

**Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meeting held at the Stanford Centre,
Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 6th August 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

**10929 Present: Chairman – Councillor D. Marshall.
Councillors: P. Schofield. Mrs. S. Turner. Mrs. C. Mumby.
Mrs. B. Metcalf. M. Greenbeck. Mrs. R. James.**

**Also Present: Ward Councillors: Mrs. M. Dickerson & P. Mills.
Debbie Weatherill – Clerk to the Council.
23 Members of the Public.**

10930 Apologies: Councillor K. Brocklesby.

The Chairman, Councillor Marshall, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present to the meeting.

10931 Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meetings held 2nd & 16th July 2013 – it was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Mumby that these minutes should be signed as correct by the Chairman.

10932 Declarations of Members Interests

Councillor Turner declared an interest in item 13 Grant Funding applications stating she was related to a member of the Scouts requesting funding. Councillor Turner completed the necessary Declaration Form and stated she would take no part in this item on the agenda.

No further Declarations of Interests were received from other members.

10933 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It had been agreed at the last meeting of the Parish Council (2nd July 2013) that Mrs.C. Grimley should be co-opted onto the Laceby Parish Council. Mrs. Grimley signed her Declaration of Office form to become a co-opted Parish Councillor.

10934 Vacancy

A letter received from Mrs H Barnett in respect of the existing vacancy on the Laceby Parish Council for a Parish Councillor was considered. It was proposed by Councillor Grimley and seconded by Councillor James that Mrs Hayley Barnett should be co-opted onto the Laceby Parish Council.

Mrs Barnett completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and was duly requested to sit at the table as a co-opted member of the Laceby Parish Council.

The Clerk stated she would inform NELC that there were two newly co-opted Parish Councillors and that there were now no vacancies.

10935 Dispensations

No requests for Dispensations were received at this meeting by the Clerk from members of the Parish Council.

At this point the Chairman of the Parish Council suspended the meeting for Public Forum.

Comments from members of the public were received by the Parish Council.

The Chairman, having allowed extra time over and above the 15 minutes usually allowed closed public forum to continue with the full Council meeting.

10936 Police Matters

Concerns were raised that the PCSO's were not seen walking within the village anymore and that they drove through the village and then left. It was proposed by Councillor Turner that a letter should be sent to the Police Commissioner regarding this; this was seconded by Councillor Mumby and resolved.

Councillor Marshall stated that there had been a problem at 5 am in the old allotment area off Butt Lane with youths causing noise and nuisance there and that the police had been called by a resident but had not come out to the village.

Councillor James was of the opinion that the police were better out and about than at parish meetings and that if there were incidents then they should be reported and logged.

The Clerk was requested to check if the Police Commissioner was coming to the village in October.

A letter had been received from a concerned resident regarding the behaviour at the Butt Lane Play Field of some of the travellers who had been using the play area at the site. It was agreed to mention this to the police too.

The monthly report was also received by the Parish Councillors.

10937 Planning Matters

DC/265/13/WOL – Conservation Area Consent to change the use and alterations from a chapel (Class D1) to a residential dwelling (class C3), remove roof to rear extension to create enclosed garden and demolish existing porch and yard wall to front.

New Chapel Lane, (former Wesleyan Chapel) Laceby and

DC/264/13/WOL – Change the use and alterations from chapel (class D1) to a residential dwelling (class C3), remove roof to rear extension to create enclosed garden and demolish existing porch and yard wall to front at the former Wesleyan Chapel, New Chapel Lane, Laceby.

Members of the Laceby Parish Council held no objections in principle to the above planning applications, but wished to ensure that the NELC Conservation Area Officer was involved; liaising with the developers in respect of the proposed alterations to the structure of the former Chapel, since it was within the Conservation Area.

The Clerk had brought forward details of proposed alterations to the A18 Barton Street for information purposes. The Clerk was requested to write to the Highways Department at NELC regarding the posts that had been put in to prevent cars parking close to the entrance used for the car boot sales. It was noted that the posts had been placed too far apart and cars were still parking between them.

10938 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Revised Standing Orders – an updated version of the Parish Council's standing orders had previously been circulated to existing Councillors and therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Mumby and resolved that the new Standing Orders should be approved from this meeting. The two new Councillors having been furnished with a copy of the new Standing Orders in their welcome packs.

Gibraltar Lane Public Right of Way – the Clerk had reported this public right of way to NELC and had been informed that it was included in Mr Snell's forward Plan for improvements when budgets allowed. Councillor Grimley asked that the trees/hedging overgrowing the gateway on this public right of way should be reported and the Clerk requested photographs and stated if some were available she would email the right person in that department. It was resolved that Councillor Grimley would provide the Clerk with photographs of the problems there.

