

Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meeting held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 7th January 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

**11025 Present: Chairman: Councillor D. Marshall.
Councillors: Mrs. S. Turner. Mrs. H. Barnett. P. Schofield.
Mrs. R. James. Mrs. B. Metcalf.**

**Also Present: Ward Councillor Mrs. M. Dickerson.
Debbie Weatherill – Clerk.
One Member of the Public.**

**11026 Apologies: Councillors: Mrs. C. Mumby. Mrs. C. Grimley. M. Greenbeck
Ward Councillor P. Mills.**

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present and wishing them a healthy New Year.

11027 Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meeting held 6th November 2013 – it was proposed by Councillor Metcalf and seconded by Councillor James that these minutes could be signed as correct by the Chairman.

11028 Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Meeting held 3rd December 2013 – Councillor Schofield stated that these minutes were not quite correct in that minute no 11006 he had stated that he had been a Councillor for 27 years and should have read that he had lived in the village for 67 years and wished this wording to be altered.
The Clerk apologised for not having heard Councillor Schofield correctly and it was agreed that this would be amended.

11029 Minutes of the Laceby Parish Council Planning Meeting held 21st January 2014 – it was proposed by Councillor Metcalf and seconded by Councillor Barnett that these minutes should be signed as correct.

Public Forum – no comments made.

11030 Police Matters

An email from the Legal Dept at NELC in respect of the solid white line surrounding the triangle parking area in The Square; what the current legislation was in respect of 'no waiting' double yellow lines and also the legislation in respect of 'wilful obstruction' was received and noted.

The Clerk was requested to send a copy of the information to all Councillors and it was noted that traffic wardens were also coming out to the village.

Discussions took place regarding the amount of parking on the double yellow lines at the entrance to Cemetery Road and it was proposed by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Turner that a letter should be sent to the owner of the Coffee Shop regarding the parking of their van on the double yellow lines requesting that this was not done.

The Clerk was also asked to send a request via the web site at NELC regarding the state of the grass verges in Cemetery Road and residents parking on the double yellow lines and the verges too. Concerns were also expressed

regarding the parking at the bottom of Cemetery Road and the poor condition of the grass verges there too.

11031 Planning Matters

An email received from a Highways Officer of NELC requested a meeting with the Parish Council regarding alterations to the highway at Butt Lane near the Aylesby junction was noted. It was agreed that the A4 plans printed from the attachments with the email were not sufficiently legible to work with and the Clerk was requested to invite the Highways Officer to the next Planning Meeting to be held 21st January 2014.

11032 Matters Arising

Grit/Salt Bins – Ward Councillor Mrs Dickerson was invited to explain the action she had taken in requesting grit bins for the village on behalf of the Parish Council. She informed those present that she had tried to get the six required but that Highways had refused all but one of them – The agreed grit bin was to be placed on Blyth Way. She stated that the other areas were not considered by Highways to be suitable areas for grit bins and did not meet NELC's criteria. It was further noted that if Laceby Parish Council purchased the extra bins and put them in the suggested other five places, NELC would remove them. Councillor Dickerson was thanked for taking this matter on board.

Donation to Hospice – the Clerk informed those present that she had not received advice from ERNLLCA in respect of this request yet.

11033 Financial Matters

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

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| AWA Tree Consultants Ltd – tree survey in churchyard | 400.00 |
| D Weatherill – Clerk's Petty Cash | 30.00 |
| Post Office Ltd – NI Payment | 23.65 |
| D Marshall - Chairman's Expenses | 10.00 |
| Staples Ltd – ink and Stationery | 60.71 |

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| Salaries – two members of staff | 997.25 |
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| D Weatherill – reimbursed for BT phone/broadband | 33.13 |
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Total Payments for the month of January 2014 = £1,554.74

It was agreed to look at the Financial Regulations again at the February meeting.

11034 Precept for the Financial Year – 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015

An email from ERNLLCA informed those present that the Government had not yet made decisions regarding capping of Parish Precepts.

