

**Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meeting held at the Stanford Centre,  
Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 2 July 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

**10912 Present: Chairman – Councillor D. Marshall.  
Councillors: P. Schofield. Mrs. S. Turner. Mrs. C. Mumby.  
M. Greenbeck. K. Brocklesby.**

**Also Present: Four members of the public.  
Debbie Weatherill – Clerk to the Council.**

**10913 Apologies: Councillors: Mrs. R. James. Mrs. B. Metcalf.  
Ward Councillors: Mrs. M. Dickerson & P. Mills.**

**10914 Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meeting held 4 June 2013 - it  
was proposed by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor  
Greenbeck that these minutes should be signed as correct by the  
Chairman.**

**10915 Declarations of Interests**  
No interests were declared in respect of agenda items.

**10916 Dispensations**  
No dispensation requested had been received by the Clerk in respect of  
agenda items.

**The Chairman, Councillor Marshall declared the meeting suspended  
for public forum and invited questions from members of the public  
present.**

No questions from members of the public.

**The Chairman declared the meeting reconvened to discuss the  
following business:-**

**10917 Police Matters**  
An email from Inspector Neil Pattison was read out to those present and  
informed everyone of the arrangement for police cover due to the budget  
restraints being imposed.  
The monthly report was circulated to each member present.  
Councillor Marshall informed those present that the police had prevented  
parking on the Barton Street on the previous Sunday whilst the Car Boot  
Sale was taking place.

**10918 Planning Matters**  
DC/446/13/WOL – Erect Single Storey Extension to rear of 56a Cooper  
Lane Laceby  
Members of the Laceby Parish Council held no objections to this planning  
application having viewed the documents and plans provided.

Turning Area Signage – the Clerk informed those present that she had spoken with Signs Express to inform them that the post height was too high and Paul Lidgard from Signs Express had been down to look at the area. The Clerk informed those present that small post sizes had been quoted for and a picture of the proposed sign against the hedgerow was also supplied. A new quotation of £245.00 plus VAT was received in view of the smaller posts and it was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Schofield that the sign should be ordered. Resolved unanimously.

#### **10919 Matters Arising**

**Vacancies:** - A letter from a resident, Mrs Chris Grimley indicating her interest in being co opted as a parish councillor was noted. Since at this time there were two vacancies on the Parish Council it was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Schofield that Mrs.Grimley should be co opted onto the Parish Council. Co option forms would be formerly completed at the next meeting of the Council and Mrs. Grimley was invited to sit at the table for the rest of the meeting.

**New Standing Orders:-** since not all of the councillors present had brought along their copies of the new standing orders it was resolved to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Bowling Green:-** Councillor Marshall informed those present that he along with Councillors Turner and Mumby had met on site at the Butt Lane Playing Field, along with NELC officers Glen Greetham and Rod Dean; to discuss the bowling green.

Councillor Marshall stated that between £1300.00 & £1500.00 would be enough for the bowlers to run the bowling green themselves. He stated that very few of the residents of Laceby were members of the bowling club in Laceby and out of the 26 members only 5 or 6 were Laceby residents. He was of the opinion too that the bowlers could run the bowling green themselves for less than £2000.00 per year.

Councillor Marshall also informed those present that no equipment was hired out to any member of the public who was not a member of the bowling club and unlike the Waltham Bowling Green which was built and owned by the Waltham Parish Council; NELC had stated that the bowlers could take it over after this year.

Councillor Marshall stated that NELC were responsible for the car park and had already allocated £3,000.00 for its repair; that NELC would not be mowing the site in general after the end of this financial year and that the main outcome of the meeting was that the bowling club could run the bowling green themselves if they wished to do so.

Councillor Turner informed those present that Mr Glen Greetham had seen all of the bowlers and that he had been informed that they did not want to go in with another bowling club.

**Butt Lane Site in General:-** It was noted that despite Councillor Chris Shaw stating that there was money available to update the pavilion the Councillors present at the meeting on site were informed that there was absolutely no money at all for updating the pavilion.

Councillor Marshall informed all present that there had been a manager running the site along with others owned by NELC for a salary of over £35,000.00 per year and that he could not expect the Clerk to run something down there – it would be a full time job.

Councillor Mumby stated that a business plan would be required to take it on board.

Councillor Marshall stated that the general consensus from the NELC officers present at the meeting on site was that it was taking too much money to run it and Councillor Marshall stated that he felt it was too big a venture for the Parish Council to take on board. He further stated that the land would not be given to the Parish Council but that it might be leased to the Parish Council if they were interested.

