

Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meeting held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane Laceby on Tuesday 4 March 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

**11065 Present: Chairman – Councillor D. Marshall.
Councillors: Mrs. H. Barnett. Mrs. S. Turner. Mrs. B. Metcalf.
Mrs. C. Grimley. P. Schofield. Mrs. R. James.**

**Also Present: Two Humberside Police Representatives
Four Members of the Public.
Debbie Weatherill – Clerk.**

**11066 Apologies: Councillors – Mrs. C. Mumby and K. Brocklesby.
M. Greenbeck.**

11067 Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meetings held 4 & 18 February 2014 –
it was proposed by Councillor Metcalf and seconded by Councillor Schofield that these minutes should be signed as correct by the Chairman.

11068 Use of electronic devices during meetings – the Clerk gave those present a summary of the regulations relating to the use of electronic devices during meetings and it was noted that recording of meetings was not allowed unless previously agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk informed those present that openness of meetings was being discussed by Parliament and new laws were to be brought out regarding this shortly.

11069 Declarations of Interest
Both Councillors Marshall and Schofield declared an interest in item no. 9 – Allotments on the agenda; being allotment holders they stated they would leave the room when an increase in allotment rent from tenants was discussed. Both Councillors completed Declaration of Interest forms.

11070 Dispensations – no dispensation requests were received.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for Public Forum to take place.

Public Forum

It was noted that Ward Councillor Peter Mills would be retiring at the end of April, and that Councillor Dave Hasthorpe was hoping to take his place as the other Ward Councillor.

Development of 70 homes north of the Nursing Home, Butt Lane – concerns raised by members of the public present regarding the infrastructure of the village; and traffic through the village.

The Chairman then re-opened the meeting to discuss the following items on the agenda:-

11071 Police Matters

The Humberside Police PCSO informed the Parish Council that since last Thursday there had been a number of crimes in Laceby Village with several persons being arrested.

The monthly street brief was received and it was resolved to let all Councillors have a copy of this via email.

An email from PCSO Hoyle had been received stating that she was hoping to do a Week of Action in conjunction with Healing and made a suggestion of a climbing wall being used. However the cost of the wall was noted at approximately £400 for about five hours use and it was resolved that this was too expensive.

It was noted that the proposed week of Action was to be held from 31st March 2014. Councillor Metcalf stated that the schools were not breaking for the Easter Holidays until 4th April 2014. It was resolved to query this with PCSO Hoyle.

Councillors considered her request for help with funding and it was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Grimley that some funding could be available – resolved unanimously.

At this point the Police representatives retired from the meeting.

Concerns were raised again regarding parking on the no waiting double yellow lines at the entrance to Cemetery Road and the Clerk was requested to contact PCSO Hoyle regarding this matter and ask that the Parking Wardens come out to the village again.

Councillor Turner stated she had tried to contact Immingham Police Station and there had been no answer – and that she had not received any contact from them despite leaving a message. Again the Clerk was requested to contact Immingham Police station regarding this matter.

11072 Planning Matters

Turning Area Seedclose Lane – it was noted that a meeting with the Portfolio Holder of NELC had now been arranged in the early evening on Friday 14 March 2014 at 6.30 p.m. The Clerk was requested to email the date and time to all Councillors. Councillor Schofield offered his apologies and stated he would be unable to attend.

The Clerk informed all present that Palm Leaf Design would like to attend the next Planning Meeting on 18 March 2014 to give a presentation on house types etc. regarding the proposed 70 plus new dwellings north of the Nursing Home off Butt Lane. It was resolved that they should be invited to attend.

11073 Matters Arising

Noticeboard – the Clerk informed Councillors that she had now found the files with the previous quotations for a new noticeboard and it was agreed that a larger noticeboard with possibly three panels instead of two should be looked at. It was resolved that the Clerk contact the Planning Department to find out if planning permission was required for a larger noticeboard and/or one made out of metal rather than wood.

11074 Finance

Councillor Marshall thanked all Councillors for their decision to make a donation of £300 to St Andrew's Hospice, stating that it was a superb donation. The Clerk queried if the Parish Council would like to invite Blaise Harding to one of their meetings to receive the cheque and have a photograph taken of the presentation. It was resolved that she should be invited to the next planning meeting to receive the cheque.

It was proposed by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Turner that the following accounts should be paid:

Lincolnshire Mowers Ltd – New Cemetery Mower paid 18 Feb. 2014	630.00
St Andrew's Hospice – Donation under Section 137 – Local Government Act 1972.	300.00
D Weatherill – Clerk's Petty Cash	30.00
Post Office Ltd – NI Payment/Income Tax	119.25
D Marshall - Chairman's Expenses	10.00
Salaries total for three employees	1,380.37

D Weatherill – reimbursed for BT phone/broadband	39.73
Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration.	35.00
Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council Annual Subscription	25.00

Total Payments £2,569.35

11075 Allotments

The Clerk had previously circulated the suggested letters that she intended to send to Allotment Tenants and these were read out by the Chairman – it was agreed that these be sent out with an amendment to the new payment methods paragraph to include a reference – name and plot number.

The Clerk informed those present that she had purchased four new allotment keys out of petty cash at a cost of £26.00.

An email from the Allotment Association thanked the Parish Council for the donation in respect of vermin control of £40.00. It also informed the Parish Council that the Association had received a grant of £7,000.00 from the Lottery towards providing eco toilets at the allotment site. Councillor Marshall read out the email regarding the provision of the eco toilets, and Councillor Schofield asked how they were to be emptied/cleaned etc.