At the budget meeting held on 17th December 2013 it had been resolved to put forward the following figures in respect of the next financial years precept for ratification at the Full Council Meeting:-

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| Precept figure | 28,488.00 |
| Grant from NELC | 3,512.00 |
| Total figure | £32,000.00 |

It was proposed by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Turner that a total figure of £32,000.00 should be requested from NELC for the precept for the financial year to 31 March 2015.

This being the same figure as last year and that the Parish Council had not increased the precept.

11035 Allotments

A request had been made from the Allotment Association for a donation towards the cost of humane vermin control bait. This email had been received last month and was read out again.

The Chairman informed those present that he had been to the allotments and spoken with other allotment holders and was aware that they all appeared to have rats on their allotments.

A letter received from the Allotment Association's Treasurer had been sent with the last receipt for rabbit food which was being used as rat bait in the sum of £3.50 which was a month's supply.

Councillor Marshall stated that the allotment site was the Parish Council's and suggested to those present that the Parish Council should perhaps consider helping with this.

It was proposed by Councillor Metcalf that a donation of £40.00 should be made; this was seconded by Councillor Turner and carried.

An email by a leaving tenant was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk send an emailed invoice to him up to the end of December 2013 for his outstanding allotment rent.

The Chairman explained that he and Councillor Schofield had received via the Clerk an anonymous letter, which ordinarily he would not have acted upon. However, the letter suggested that there was a Health and Safety issue in respect of an allotment holder using broken glass around their allotment. Councillor Marshall reported that only approximately a metre had been put down, the tenant having been asked to stop and had done so.

11036 Cemetery/Churchyard Matters

Cemetery – nothing to report.

Churchyard Walling – the Clerk informed those present that she had not yet received any quotations in respect of the investigation trench.

The Clerk was requested to contact Mrs Mawer to see if a small digger could be used; in case hand quotations were not received in respect of hand digging the investigation trench.

The AWA Tree Survey report had been received, some Councillors having been unable to download this via the email the Clerk sent. Those Councillors without copies received hard copies from the Clerk and it was resolved to put the matter on next month's agenda.

It was noted that each year the Laceby Parish Council made a payment to St. Margaret's Church in lieu of the maintenance members of the church carried out in the Churchyard i.e. Grass cutting, and the costs of lighting the floodlights, public clock in the church tower and Christmas lights.

It was proposed by Councillor Schofield and seconded by Councillor Turner that a maintenance payment of £500.00 for the year should be paid. This motion was carried.

11037 St Francis Grove Play Area

It was noted that the bin had not been emptied and Councillor Marshall stated that this had now been sorted.

It was suggested that a sign might be put up regarding the picking up of dog faeces – discussion took place and it was agreed that this would be a waste of money and would not do any good.

11038 Butt Lane Field

Nothing to report this month.

11039 Correspondence

An email received was noted in respect of RHS Britain in Bloom – it was agreed that the Parish Council had organised such an event locally for several years running in the past.

An email from ERNLLCA in respect of Meeting Procedure training was to be held 27th February 2014. Councillor Barnett stated she would like to go and it was resolved to send details through via email to all Councillors and those Councillors interested were to let the Clerk so she could book places.

11040 Information Exchange

Councillor Marshall stated that since walking his new dog regularly he was concerned about the amount of dog faeces left lying on the+ village pavements, and stated he was not sure what could be done about it.

It was noted that markers had been used on a TV programme and that NELC had done leaflet drops amongst other tactics to try and solve the problem.

Ward Councillor Dickerson suggested that the Parish Council might contact Community Pride and ask them to bring out 'Fido' the machine that cleans the pavements and deodorises them too. It was resolved that the Clerk contact Community Price to ask them to bring the machine out to Laceby.

Councillor Marshall informed those present that the holes in the roads in the village were going to be dealt with from today.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01 p.m.

SIGNED..... 4th February 2014

Chairman