

**Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting**  
**Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm**

- 13441 Present:** Chair – Cllr R Childs  
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr M Hall, Cllr P Page, Cllr S Turner, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr R Barford, Cllr R James
- In Attendance:** Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO  
Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe  
6 members of public
- Apologies:** Cllr B Metcalf, Cllr H Hudson

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.

**13442 Minutes from the 3rd December 2024**

The minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 3rd December 2024 were proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Greenbeck as a true record, and agreed by all Councillors present.

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

**13443 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations**

**a. Dispensations**

No Dispensations recorded.

**b. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest recorded.

**13444 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:
  - Whether the Village Council had received notification of the speed restriction along Butt Lane (new path)?  
Clerk advised that the speed reductions had been approved on 17/12/24; Cllr Hasthorpe advised it now went to a 21-day consultation and then NELC would look to put signage etc in place.
  - Whether the Village Council had received a response to Cllr Swinburn regarding Grimsby Road?  
The Clerk advised the letter had been acknowledged as received, but as yet we have not received any further response. This has been chased for an update.
  - Whether the planning application from BMW garage would be discussed tonight?  
Explaining that there were ongoing concerns still being raised about transporters parking on the road, staff parking on Grimsby Road and Grange Avenue, and where will the contractors park during the works. The previous Friday there had been a transporter parked for over 1.5 hours and a Gallows Wood trailer there too and this created hazard with the blind corner.  
They explained that the rubbish on Daisy Close (believed to be from bins during strong winds at new year) was disgusting, and that the residents need to take some pride and pick their rubbish up. There was sharp cans, which pose a danger to those wanting to walk along the PROW, and makes the village scruffy.  
Cllr Childs advised that the Village Council has no powers to make residents clean up their rubbish. Clerk to escalate problems to NELC.

- Member of public advised that the parking on the road outside of the BMW garage for vehicles delivering or offloading was a road safety hazard and that a vehicle had been parked for over an hour on Friday. The problem is the loading bay is full of cars that are for sale.
- Member of the public questioned:
  - When the residents will know about the precept for 2024/25, and when it will go onto the website.  
The Chair advised it was for discussion today, and will go on website when minutes etc are approved.
  - When will the emergency plan be released onto the website?  
The Clerk advised that now the plan was approved, the confidential elements needed to be redacted before it can be placed onto the website. Cllr Hall offered to assist the Clerk with the PDF document.
- Member of the public advised that they were present as treasurer of the Allotment Association and requested assistance from the Clerk for details of plot holders so that they can confirm and pay the liability insurance. Clerk to liaise with Treasurer.

Public Forum closed 19.50.

#### **13445 Matters Arising**

- **Ornaments on Graves**

The Clerk advised that the ornaments were not overwhelming and that the graves would be checked again now Christmas has gone. Cllr Turner advised that there was broken glass on one of the graves. Clerk to attend and clear the grave.

#### **13446 Police Matters**

The Police newsletter was received, and details shared with those present (available on LVC website). Cllr Childs expressed his concern that someone has cut the bayonets off some of the unknown tommy memorial statues across the village. He 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.

#### **13447 Ward Councillors Report**

Ward Councillor Hasthorpe advised that he had nothing to report, and was happy to help residents on matters. Cllr Hasthorpe explained the process for the speed restriction on Butt Lane (minuted in public forum).

#### **13448 Planning Matters**

**DM/1034/24/FUL – Variation of condition 2(DM/0899/21/FUL) to amend site layout; Turbine West of Aylesby Lane, Aylesby**

No objections were raised by Councillors.

**DM/0647/24/FUL – Installation of electricity cabling between the Grimsby Solar Farm Substation and the National Grid Grimsby West Substation (Amended Route).**

No objections were raised by Councillors.

**DM/1059/24/FULA – Erect single storey rear extension with associate works; 17 Charles Avenue, Laceby**

No objections were raised by Councillors.

