Plot	£150.00	£200.00	£1,100.00	£1,272.00
Purchase of EROB for Ashes Plot	£80.00	£110.00	£640.00	£739.00
Interment Fee - Full Burial	£250.00	£325.00	£850.00	£950.00
Interment Fee – Ashes Burial	£65.00	£85.00	£350.00	£165.00
Memorial Application Fee	£45.00	£60.00	£100.00	£100.00
Additional Inscription Fee	£40.00	£55.00	£80.00	£70.00

Cemetery Fees proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Barford; a full show of hands from all present to formally agree new fees.

Cllr Johnson advised that one of the seats in the Cemetery was broken and in a dangerous condition. To keep people safe the bench needs removing. It was confirmed that this was not a memorial bench, and it was advised the bench can be removed and the pieces placed into the skip ordered for the Groundskeeper.

Cllr Metcalf advised that the hedges were due for a cut. The Clerk advised that she had requested quotes, and provided details of this. The quotes from contractor 1 were accepted. Clerk to advise contractor.

Cllr Turner enquired whether ashes could be scattered in the Cemetery. The Clerk advised that this was not possible at Laceby Cemetery, however the family could purchase a plot and inter the ashes into it.

13150 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised work has begun at the Stanford Centre to replace the lighting, with works ongoing this week until Friday.

13151 Allotments

The Clerk advised all allotments were again let, and a new waiting list started. Currently 1 person on the waiting list.

Letters had been sent out to remind plot holders that the plots needed to be cultivated as per the tenancy agreement as agreed at last meeting and plots would be checked in 2 weeks.

13152 Laceby Community Collective

Cllr Barford advised that the LCC Summer Social, had been well received and very well attended. The vendors and entertainment went down really well and the LCC were looking forward to continued support from the residents of the village. Plans are in place to hold a Food Market on the 21st July 2023, and to do the Summer Social again next year.

Cllr Barford advised that the asbestos had now been removed from the Pavilion, and that work to the roof was about to begin. The work to the 3G 5-a-side football pitch is also due to start soon.

Cllr Hasthorpe thanked Cllr Barford for all his hard work and commitment in supporting the LCC.

13153 Correspondence

Cllr Hasthorpe shared a letter from Mrs G regarding the Unknown Soldiers statues, advising that women should also be represented for their courage and service. Mrs G requested that the statues be in place for the Remembrance Day, and asked it be erected at the centre of the village / close to the Queen's Jubilee bench as she served in the 2nd World War. Cllr Hasthorpe confirmed it was a great suggestion and proposed we install 5 female soldiers (we have 5 male). This was seconded by Cllr Metcalf. Cllr Hasthorpe asked for a show of hands, 6 voted in favour 2 voted against. Proposal carried, Clerk to purchase for the Council.

13154 Information Exchange and AOB

- **Environment Agency re Laceby Beck**

The Clerk explained that following the earlier discussion to establish who is responsible for maintaining the growth into and around the Laceby Beck on Grimsby Road, we now have a response from the Environment Agency.

The Clerk explained that the boundary to the neighbouring properties encompassed the bank and into the middle of the waterway, where they are adjacent to the waterway. The Clerk has asked for further advice regarding this from NELC. The EA have confirmed that they will assess and cut back on this one occasion after the summer.

Cllr Barford explained that by searching the land registry, the land owner could be identified. Cllr Barford also questioned whether the growth at the side of the river was affecting the flow of the river and blocking drains. This was confirmed yes, and Cllr Turner advised that she was in contact with the man from the Chalk Stream Trust, and would be happy to see if he could meet her to look at the stream. Cllr Turner to update at next meeting.

Cllr Hasthorpe advised that the EA had recently been spraying the side of the chalk stream on the Freshney Valley, and this had been stopped after a complaint to NELC from concerned residents.

- **PROW (Public Right of Way)**

The Clerk advised that complaints had been received regarding the PROW alongside the Bishop Grange build (from Gibraltar to Butt Lane). The path was overgrown and impassable. The PROW officer was going to investigate and get it cut.

- **Electoral Review**

The Clerk shared a communication from ERNLLCA regarding the collapse of Irby Parish Council, and the proposed feedback to NELC. Cllr Hasthorpe advised that it was likely Irby PC would be reconstituted as an election had been called, and we would know more after this.

- **Information Exchange**

- Cllr Turner advised that the bus stop on the Square stated it had been temporarily moved, but there is no temporary bus stop identified.
- Cllr Turner advised that half of Victoria Park had been cut, however, the other half left. Clerk to contact NELC to find out plans for the rest.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting dates as:

- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm
- Full Council & Planning Meeting – Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: