

Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7.30pm

- 13426 Present:** Chair – Cllr R Childs
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr M Hall, Cllr P Page, Cllr S Turner, Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr R Barford, Cllr R James
- In Attendance:** Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO
Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe
6 members of public
- Apologies:** Cllr D Johnson

Cllr Childs opened the meeting, welcomed all present to the meeting. The statement regarding the Recording of Meetings was read out.

Apologies were received and accepted.

13427 Minutes from the 5th and 25th November 2024

The minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 5th November 2024, and Extraordinary Church Wall Meeting on 25th November 2024 were proposed by Cllr Greenbeck and seconded by Cllr Turner as a true record, and agreed by all Councillors present.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of events.

13428 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

a. Dispensations

No Dispensations recorded.

b. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Barford recorded declaration of interest in finance.

13429 Public Forum

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at a meeting to which they are entitled to attend in respect of the items on the agenda. The time designated for public participation will not exceed 15 minutes in total, and 3 minutes per person. As per standing orders 3e and 3f.

- Member of the public asked if the Council could place a copy of the agenda onto the noticeboard.
- Member of public asked if there had been any update on the Butt Lane Speed Reduction plan? LVC have not received any further update, but the Clerk will chase for next meeting.
- Member of the public asked when the poppies will be removed from the lampposts. Cllr Metcalf advised that they are left for the duration of November and removed during the first few weeks of December.
- Member of the public advised that he was present as the new Chair of Laceby Allotments, and asked if LVC would be able to add the liability insurance to the invoices that go out to ensure every tenant has the required insurance cover. The Clerk advised this had already been discussed with the previous Chair, and plan was to add onto the invoices going out on 1/4/25, however the Allotment Association will need to sort out the insurance to run in line with the invoicing.
- Member of public advised that they were the new Treasurer for the Allotment Association, and advised a new Secretary had been appointed, but they were unable to contact her. The Clerk advised that she would see if she has the contact details and contact the lady.

- Member of the public asked if there was a budget for the re-build of the Church Wall. The Clerk advised that the funds allocated to the Church Wall were £50,000 and detailed on the Year End Accounts to 31/3/24 – this is available on the LVC website in the finance section.
- Member of public advised they strongly object to the Freshney Valley development (Grimsby West).

Public Forum closed 19.40.

13430 Matters Arising

- **Grimsby Road Letter to Cllr Swinburn**

Letter has been sent to Cllr Swinburn with proposal for road safety on Grimsby Road. It has been received, but no response yet from Cllr Swinburn or Highways.

- **Remembrance Sunday - review of event**

The Laceby RBL Branch have sent their thanks for the organisation and smooth running of event. The radios helped the marshal's communication and kept everyone safe. Cllr Barford suggested that next year we have a road closed ahead sign at Hawerby Road, with the main road closure at Chapel Lane.

- **Ornaments on Graves**

Deferred to next agenda.

13431 Police Matters

The Police newsletter was received, and details shared with those present (available on LVC website). Cllr Childs reiterated that all crimes should be reported to the police to enable them to build a picture of the issues in the village.

There were no further concerns to be raised directly with the policing team.

13432 Ward Councillors Report

Ward Councillor Hasthorpe advised that he had nothing to report, and was happy to help residents on matters. Cllr Hasthorpe requested that the Village Council send a letter into NELC to request the footpath between Bishops Grange and Butt Lane Playing Fields is extended to meet with the path at The Mulberries.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write letter to NELC.

13433 Planning Matters

DM/0943/24/FUL – Installation of modular steel ramp to the front; 3 St Peters Grove, Laceby.

No objections were raised by Councillors.

DM/0902/24/FUL – Installation of external parcel locker; The Co-op, 2-4 Caistor Road, Laceby.

No objections were raised by Councillors.

DM0998/24/FULA – Extension to rear roof and installation of rear dormer and rooflight; 30 Harneis Crescent, Laceby.

No objections were raised by Councillors; however, it was noted that planning should be obtained before the works are completed.