The Clerk stated through the Chair, that at present no mandate had been given to the Working Party in respect of taking over the site at Butt Lane and that the only mandate given by the Laceby Parish Council was to find a site for a skate park, there was nothing in the minutes to indicate otherwise.

It was suggested that anyone could come along to run the site and that it was unfair to just assume that the Parish Council would just do so. It was also suggested that perhaps RAALI might like to put something together and take it on board. Councillor Greenbeck stated that they couldn't fund it.

Councillor Greenbeck stated that it appeared a decision had been taken and that circumstances alter as time goes on. He was of the opinion that it was quite unfair to pick and poke regarding this matter.

At this point, the chairman requested that any statements be made through the Chair.

Councillor Marshall stated that this was a big project being thrown at the Parish Council and that the Parish Council were only volunteers. He felt that NELC were unloading the site because they didn't want it. He stated that there was no partnership and that it was misleading and unfair stating that the Parish Council were damned if they do and damned if they don't take the site on board. He stated that the Working Party had only ever been asked to advise on possible sites for a Skate Park.

Councillor Greenbeck stated he joined the Parish Council to do something for the village of Laceby and was of the opinion that the Parish Council could do this (take the Butt Lane site on board) but that they had to get figures first. He stated that the Parish Council had wasted £10,000.00 on

trying to get Spring Lane for the village and that the project required looking at properly.

Councillor Greenbeck asked the question of the Parish Council – “What would they do if the consultation regarding sporting facilities shows they are required”? He again stated that the Parish Council should get some figures.

Councillor Turner stated that not many people attend consultations.

Councillor Schofield stated that the costs were unknown.

Councillor Mumby stated that NELC were dumping the site because they couldn't afford it and people were expecting the Parish Council to pick it up.

Councillor Marshall stated that NELC were faced with a tremendous amount of cut backs and that the site was an enormous task and that he felt an all-round view of it had not been taken. He was also of the opinion that the Parish Council had to work to get the right answers and would not be bullied and bulldozed into taking the site on board.

Councillor Mumby stated that there were other things the Parish Council may have to look at taking on board such as keeping grass verges tidy in the village.

Councillor Schofield felt that the discussion should finish and that the Parish Council should await official figures from NELC in respect of running costs for the site.

Councillor Turner proposed that the Parish Council waits before any further discussions have taken place until official figures have been sent through from NELC. This was proposed by Councillor Mumby and carried.

At this point Councillor Greenbeck inferred that the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Marshall did not like Jenny Griffiths of RAALI – Councillor Marshall stood and called a point of order against Councillor Greenbeck for making personal remarks in respect of a member of the public in front of Councillors and other members of the public present. Councillor Greenbeck left the meeting at this point.

The Chairman of the Parish Council in view of Councillor Turner's proposition moved the meeting forward to discuss the following items:-

## **10920 Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Mumby that the following accounts should be paid by the Parish Council:-

D. Weatherill – allotment keys – extra petty cash 11.06.13	26.00
M F Strawson Ltd – allotment rent paid 11.06.13	292.75
D Weatherill – Clerk's Petty Cash	150.00
Post Office Ltd – Income Tax / NI Payment	132.67
D Marshall - Chairman's Expenses	10.00
Salaries – Monthly Total for 3 staff members	1,421.57
D Weatherill – reimbursed for BT phone/broadband	31.45
A Ringrose – Grounds man's Petty Cash	35.00
Staples Ltd – stationery & storage boxes	122.94
Apex Engineering Services Ltd – kissing gate/fence gate at old allotment site	1,980.00

Total Payment for the month of July 2013 = £4,202.38

#### 10921 Allotments

It was noted that there were still three none payers and information regarding these was given to the allotment sub committee Councillors.

Councillor Marshall stated that there were approximately 6 or 7 allotments that were vacant at this time and a few whose were untidy. It was resolved at this time not to put pressure on them.

The Clerk stated that the allotment sign at the gate had the wrong telephone number and suggested that a plastic overlay be done with the correct number on it. Councillor Schofield suggested Mr Pickston in the village might be able to do something with it and was to look at this for the Parish Council.

Councillor Marshall stated that he would like to discuss the old allotment site at the end of the meeting without the public present under the Admissions at Meetings Act of 1960.

#### **10922 Cemetery/Churchyard Matters**

Councillor Marshall informed those present that he would like permission to purchase weed killer for use around the cenotaph area and turning area at the Cemetery – to be used by the grounds man. This requested was seconded by Councillor Turner and carried unanimously. The Clerk at the same time suggested that the turning area should be defined at the top of the Cemetery since grass was now growing into it from the edges.