**DM/1029/24/FUL – Demolish existing stores, internal reconfiguration and external alterations to main showroom, erect detached valet and wash bay to rear, erect overnight delivery storage building to front and installation of substation with associated works; BMW, Grimsby Road, Laceby**

It was noted within the Public Forum, the objections raised. Councillors raised further concerns that the statement and intentions of BMW on the planning application were not worth the paper

they were written on; they will do as they like. It was noted that deliveries continue to be offloaded on the road, staff parking continues to cause problems along Grimsby Road and Grange Avenue and that the loading bay continued to be filled with cars for sale. It was also noted that there was no intention to offer any support to residents, and that the plans extend to include the highway which is not BMW land.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to lodge objection on terms detailed above.**

**Electric Vehicle Charging Point; Butt Lane Laceby**

Cllr Childs noted that the location was not the best choice to place an EV point; it is situated on a bend, adjacent to a junction and a location for parents to park going up to School. Other options were discussed such as the Co-op Car Park, Butt Lane playing field (it was acknowledged that there was already limited parking here), or possibly the Stanford Centre Car Park.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to write to NELC and request they reconsider the location.**

There were no further planning applications for consideration.

**13449 Finance Matters**

To approve payment of accounts to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Wages x 3 members of staff - Month 10	£xxxx
HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 10	£237.75
NEST Pension – Month 10	£62.79
Chairs Allowance – Jan 2025	£20.00
Cemetery Waste	£55.89
Clerk Telephone/Broadband	£21.51
Clerk Petty Cash	£18.49
Stanford Centre Room Hire	£21.00
Allotment Rent	£444.50
ERNLLCA Chairs Training	£36.00
Newsletter Distribution	£102.30

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

**Budget Planning 2025/26**

Councillors discussed the precept for 2025/26; it was noted that the Church Wall was a significant project, and that this would have a big impact on the reserves with costs around £75k. Various options were discussed and considered, including the effects any increases would have on residents. Cllr Hall proposed that the Council increase the precept from £41,631 to £44,251, this being a £2620 increase, equivalent to £1.12 for a Band a property and £1.68 for Band D. Cllr Page seconded this with all Cllrs in agreement.

**Groundskeeper Vacancy**

The recruitment of the groundskeeper continues, but as yet there has been no interest in the vacancy. The Clerk explained she will get it advertised on Indeed and share with other Parish Councils to share with their residents.

**13450 St Francis Grove Matters**

It was noted that there continues to be a great deal of litter at the park which Cllr Johnson, the Clerk and some residents are trying to keep cleared.

**13451 Church and Cemetery Matters  
Church Wall**

Due to the sensitive and confidential nature of some of the information this would be discussed under point 14 of the agenda.

**13452 Stanford Centre**

There was no report this evening. However, it was noted how cold the room was and how ineffective the heating was.

**13453 Correspondence**

**Northern Power completed works.**

The Clerk advised that she had received a response from Northern Power stating the works on Aircrobs had been done with the landowner’s permission. The Clerk has replied to state that the Council fence had been removed and that this impacted on the border to the old Allotment site. Currently awaiting a response.

**Probation Service Letter**

Cllr Childs shared the letter from the probation service. It was noted that the village could use some support with regards to clearing litter and keeping the area clean and tidy.

**VE 80**

Cllr Barford explained that at the LCC trustees meeting, they would like to volunteer their services to help / host an event. It was noted the Church was contacting the Legion to see if they wanted a service. Options considered were a 1940’s style picnic with brass band, the purchase of flags, liaising with the Church, Legion, and local groups to set up event. Cllr’s Childs, Barford, Hall and Page agreed to work with the LCC and thoughts to be brought to next meeting.

**13454 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 Childs advised that the footpaths on Bishops Grange had still not been completed. The Clerk advised that this would need to be raised with NELC and Highways teams.
- Cllr Childs also raised that the Church Garden Party needed volunteers to enable it to go ahead this year. The event is Saturday 14/6/25 between 2pm and 4pm. Clerk advised she can add this into the next newsletter.
- Cllr Turner asked for the parking on footpaths on Daisy Drive to be raised again with NELC.
- Flooding along Butt Lane from the rain yesterday was raised as a concern by all present. The culverts are full and both retention ponds at Bishops Grange are full, and have been for weeks. There is an elderberry bush stopping the water flowing the right way and causing an obstruction, and the pipe under the road at the entrance to Little Beck is not big enough to cope with the water. The ditches also need to be cleaned out so there is no where for the water to go.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact NELC.**

**13455 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 public meeting at 8.40pm.**

Signed: .....  
**Chair**

Dated: .....