Overhanging Trees/Bushes – Grimsby Road – the Clerk had reported the problems of the overhanging trees and bushes near the bus shelter to NELC. A letter in reply informed the Parish Council that their Enforcement section would look into the matter.

Emailing of Minutes/Agendas – a discussion took place in which the Clerk queried if she could send out minutes/agendas via email to save paper and postage. It was resolved that Councillors Schofield and Marshall would continue to receive paper copies, all other Councillors would receive emailed minutes etc. and that the Clerk would bring a few extra copies of the Agenda only to meetings in future since some Councillors did not have printers.

Web Site – www.laceby-parish-council.net – the Clerk had informed Councillors along with their agendas that she had updated the new Parish Council web site with a calendar, hit counter, widgets and posts on the front page. The Clerk then queried if Councillors had viewed the new heading too that she had put on the web site and if indeed it was acceptable to them. It was noted that those Councillors who had looked at the new updated web site were more than happy with it. The Clerk stated it was now just a matter of maintaining and updating the web site as necessary.

10939 Finance

It was noted that last month, the Parish Council, had given permission to Councillor Marshall to purchase on their behalf weed killer for use around the Cenotaph area within the Parish Council's cemetery. This had now been purchased and was included within the following accounts.

It was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Turner that the following payments should be made on behalf of the Parish Council:-

Anglian Water – Allotment Water payment	105.93
Bell Waste Control – Cemetery Waste Collections	120.12
D Weatherill – Clerk's Petty Cash	150.00
Post Office Ltd – Income Tax / NI Payment	138.47
D Marshall - Chairman's Expenses	10.00
Salaries Combined Total for three employees	1,443.93
D Weatherill – reimbursed for BT line rental, telephone/broadband	33.54
A Ringrose – Groundsman's Petty Cash	35.00
Staples Ltd – stationery & storage boxes	64.06
D Weatherill – Travel Expenses 1.04.13 to 31.7.13	72.00
D Marshall reimbursed for the purchase of weed killer for use at the Cemetery	24.95
Mr & Mrs Brown reimbursed for return of allotment key (deposit refunded)	10.00

Total payments for the month of August 2013 = £2,208.00

10940 Allotments

The Clerk informed those present that she had six tenants who had still not paid their second quarter payments – it was resolved that the Clerk should send out overdue accounts to the none payers.

A letter was received from an allotment tenant regarding the stealing of his allotment crops worth approximately £40 if purchased from Morrisons. The tenant stated within his letter that he knew who the culprit was. This matter was considered by the Parish Council at length and it was proposed by

Councillor Mumby and seconded by Councillor James that Councillor Schofield should deal with this matter.

The Clerk queried what she needed to do about the old telephone number on the sign at the Butt Lane allotments and it was resolved that Councillor Schofield would deal with this.

Nature Area (Old Allotment Site)

The Clerk had brought along an A4 mock-up of suggested wording for the signage at the Nature Area. The suggested wording was agreed along with a possible colour of green writing. It was also agreed that the signs should be approximately A3 size. It was proposed by Councillor Metcalf and seconded by Councillor Grimley that quotations should be sought for two signs as above, one to be mounted on the field gate at Butt Lane and another to be mounted on a post at the other end of the site.

Councillor Marshall informed those present that there had been a fire in the rear garden of a property which backs onto the old allotment site, and that it was thought that perhaps the fire started within the nature area. Councillor Marshall further stated that a 'firewall' should be cut between the properties backing onto the site and the trees etc., and that a site meeting should be called.

It was agreed to hold a site meeting there at the Butt Lane entrance at 6.30 pm Wednesday evening to look at what was to be done in respect of weed clearing etc.

The Clerk stated that she had informed the insurers of the new kissing gate and would also inform them in respect of public liability insurance for this area, possible fire damage etc. She would also check whether or not a further premium would be payable.

10941 Cemetery Matters

Councillor Marshall informed those present that Councillor Greenbeck had done a risk assessment for the open day at the Haagensen Memorial; and Councillor Greenbeck was thanked for undertaking the risk assessment.

Haagensen Memorial Open Day – Councillor Marshall queried whether or not there would be anyone there earlier to help him clean the inside of the memorial and to lift the very heavy roof from the tomb. Councillor Schofield stated that he had arranged for two strong gentlemen to help him lift the roof and would be available to help clean the tomb prior to opening. He also queried if the weather was going to be good.

Councillor Marshall stated that the weather forecast was to be dry on that day and at the moment everything was more or less in place to open the memorial but for the cleaning on the day.

The Clerk stated she had contacted Mrs Chambers regarding information for printing for the day and Councillor Marshall informed those present that Mrs. Chambers had kindly offered to let the Parish Council have her file, statuette etc. to put on display.

The Clerk stated she would be there to take photographs of the opening and cleaning of the tomb etc. for the web site.
Councillor Marshall hoped that other Councillors would also make themselves available to help throughout the day.