Councillor Marshall suggested to Councillors present that more gravel be purchased to complete the rest of the drive through to the gate. It was resolved that enough gravel to do this should be purchased and laid by the grounds man.

Councillor Marshall stated that spares for the mower had been ordered for the grounds man to repair the cemetery equipment.

Councillor Marshall also informed those present that the churchyard hedge required cutting on the Church Lane side and he was requested to ask the grounds man to cut this for additional hours. Councillor Marshall informed those present that he would allow the grounds man to use his trailer to remove the debris.

An initial report had been received on the churchyard wall and it was noted that a possible de minimus might be required to dig an exploratory hole to see what was happening with the tree roots. A structural engineers report would be required along with an archaeological report. It was resolved to liaise with the Parochial Church Council on the matter of the leaning wall.

It was further resolved that the trees in the churchyard were to be surveyed every five years.

Councillor Schofield was of the opinion that there was a structural engineer living in the village and stated he would contact him prior to the Parish Council putting out to tender to obtain quotations for a structural engineers report to be made. He was to then liaise with Debbie the Clerk.

It was further agreed to notify the insurers regarding the matter of the leaning wall and inform them that the Parish Council was looking into this matter.

**Haargensen Memorial Open Day** – it was resolved to continue with the open day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and agreed to open it up between 10 am and 4 pm subject to the weather permitting (i.e. being dry).

**10923 St Francis Grove Play Area**

**Back pack sprayer** – The Clerk informed those present that after the last meeting she had reviewed the information regarding back pack sprayers for the treatment of fungicide to the wet pour safety surfacing. She had expressed her concerns to the Chairman, that a risk assessment had not yet been done, and that the grounds man had not been made aware that the Parish Council were looking at purchasing such a sprayer. She felt that it was prudent to check that the grounds man did not have any on going back problems before purchasing such a sprayer.

Councillor Marshall stated that he had approached the grounds man regarding the possible purchase of a backpack type sprayer and that the grounds man had not been too happy with it feeling that it would be too heavy for him to use.

It was proposed by Councillor Schofield that the Clerk purchases the fungicide for use on the wet pour safety surfacing, and this was seconded by Councillor Turner – the Clerk stating she would purchase this the following day.

It was resolved that the grounds man could use either Councillor Schofield's or Councillor Brocklesby's ordinary sprayer to complete the work at the play area.

Councillor Marshall informed those present that the laurel hedging would be put back in place at the beginning of October and that there were approximately 13 plants to go in.

It was resolved once again to remind NELC about the dangers of the slope from Victoria Park.

Councillor Marshall stated that the Clerk had arranged for EK Morton to renew the two swing seats at the play area (older swings) and that the Clerk was awaiting his account for the repairs. It was resolved unanimously that the Clerk had acted as required by instructing the repairs.

**10924 Skate Park**

Discussion already taken place under matters arising.

**10925 Grant Funding Requests**

Two requests for grant funding had been received and it was noted that neither applicant had produced a set of accounts for consideration by the

Parish Council. It was resolved therefore to request a set of accounts from the applicants and to put this matter back on the agenda for the next meeting.

**10926 Correspondence**

The agenda and associated correspondence was received in respect of the next Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting on the Thursday. The Clerk stated that she had to offer her apologies because she had other commitments on a Thursday evening and could not go.

**10927 Information Exchange**

It was noted that The Mead footway was now overgrown and the Clerk was to inform NELC that it required clearing.

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that there was still a problem with the public right of way at the end of Gibraltar Lane and the clerk was requested to report this to NELC's department that dealt with this.

It was noted that the overhanging trees from no. 1 Grimsby Road were still getting in the way and overhanging the footpath the Clerk was requested to report this matter.

It was noted that the walkway through from Kenmar Road through to Knights Close was becoming clogged with weeds etc. and the Clerk was requested to report this to the Highways Dept. along with the trees on Kenmar Road.

Councillor Brocklesby was to provide photographs of the trees in question.

**10928** It was then proposed by Councillor Marshall and seconded by Councillor Turner that the meeting be closed to members of the Public under the Public Bodies (Admissions at Meetings) Act 1960 paragraph 1 subsection (2), since the matter to be considered was the reporting of an incident relating to a resident of the village. This motion was carried.

A report was given to the Parish Council and the meeting was then closed by the Chairman, Councillor Marshall at 10.12 p.m..

**SIGNED..... 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Chairman**

