

**Minutes of the Lacey Parish Council Meeting held at the Stanford Centre,  
Cooper Lane Lacey on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

**10947 Present: Chairman – Councillor D. Marshall.**

**Councillors: Mrs. C. Mumby. Mrs. B. Metcalf. Mrs. H. Barnett.  
Mrs. R. James. Mrs. C. Grimley. M. Greenbeck.  
P. Schofield.**

**Also Present: Ward Councillors: Mrs. M. Dickerson & P. Mills.  
PCSO D. Bamford – Humberside Police.  
Eleven members of the Public.  
Debbie Weatherill – Clerk.**

**10948 Apologies: Councillor: Mrs. S. Turner.**

**10949 Minutes of the Lacey Parish Council Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013 –**  
Councillor Greenbeck informed those present that minute no. 10942 was incorrect and that he had requested the Graffiti to be cleaned but had not mentioned the cradle swing seats. The Clerk apologised and it was resolved that the Clerk amend these minutes and that they should be brought before the next full Council meeting in October for consideration.

**10950 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received from Councillors present in respect of agenda items. However it was noted that both new Councillors; Grimley and Barnett had completed their Member's Interest forms which had been handed to the Clerk.

**10951 Dispensations**

It was noted that the new Councillors Grimley and Barnett had both been issued with dispensation forms in respect of financial matters and the discussions relating to the budget and precept of the Parish Council; without these forms being completed they would not be permitted to take part in such discussions.

**The Chairman then suspended the meeting for Public Forum.**

Several members of the public made comments and representations.

**The Chairman then re-opened the meeting...**

During public forum it was noted that Mr Matthew Grove the Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner would be visiting the village on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 and it was resolved that the Clerk put up a notice in the Parish noticeboard.

The turning area had been mentioned and it was noted that this was to be under discussion in the planning part of the agenda.

A representative of the Grimsby Nursery (which had previously been Alford's Nursery) gave brief information on the proposed plans to develop the site.

#### **10952 Police Matters**

PCSO Bamford informed those present that the monthly police report would be available for Councillors.

He further stated that they had received reports of a burglary and one assault along with a theft of a motor vehicle.

PCSO Bamford also stated that the Church grounds had been entered without permission, and that the travellers were now near Morrisons.

He mentioned too that a disturbed burglary on a house on the bypass had taken place.

Concerns from the Parish Council were the speeding of vehicles through the village, on Caistor Road, High Street and Butt Lane basically all the main roads within the village. PCSO Bamford stated he would bring this to the attention of the Road Safety Officer along with the mention of the speed gun. Councillor Grimley mentioned that she had been approached by a resident regarding speed humps and Councillor Marshall stated that the Lacey bypass was no longer included in problem roads within the area.

A reply from Mr. Matthew Grove was taken by the Chairman and this too informed those present that he would be attending a meeting in Lacey in October.

#### **10953 Planning Matters**

It was noted that the Alford's Nursery had now had a name change to Grimsby Nursery and an email from the owners with a site plan of the proposed changes was noted. A representative from the Nursery approached the table and was allowed to give a brief outline of the proposals.

A site meeting was then suggested on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 6.30 pm for the purpose of consultation.

An email from Larkfleet Homes was taken and it was noted that they would like to come along and consult the Parish Council on the proposed provision of another 100 homes off Blyth Way. It was resolved that the Clerk contact them to enquire if they could come along to the next Planning Meeting of the Parish Council on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

The Clerk informed those present that she had received notification that the conditions 6 & 25 had now been discharged in respect of the former Little Chef site. Councillor James stated that planning permission was due to run out soon; but Councillor Marshall was of the opinion that the applicants had already made a start on the site.

Turning Area Seedclose Lane – an email from NELC Highways stated that a consultation had taken place with residents in the area and that a new proposal for only part double yellow no waiting restrictions lines to be put

down had been the result. The Parish Council considered the plan provided and it was stated by Councillor Greenbeck that the Parish Council had made a decision for the turning area to have double yellow no waiting restrictions within it due to the need for emergency vehicle turning. Councillor James stated that it should be made known that this was for emergency vehicle use, and the clerk stated that she had informed NELC of this. Councillor Greenbeck proposed that the Parish Council stick to their original request and this motion was seconded by Councillor Mumby and carried.

**10954 Matters Arising**

An email from Linda Banks the North East Lincolnshire Council's Public Rights of Way officer stated that the matter of flooding on the Gibraltar Lane public right of way would be dealt with by Mr Snell. The Clerk informed those present that she had spoken with Nicola Hardy of the same department at length and that it had been agreed to look at removing the overgrown vegetation but that there were no funds available at present to upgrade this public right of way.

A letter from a resident informed the Parish Council that the July matters arising were incorrect in that it stated that the Laceby Bowls Club has about 26 members with only 5 – 6 living in the village. It was noted from the letter received that the Laceby Bowls Club has 31 members of which 16 are village residents.

A letter from Mr Hartley of North East Lincolnshire Council informed the Parish Council that the bridge and boulders put in at the Butt Lane playing fields had been removed; due to two serious accidents having taken place with small children involved. The area is to be grassed.