10942 St Francis Grove Play Area

Councillor Marshall informed those present that the spraying of the wet pour had been done.

Councillor Greenbeck informed all present that the ~~play equipment itself~~ graffiti required cleaning. ~~and that the cradle swings would need new seats~~
~~seen.~~

10943 Skate Park

The Clerk had forwarded to all Councillors with the exception of the two new Councillors co-opted from this meeting, a copy of an email from ERNLLCA regarding the working party/suggested sub committee for the skate park. This email had been taken as read.

Councillor Greenbeck proposed that the Parish Council abort the working party for the skate park and this was seconded by Councillor James.

A vote was taken and there were 7 Councillors in favour and 2 against – motion resolved.

Butt Lane Leisure & Recreation Partnership – Councillor Greenbeck informed those present that this partnership would carry on with or without the support of the Parish Council. He further stated that he joined the Council to make a difference to the village. Councillor Greenbeck stated that he had received an email from the Partnership which read
“We the Butt Lane & Recreation Partnership group are exploring the possibility of submitting an ‘expression of interest’ form to North East Lincolnshire Council to take over the management and maintenance of the Butt Lane Playing Field.

We already know that this field is a popular location in the village and further believe that this facility is vital to the continued development of Laceby for its residents to enable it to continue to be a vibrant place to live and not just turn into a commuter village.

We therefore ask the Parish Council if yes, they would like to be involved with this opportunity; and if we are successful in our bid, to have a voice and a position on the management committee; or no you do not wish to take any part at all.”

Councillor Turner was of the opinion that she did not wish the Parish Council to become a ‘safety net’ for this project and Councillor Schofield felt that it was too large a project for the Parish Council to manage itself.

Councillor James was of the opinion that the Parish Council could be involved initially and Councillor Marshall asked of Councillor James if she would be at meetings to get involved.

Councillor Mumby stated she didn’t feel the Parish Council needed to be on the management committee and that the Parish Council might well have other things to pay out for such as the cutting of the village grass verges etc. Councillor Greenbeck then stated that if Councillor Mumby did not want to do anything for the village she need not be involved.

Councillor Grimley was of the opinion that the Parish Council should be involved at this stage.

Councillor Marshall stated that he had been on the Parish Council for many years and that the Parish Council had always backed the kids in Laceby. He further stated that he and Councillor Turner had been to a meeting with NELC and the bowling club representatives and had been treated by the bowling club representatives abysmally.

Councillor Metcalf stated that she was in support of the partnership because her grandchildren loved playing at the Butt Lane site.

Councillor Grimley stated with respect to the Chairman that the Butt Lane site is the future and she would not like to see it lost.

Councillor Marshall stated that a committee could be formed to run this project and the success of that committee did not depend on the Laceby Parish Council getting involved.

At this point in the discussion a resident interjected and stated that the Keelby project was initially helped by their Parish Council but that it is now run by a management committee.

Councillor James put forward the proposal 'that the Laceby Parish Council would offer support to the Butt Lane Sports & Recreation Partnership in the initial stages, with a proviso that the Parish Council could opt out at a later date if they felt the need to do so' – this proposal was seconded by Councillor Grimley.

The Chairman asked for a named vote on the proposal put forward:-
In favour of the proposal – Councillors Greenbeck, Metcalf, Schofield, Grimley, James and Barnett.

Abstentions: Councillors Turner, Mumby and Marshall.

Motion – resolved.

10944 Grant Funding

It should be noted that Councillor Turner took no part in the following discussions.

The Chairman, Councillor Marshall, queried if the Clerk had received any formal accounts for either of the grant funding applicants. Councillor James felt that perhaps formal accounts should not have been requested but it was noted that this had been agreed by the Parish Council.

The Clerk was requested to ask for formal accounts in respect of the spending activities of the groups and report back at the next meeting.

10945 Correspondence

An invitations to the Mayor's Civic Services was received and noted.

A letter from the Highways Department regarding their Winter Service review was noted. Ward Councillor Dickerson informed the Parish Council that the Highways department were supposed to have been doing a survey in respect of salt bins and the Clerk was requested to ask if this had been

completed and to let the Highways department know that more salt bins were required in Laceby.

Various items were placed on circulation for reading by Councillors.

10946 Information Exchange

Councillor Schofield requested that the Clerk contact the Gas Board regarding the conifer hedging around the substation on Grimsby Road which was now overgrowing onto the bench there.

Councillor Greenbeck suggested that the Emergency Plan should now be updated and sent out to Councillors again the Clerk was requested to do this.

Dropped Kerbs on High Street was brought up again, and Councillor Marshall suggested that NELC highways people should try getting to the shops on a mobility scooter!

The meeting was declared closed at 10.08 p.m.

SIGNED..... 3 September 2013

Chairman