The Clerk informed those Councillors present that she had contacted the Allotment Association and been informed that they had applied for the grant under their name this time, and wanted to know if they could site the toilets in front of the container at the site.

It was unanimously resolved that the Allotment Association could site the toilets where indicated and that the Parish Council had no objections to this.

Tenants Allotment Rent Review – Councillors Marshall and Schofield retired from the room whilst this matter was discussed having declared an interest due to being allotment holders themselves.

Councillor Metcalf took the Chair temporarily whilst Councillor Marshall was out of the room and the figures previously circulated by the Clerk were discussed.

It could be seen from the figures provided that the Parish Council were receiving enough money from tenants' rent to continue to provide the site via payment of rent to the farmer, and provide allotment water too without the need really for any increase in tenants' rent; even though the Parish Council's rent to the farmer may be increased again this year.

It was proposed by Councillor Gimley that there should be no increase in the rent received from the allotment tenants, this motion was seconded by Councillor Turner and resolved. The rent for an allotment would therefore stay at £52.00 per year.

It was noted that the Parish Council had never increased the allotment rent over the past 6 years, since the start of the allotments in 2008.

Councillors Marshall and Schofield returned to the meeting and were informed there would be no increase in rent.

11076 Cemetery/Churchyard

Cemetery – nothing to report at present.

Churchyard Wall – The Clerk informed those present that two quotations for investigation trenches had been received so far; one for £2296.00 and the other for £1700.00 both would require VAT to be added.

Councillor Marshall informed those present that they had met with another Company whose representative had suggested pilot trenches rather than one long trench and the representative was also of the opinion that it might be a build-up of water that was pushing the wall out. It had been suggested then that rodding the drainage holes might help.

It was also noted that the PCC did not want anything doing in the churchyard until after the Garden Fete in June and had asked for a copy of the tree report.

It was resolved that a copy of the tree report should be provided and Councillor Metcalf proposed that the churchyard wall should be placed on the June agenda. All were in favour of this proposal and it was resolved.

11077 Laceby Library/Stanford Centre Building

All members of the Parish Council had previously been made aware of the possible closure of the Laceby Library by North East Lincolnshire Council, and with the possible closure of this branch library the Stanford Centre itself would close.

Due to the North East Lincolnshire Council's recent Libraries consultation throughout the area, it had been agreed that a meeting should be set up to discuss the possible closure of the Laceby Library, with members of the Parish Council, School, and Stanford Trust – the Stanford Trust owning the building and car park. The Clerk informed all present that a meeting had now been arranged in the Stanford Centre on Wednesday morning at 10 am on the 19th March 2014 to meet with everyone along with Steve Hipkins from Library Services at NELC.

Councillor Marshall asked for another Councillor to attend, and asked the Parish Council if he could allow Mr Dennis Read, the Parish Council's Stanford Trust Representative, to speak on their behalf. It was resolved unanimously that Mr Read could speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council having more knowledge in respect of the Stanford Centre and Stanford Trust.

11078 St Francis Grove Play Area

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it had been agreed to meet again with the Wicksteed representative regarding repairs to the safety surfacing at the play area. It was resolved that the Clerk contact Wicksteed regarding this.

It was also noted that the back was off the Tidy Bear Bin at the play area.

At this point in the meeting the members of the public left.

11079 Butt Lane Playing Field

It was noted that an expression of interest had now been put into North East Lincolnshire Council for the site and that the community group were in the process of arranging a bank account. The Clerk stated that she had been informed by Ward Councillor Mrs Dickerson, that there would be £500.00 from the Wold Fund which would be transferred to the Parish Council's account ready for when the community group had a bank account in place.

It was also noted that NELC would maintain the bowling green and grass area for the time being.

11080 Correspondence

A gentleman had sent in an application for a position of ground staff; however the Parish Council did not have any vacancies at the present time.
Notification of the Mayor's Charity Ball was received and noted.
An email from CPRE regarding a conference on "Fracking" was noted too.
ERNLLCA's Training events list was also received and a copy handed to Councillors present.
Information in respect of Down Your Wold was received and a copy was handed to Councillors present. It was resolved that Councillor Marshall that Councillor Marshall would inform the History Group about this.

11081 Information Exchange

Councillor Turner brought up the problem with cars parking in the turning area at the end of Caistor Road and it was agreed that the Clerk report this matter.
Councillor Turner also requested what was going to happen to the Roll of Honour and should the Parish Council be looking to have it placed in the Cemetery.
Councillor Metcalf suggested that with it being the 100th Anniversary of the Great War perhaps the Parish Council should look at this.

Councillor Marshall suggested a site meeting at the Cemetery and requested that the matter should be put on the May Agenda.

Councillor Grimley informed those present that there was a new app known as My Council app and requested that the Clerk look into having this on the web site. It was resolved that the Clerk should look into this.

The Clerk made a request of the Parish Council that she should only keep planning applications for two years with the exception of development plans. It was resolved that the Clerk should do this.

The Clerk queried of the Parish Council if the Annual Parish Meeting could be held the same evening of the April planning meeting – it was resolved that this could be done on this occasion.

The Chairman, Councillor Marshall, closed the meeting at 9.35 p.m.

SIGNED

D Marshall 1st April 2014

Chairman