**10955 Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Councillor Metcalf and seconded by Councillor Greenbeck that the following accounts should be paid:-

Lincolnshire Motors Ltd	47.45
Staples Ltd – copy paper 5 reams, ink cartridges, stationery	70.52
D Weatherill – Clerk's Petty Cash	75.00
Post Office Ltd – Income Tax / NI Payment	146.87
D Marshall - Chairman's Expenses	10.00

Salaries for three Staff Employees - total =	1,477.77
D Weatherill – reimbursed for BT phone/broadband	33.16
M F Strawson Ltd – Allotment Rent	292.75

Total Payments for the month of September 2013 = £2,153.52

The Clerk informed those present that the Audit Commission paperwork had now been returned and that there were no comments in respect of last year's accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. The Clerk stated that she and other Clerks of Parish Council's in the area felt that Littlejohn's of London had taken a considerable amount of time dealing with the audit of the account on behalf of the Audit Commission and it was proposed by Councillor Mumby that the Clerk write to the Audit Commission informing them of this. This motion was seconded by Councillor Greenbeck and carried.

It was agreed to put salaries on the October meeting agenda since the National Minimum Wage would increase from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

#### **10956 Allotments**

At present there were still some allotments vacant with no one on the waiting list.

An email from one of the allotment holders made a request for another tap near to their allotment. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council did not make a separate charge for water and that they did not make a profit on the allotments the Parish Council having to pay rent to the farmer. Councillor Greenbeck proposed that they could have another standpipe near their allotment if they were prepared to pay for this to be put in themselves. This motion was seconded by Councillor Metcalf and carried.

#### **10957 Nature Area**

The Clerk informed those present that the kissing gate and fence gate had been insured and that it would cost the Parish Council approximately £9.00 as an addition to their insurance premium. She further stated that no extra premium would be payable this year.

The Clerk had also informed the insurers that the area was to be used as a nature area and that this needed to be made note of in the Parish Council's file for public liability insurance.

A site meeting had taken place and it had been agreed to cut a way down the entrance area and to have a 10 foot firewall put in.

Councillor Greenbeck suggested obtaining quotations from a contractor and the Clerk requested specific details as to what a contractor might be required

to quote for. It was resolved to go and have another look and let the Clerk know exactly what was required to be done.

Signage - only one quotation had been received for possible signs and it was noted that the wording Lacey Nature Area had not been included on the quotation wording. The Clerk was sure she had included this wording and would check it. It was resolved to leave the signage in abeyance until the area had been cleared.

#### **10958 Cemetery Matters**

An email from Jennifer Mawer thanked the Parish Council for having had the church hedge cut back especially near the noticeboard. She also made mention of the removal of one of the headstones for safety reasons and offered her services in respect of helping with a faculty to deal with the leaning churchyard wall and possible problem with the cherry tree roots.

It was resolved that a faculty should be sought to put in a trench to look at the cherry tree roots and the back of the wall; the trench would be approximately 20m long x about 18 inches wide and to the depth of the wall. The Clerk was requested to email Mrs Mawer and make this suggestion along with a request for the faculty to include remedial works to the tree roots and/or removal of the tree as necessary.

Councillor James queried why the Parish Council had to do repairs to the churchyard wall etc; and was informed that it was a closed churchyard which many years ago had been passed to the Parish Council, being the local Council for maintaining its upkeep. This also included the boundary retaining walls.

The Clerk was also requested to obtain the necessary two in one forms from the Tree Officer at North East Lincolnshire Council and to check with the main Archaeological man at North East Lincolnshire Council in respect of an archaeological mitigation statement/Watching Brief.

Haagensen Memorial Open Day – the Lacey Parish Council wished to offer a vote of thanks to the two strong gentlemen who turned up to lift the cast iron roofing from the memorial. It was agreed that the open day was a success and the Clerk stated that she had put photographs on the web site that she had taken on that day.

#### **10959 St Francis Grove Play Area**

Councillor Greenbeck suggested that the bottom of the hedge could do with weeding.

Councillor Marshall informed those present that he had cleaned the graffiti from the area only to find it had been done again the next day, so he had cleaned it again.

Councillor Marshall also informed Councillors that the gate on the side of the play area near the Teddy Bear Bin had been repaired by him since the spring had broken and the gate was banging each time it was used.

It was resolved that the Clerk arrange to have the two seats on the roundabout replaced since they had now cracked. Councillor Marshall stated that if older children and youths were also sitting on these then this would not help either.

It was proposed by Councillor Mumby and seconded by Councillor Grimley that the Clerk write to Wicksteed stating that the Parish Council were not impressed with the quality of the play equipment etc.

**10960 Butt Lane Field**

Councillor Greenbeck informed those present that a public meeting was to be called to form a committee of interested community members who would put forward an expression of interest in taking over the Butt Lane Playing Field from North East Lincolnshire Council. He stated that he was going to take a step back from this and that there were a lot of people wanting an input into it.

He stated that he and Councillor Metcalf had previously been involved but that it would be good for two Councillors to sit on the committee to have an input on behalf of the Parish Council. The new committee would then form a constitution.

Voting rights were discussed and a member of the public interjected with further information.

Councillor Grimley stated she would like to be involved.

Councillor James stated that she would like to be involved too, but proposed that Councillors Metcalf and Grimley be nominated as the Parish Council representatives with herself as a reserve if one of the others couldn't make a meeting of the committee. The motion was seconded by Councillor Greenbeck.

Councillor Schofield stated he had not got a problem with that.

Councillor Mumby stated that she was not against it, but had seen nothing on the table to consider at the moment.

Councillor Marshall stated that the Parish Council had not yet received figures from Rod Dean at North East Lincolnshire Council.

**At this point, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.07 p.m.**

**SIGNED..... 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013**

**Chairman**