Grimsby West Proposal

Cllr Childs advised that he had attended the event today, and had asked why no leaflets had been sent to residents of Laceby. He was advised that they had to 'target their resources'. He raised concerns about wildlife, the chalk stream, infrastructure, and amenities and was advised to place his feedback onto the website. Cllr Childs advised everyone to place their objections directly onto the Grimsby West Consultation Website, however felt it was just an 'exercise.'

There were no further planning applications for consideration.

13434 Finance Matters

To approve payment of accounts to 3rd December 2024.

Wages x 3 members of staff - Month 9	£xxxx
HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 9	£549.79
NEST Pension – Month	£86.03
Chairs Allowance – Dec 2024	£20.00
Cemetery Waste	£55.89
Clerk Telephone/Broadband	£28.99
Clerk Petty Cash	£35.72
Stanford Centre Room Hire	£10.50
Lacey Poppy Appeal	£100.00
Website Costs	£204.00
Anglian Water- cemetery	£14.63
Remembrance Sunday First Aid	£60.00
Litter Picker Equipment	£26.42
St Francis Grove Play Area Repairs	£6795.24
Anglian Water – allotments	£236.98
NELC Planning Fees	£72.50
Printing Costs – newsletter	£445.00
Allotment Taps (reimburse B Barford)	£17.36
Church Wall Costs (reimburse D Cross)	£40.63
Groundskeeper Petty Cash	£23.16
Christmas Tree	£127.00

RESOLVED: All payments approved; proposed by Cllr Greenbeck, seconded by Cllr Turner and all agreed.

Recruitment of Groundskeeper

As proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Metcalf, Cllr's Barford, Page and Greenbeck will form the Personnel committee for the recruitment of the groundskeeper.

Budget Planning 2025/26

The Clerk provided everyone with options for the budget and plans for next year. This to be discussed at next meeting with final decision on precept being made.

13435 St Francis Grove Matters

There was nothing to discuss.

13436 Church and Cemetery Matters

Church

- **Church Wall**

It was noted that the Church Wall Committee and delegated powers had been agreed at the meeting on the 25th November 2024.

Cllr Metcalf advised that the price for the deterrent paving, originally quoted at £16k, has now been quoted at £2940 (plus VAT). NELC need to approve this, and conditions need to be discharged before the Section 278 can be applied for.

Cllr James asked whether we had clarity around the Faculty. Cllr Metcalf explained the Clerk had queried this with the Registrars office, and they had advised that the Faculty grants permission as per the planning application.

- **Christmas Tree Event**

Cllr Metcalf and Cllr Greenbeck advised that the event starts at 5pm, Cllr Metcalf has the refreshments and tea lights, and Cllr Greenbeck confirmed that Bob is doing the commentary & hymn sheets.

It was noted that the RBL Panto was the 6th at 7.30pm and 7th at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, and the LCC Christmas Market on the 7th between 11am and 3pm.

13437 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised they were currently clearing the children’s section for the new books.

13438 Correspondence

PROW Butt Lane to Aircrobs.

The PROW Officer has advised that there is a backlog with the Planning Inspectorate and that he will chase the PROW again in the new year.

Accidental Damage - Allotments

The Clerk explained that there had been damage to the fencing when the hedge was cut; Strawson’s have advised the damage was their fault and they are happy to cover the cost of the repair.

13439 Information Exchange

- Cllr Schofield advised that the recent works along Aircrobs had seen fences broken by Northern Power doing the works.

RESOLVED – Clerk to write to Northern Power.

- Cllr Greenbeck asked if the meetings could start at 7pm; it was noted that this would be a problem for some Councillors.
- Cllr Childs asked if the Council could consider a venue change; the Clerk advised she had asked around earlier in the year and was unable to find a venue.
- Cllr Turner advised that the bus timetables had still not been put in, despite promises from NELC.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact NELC.

There were no other items raised.

13440 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: The exemption of the press and public for the remainder of the meeting under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, Section 1(2) on the grounds that the discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: